

# **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO**

### **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**AUGUST 01, 2023**

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Ben Logan, City Attorney, and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Beard led the invocation. Council Member Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Travis Beard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized David Lee with the Tupelo Fire Department for 25 years of service.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

### **IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL REPORT OF POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

Council President Travis Beard acknowledged Mr. Bill Allen, Chairman of the Tupelo Advisory Board, who gave the Annual Report of the Tupelo Advisory Board. APPENDIX A

Council Member Gaston congratulated the Tupelo Aquatic Center for the successful Southern Zone Swim Meet. There were 300 swimmers who participated. She also thanked all the volunteers that helped with the event.

Council Member Jones wished all the students and teachers a successful year for the upcoming year.

Council Member Palmer seconded the accolades for the Tupelo Aquatic Center.

Council Member Bryan said that Tupelo was well represented with 12 scouts in the recent Scouts National Jamboree. He also reminded everyone to be sure to go vote next week in the County/State elections.

Council Member Davis said the recent Lee Williams event was a success. She gave special thanks to Othea James for all her hard work. Mrs. Davis invited everyone to the Open House/Ribbon Cutting at

Parkhill Dynasty tomorrow at 11:00. She also congratulated City Attorney Ben Logan on his recent wedding.

Council Member Beard welcomed Elizabeth Clark of Butler Snow out of Ridgeland, Mississippi. He also congratulated Ben Logan on his recent marriage.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Mayor Jordan thanked Leesha Faulkner for all the hard work on the backpack drive. They gave out 100 backpacks to children going back to school. He said the Convention and Visitor's Bureau gave the statistics for July. He said the numbers of hotel visits and restaurants was great. He also told about the 1st body building championship coming to Tupelo soon.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING DRB**

No one appeared for the Public Hearing for the following properties:

#### Parcel Location

113E0614400 813 SHUMACOLA TRL  
 101H0115002 823 SHUMACOLA TRL  
 089J3118902 910 ALLEN ST  
 089J3121200 905 ALLEN ST  
 105D1504100 2972 MOORE AVE  
 077M3610000206 RANKIN BLVD  
 089J3131900 318 RILEY ST  
 089J3132000 325 RILEY ST

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING-2024 BUDGET**

The following individuals were present to address this issue:

Robbie Parham and Ms. Pam Hadley

Regional Rehabilitation Center

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023 Regular Council meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY**



Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Beard, Davis, Bryan and Palmer. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

**IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

**IN THE MATTER OF CREATION OF (2) NEW BANK ACCOUNTS-STATE FUNDS**

Council Member Janet Gaston recused herself for the next item of business.

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an Order of the Governing Authorities of the City of Tupelo Authorizing the Opening of Special Project Accounts at Cadence Bank. The vote was, as follows:

Council Member Mims	AYE
Council Member Bryan	AYE
Council Member Beard	AYE
Council Member Davis	AYE
Council Member Palmer	AYE
Council Member Gaston	RECUSED
Council Member Jones	AYE

APPENDIX D

Council Member Gaston rejoined the meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING POLICE ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-266 (2), CITY OF TUPELO CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve an Ordinance to Amend Section 2-266(2) of the City of Tupelo Code of Ordinances to state that regular meetings of the Citizen's Police Advisory Board shall be held every month - on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM beginning in August, 2023. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - HAVEN ACRES DITCH PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Haven Acres Ditch Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 24-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$1,493,793.00 and the match is \$729,336.72. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - MITCHELL ROAD CROSS DRAINS PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Mitchell Road Cross Drains Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 26-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$372,600.00 and the match is \$176,90400. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - GUN CLUB ROAD BOX CULVERT PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Gun Club Road Box Culvert Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 27-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$552,600.00 and the match is \$265,104.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - BARNES CROSSING ROAD BOX CULVERT PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Barnes Crossing Road Box Culvert Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 28-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$912,000.00 and the match is \$441,480.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - MEDICAL PARK PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Medical Park Pipe Replacement Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 30-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$250,400.00 and the match is \$7118,016.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - DANIELLE COVE PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Danielle Cove Pipe Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 119-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$552,600.00 and the match is \$265,104.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - WATER LINE LUMPKIN TO THOMAS PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Water Line Lumpkin to Thomas Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 177-2-DW-5.15. The project cost is \$743,000.00 and the match is \$359,736.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - HWY 45 OUTFALL PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Hwy 45 Outfall Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 179-2-CW-5.5. The project cost is \$1,541,186.00 and the match is \$746,028.44. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX M

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - SEWER LINE SW PUMP STATION PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the Sewer Line SW Pump Station Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 195-2-CW-5.5. The project cost is \$5,336,590.00 and the match is \$2,663,463.60. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - RIP RAP LUMPKIN TO KINGS CREEK PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Rip Rap Lumpkin to Kings Creek Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 196-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$3,038,990.00 and the match is \$1,196,559.60. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - ROBINS FIELD ARCHED PIPE REPAIRS PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Robins Field Arched Pipe Repairs Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 198-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$828,790.00 and the match is \$401,651.60. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - HOLLY HILL PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Robins Field Arched Pipe Repairs Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 198-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$828,790.00 and the match is \$401,651.60. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Q

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - GUM TREE PARK PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Gum Tree Park Pipe Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 200-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$716,720.00 and the match is \$346,568.80. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX R

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - FORD CIRCLE PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Ford Circle Pipe Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 201-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$294,176.00 and the match is \$139,367.04. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX S

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - CITY PARK PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - City Park Pipe Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 202-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$454,672.00 and the match is \$217,286.88. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX T

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - VAN BUREN PIPE PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Van Buren Pipe Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 203-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$450,904.00 and the match is \$215,486.16. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX U

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TUPELO AND THE MDEQ TO PROVIDE MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ARPA PROJECT - RIDGEWAY DRIVE PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve an 'Agreement Between the City of Tupelo and the MS Department of Environmental Quality to Provide Matching Grant Funds for the ARPA project - Ridgeway Drive Pipe Replacement Project and to Authorize the Mayor to Execute said Agreement'. This is the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant # 204-2-SW-5.6. The project cost is \$350,128.00 and the match is \$166,355.12. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX V

**IN THE MATTER OF TRA MINUTES OF JANUARY 19 AND MAY 30, 2023**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the Tupelo Redevelopment Authority minutes of January 19 and May 30, 2023. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX W

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING**

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve their cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 21-19-11. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX X

**IN THE MATTER OF LIENS FOR LOT MOWING**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Resolutions Assessing Judgment Liens Against Real Property for the Costs Associated with Lot Mowing in Accordance with Miss. Code Annotated § 21-19-11 , for the following properties:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel Number</u>
25 Harvester's Square	079V-32-131-00
120 South Highland	077Q-36-058-00
505 West Barnes Street	089F-30-047-00
709 Lar-Eli-Do	077F-26-179-00
1815 Martin Hill Drive	088Q-34-008-00
3091 Moore Avenue	105D-15-051-00
3424 Walsh Road	075S-16-001-02
5475 Turning Leaf Cove	079V-32-112-00

Such properties had been previously 1) adjudicated menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and 2) cleaned pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Y

**IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR ARPA PROJECT VAN BUREN AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. 2023-032PW**

The City advertised and accepted bids for ARPA project - Bid #2023-32PW – Van Buren Drainage Improvements. Multiple bids were received with the lowest and best bid being from Townes Construction in the amount of \$373,513.00. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to award the bid to Townes Construction. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX Z

**IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR 6 MONTH SUPPLY HOT MIX 2023-031PW**

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2023-031PW – 6 Month Supply Hot Mix. One bid was received from APAC - MS. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Jones, to

find the properly advertised, single bid as commercially reasonable, and to award the bid to APAC - MS. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX AA

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF CADENCE BANK ARENA MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2023**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting of Cadence Bank Arena. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX BB

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2023, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS AND/OR BOND**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Resolution Finding And Determining That The Resolution Adopted On June 20, 2023, Was Duly Published As Required By Law; That No Sufficient Protest Described In Said Resolution Has Been Filed By The Qualified Electors Of The City; And Authorize The Issuance Of Said Bonds And/Or Bond APPENDIX CC

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF RABBIT DRIVE TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN INGRESS AND EGRESS, USE AND MAINTENANCE**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to accept a donation of Rabbit Drive to be used as a public right-of-way for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress, use and maintenance. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX DD

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to determine the need for an executive session. Attorney Ben Logan said the session was for personnel matter under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(k) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Bryan, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of personnel matter under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(k) (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor at 6:39 p.m.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Bryan moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to return to the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Jones moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

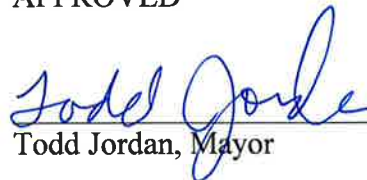
This the 1st day of August, 2023.

  
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Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

  
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Todd Jordan, Mayor

8-31-2023  
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Date



**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION – ARTICLE  
XI - POLICE ADVISORY BOARD - SECTION 2-266 – MEETINGS -  
SUBSECTION (2)**

**WHEREAS**, the city has established a police advisory board; and

**WHEREAS**, the board is currently meeting every other month; and

**WHEREAS**, the board desires to return to a monthly meeting schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that this amendment is reasonable, fair and necessary in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The prefatory statements are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 2-266 (2) shall be amended to read:

*2. The board shall have one (1) regular meeting every month on a day of the month and at a time to be determined by the board.*

**SECTION 3.** This amendatory ordinance has been articulated to be consistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi. The City Council finds that this amendatory ordinance does not violate any provision of the United States Constitution and federal law. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any provision of this amendatory ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder shall stay in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall become effective on the thirtieth (30th) day following the adoption hereof. The City Council Clerk shall cause the ordinance to be published one (1) time in a local newspaper with a general circulation.

The foregoing ordinance was proposed in a motion by Council Member *Bryan* , seconded by Council Member *Palmer* , and after discussion, no council member having called for a reading, was brought to a vote as follows:

Councilman Chad Mims	<i>Aye</i>
Councilman Lynn Bryan	<i>Aye</i>
Councilman Travis Beard	<i>Aye</i>
Councilwoman Nettie Davis	<i>Aye</i>
Councilman Buddy Palmer	<i>Aye</i>
Councilwoman Janet Gaston	<i>Aye</i>
Councilwoman Rosie Jones	<i>Aye</i>

Whereupon, the motion having received a majority of affirmative votes, the President of the Council declared that the Ordinance had been passed and adopted on this the 1st day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

BY: *Travis Beard*  
**TRAVIS BEARD, PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**

*Missy Shelton*  
**Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council**

**APPROVED:**

*Todd Jordan*  
**Todd Jordan, Mayor**

*8-1-2023*  
**DATE**

**CHECK INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 1, 2023**

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS
POOL CASH	419443-419742
EFT	50002327-50002346
TWL ADJUSTMENTS	Lines 1-101

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS AS SHOWN ON THE FACE OF DOCKET**

**INVOICES AS SHOWN ON FACE OF DOCKET**



## AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Kim Hanna, CFO

**DATE** August 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS **KH**

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**Request:**

Proposed item for approval is for the purpose of advertising and bringing into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City of Tupelo.

**ITEMS:**

Lee County Courier      \$350.00      Back to School Ad from Mayor & City Council

**AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF TUPELO  
AUTHORIZING THE OPENING OF SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNTS AT CADENCE  
BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing authorities of the City of Tupelo are granted with the authority for the care, management and control of the municipal affairs and its property and finances pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 21-7-5 (1972, as amended); and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal depository is required by law to receive, safely keep, and expend all monies belonging to the municipality (*see* Miss Code Ann. § 21-39-19); and

**WHEREAS**, when it is determined by the governing authorities to be in the best interest of the municipality to maintain separate bank accounts within the municipal depository for the depositing of funds, and to furthermore absolve said bank accounts when they are no longer useful to the municipality (Miss Code Ann. § 27-105-301 *et seq*); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tupelo has been awarded funds pursuant to HB 603 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature as part of the “2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund” (hereinafter the “House Bill”) to assist with the City’s portion of a federal grant match for the construction of railroad improvements within the City of Tupelo and to assist with costs associated with improvements to Ballard Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tupelo is required by the Department of Finance and Administration to maintain the funding for each project in separate bank accounts within the municipal depository.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, incorporating the prefatory findings contained herein, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo order the following:

Pursuant to its obligation under the “2023 Local Improvements Project Fund,” the City of Tupelo shall cause to be opened the following bank accounts at Cadence Bank:

1. “City of Tupelo State Funds-Ballard Park Improvement 2023” for the amount of \$500,000 pursuant to House Bill Section 28 (iu) to pay for costs associated with improvements to Ballard Park including, but not limited to, inclusive playground equipment and any necessary playground equipment for special needs children.
2. “City of Tupelo State Funds – Railroad Improvement Project” for the amount of \$4,600,000 pursuant to House Bill Section 25(nu) to assist the City with a match to federal funds for the construction of railroad improvements that run through the city for public safety and economic development improvements

The Mayor and City Clerk are empowered to execute all documents and agreements necessary to effectuate the matters contained herein.

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Davis moved that the foregoing Order be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member

Jones and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Mims voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bryan voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Beard voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Davis voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Palmer voted	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Gaston voted	<u>Recused</u>
Councilmember Jones voted	<u>Aye</u>

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the order adopted.

**WHEREUPON**, the foregoing Order was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council on this the 1st day of August 2023.

  
 TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton  
 MISSY SHELTON, Council Clerk

  
 TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-1-2023  
 DATE

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION – ARTICLE  
XI - POLICE ADVISORY BOARD - SECTION 2-266 – MEETINGS -  
SUBSECTION (2)**

**WHEREAS**, the city has established a police advisory board; and

**WHEREAS**, the board is currently meeting every other month; and

**WHEREAS**, the board desires to return to a monthly meeting schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that this amendment is reasonable, fair and necessary in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The prefatory statements are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XI, Section 2-266 (2) shall be amended to read:

*2. The board shall have one (1) regular meeting every month on a day of the month and at a time to be determined by the board.*

**SECTION 3.** This amendatory ordinance has been articulated to be consistent with the constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi. The City Council finds that this amendatory ordinance does not violate any provision of the United States Constitution and federal law. In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction finds that any provision of this amendatory ordinance is unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder shall stay in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall become effective on the thirtieth (30th) day following the adoption hereof. The City Council Clerk shall cause the ordinance to be published one (1) time in a local newspaper with a general circulation.

The foregoing ordinance was proposed in a motion by Council Member Bryan , seconded by Council Member Palmer , and after discussion, no council member having called for a reading, was brought to a vote as follows:

Councilman Chad Mims	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Lynn Bryan	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Travis Beard	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Nettie Davis	<u>Aye</u>
Councilman Buddy Palmer	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Janet Gaston	<u>Aye</u>
Councilwoman Rosie Jones	<u>Aye</u>

Whereupon, the motion having received a majority of affirmative votes, the President of the Council declared that the Ordinance had been passed and adopted on this the 1st day of August, 2023.

**CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

BY: *Travis Beard*  
**TRAVIS BEARD, PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**

*Missy Shelton*  
**Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council**

**APPROVED:**

*Todd Jordan*  
**Todd Jordan, Mayor**

*8-1-2023*  
**DATE**



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 24-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Haven Acres Ditch” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$1,493,793.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$729,336.72**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$729,336.72**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$35,119.56**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$59,751.72**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$729,336.72)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRR used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

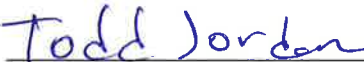
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

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Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

  
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Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Haven Acres Ditch****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes re-shaping the ditch, placement of concrete ditch pavement, riprap stream and bank protection, storm water piping, and associated appurtenances along an existing ditch near Willie Moore Road and Beasley Road in Haven Acres.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. On or about October 2, 2023, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about May 20, 2024, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. On or about June 18, 2024, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 26-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Mitchell Road Cross Drains” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$372,600.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

- i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$176,904.00**;
- ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$176,904.00**;
- iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;
- iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$18,792.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$14,904.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$176,904.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (“MDES”) an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ’s satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the “Termination for Convenience” clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.


**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
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Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**Mitchell Road Cross Drains**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes replacement of cross drain storm water pipe culverts and associated appurtenances along Mitchell Road.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. On or about July 21, 2023, advertise each construction contract for bids;
- d. On or about August 18, 2023, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 27-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Gun Club Road Box Culvert” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

#### 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

#### 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$552,600.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

- i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$265,104.00**;
- ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$265,104.00**;
- iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;
- iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$22,392.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$22,104.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$265,104.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Gun Club Road Box Culvert****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes installation of a new concrete box culvert and associated appurtenances under Gun Club Road.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about July 7, 2023, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. On or about August 4, 2023, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 28-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Barnes Crossing Road Box Culvert” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$912,000.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$441,480.00**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$441,480.00**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$29,040.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$36,480.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Four Hundred Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$441,480.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. STOP WORK ORDER

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. E-PAYMENT

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

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<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

29. **ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

30. **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

31. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. FAILURE TO ENFORCE

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. INDEMNIFICATION

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. SUBRECIPIENT STATUS

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (“MDES”) an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ’s satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the “Termination for Convenience” clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Barnes Crossing Road Box Culvert****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes installation of a new concrete box culvert and associated appurtenances under Barnes Crossing Road.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. On or about December 1, 2023, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about April 8, 2024, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. On or about May 7, 2024, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE****CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 30-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this "Agreement") between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 ("SUBRECIPIENT", and together with MDEQ, the "Parties", and each, a "Party") to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure ("MCWI") Grant Program (the "Program") as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT's implementation of the project entitled "Medical Park Pipe Replacement" (the "Project").

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT's infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the "Work").

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury's regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$250,400.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$118,016.00**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$118,016.00**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$14,368.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$10,016.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Sixteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$118,016.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRR used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. STOP WORK ORDER

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. E-PAYMENT

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. E-VERIFICATION

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. TRANSPARENCY

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. PAYMODE

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

29. **ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

30. **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

31. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Medical Park Pipe Replacement****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes replacement of storm drain pipe culvert and associated appurtenances near Medical Park Circle.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. On or about August 1, 2023, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about September 4, 2023, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. On or about October 3, 2023, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 119-2-SW-5.6

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Danielle Cove Pipe” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$552,600.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$265,104.00**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$265,104.00**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$22,392.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$22,104.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$265,104.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. STOP WORK ORDER

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. E-PAYMENT

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

### 39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

### 40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

### 41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy St Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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**53. COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Danielle Cove Pipe****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes re-shaping a ditch, placement of concrete ditch pavement, replacement of pipe culverts and storm drain inlets, and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. On or about February 1, 2024, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about May 13, 2024, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. On or about June 10, 2024, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 177-2-DW-5.15**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Water Line Lumpkin to Thomas” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$743,400.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$359,736.00**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$359,736.00**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$23,928.00**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$29,736.00**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$359,736.00)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRR used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. **FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

29. **ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

30. **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

31. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy St Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]


For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Todd Jordan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Aug. 02, 2023  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**Water Line Lumpkin to Thomas**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes replacement of ductile iron water pipe with poly-wrapped ductile iron water pipe and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;
  - d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;



- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 179-2-CW-5.5**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Hwy 45 Outfall” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$1,541,186.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$746,028.44**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$746,028.44**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$49,129.12**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$61,647.44**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Seven Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Twenty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$746,028.44)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

19. **SUBAWARDS**

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

20. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

## 27. TERMINATION

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

### A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

### B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

### C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

## 28. DISPUTES

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (“MDES”) an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ’s satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the “Termination for Convenience” clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy St Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

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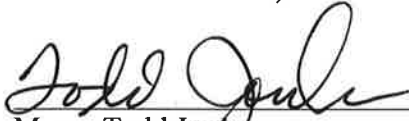
For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

Todd Jordan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Aug. 02, 2023  
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Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Hwy 45 Outfall****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes replacement of clay gravity sewer pipe with PVC gravity sewer pipe and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;
  - d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;



- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

## **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 195-2-CW-5.5**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Sewer Line SW Pump Station” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$5,336,590.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$2,663,463.60**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$2,663,463.60**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$9,662.80**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$213,463.60**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Two Million Six Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$2,663,463.60)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. PROGRESS REPORTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7/17/23*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Sewer Line SW Pump Station****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes replacement of ductile iron pressure sewer pipe with PVC pressure sewer pipe and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;
  - d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;



- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 196-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Rip Rap Lumpkin to Kings Creek” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$3,038,990.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

- i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$1,496,559.60**;
- ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$1,496,559.60**;
- iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;
- iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$45,870.80**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$121,559.60**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$1,496,559.60)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRR used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



**17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

**18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Rip Rap Lumpkin to Kings Creek****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes installation of borrow, riprap and/or gabion baskets and associated appurtenances to stabilize the stream banks from Lumpkin Avenue to King's Creek.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

## **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE****CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 198-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Robins Field Arched Pipe Repairs” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$828,790.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$401,651.60**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$401,651.60**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$25,486.80**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$33,151.60**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Four Hundred One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$401,651.60)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. E-VERIFICATION

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. TRANSPARENCY

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. PAYMODE

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director


\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Robins Field Arched Pipe Repairs****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes the removal of brick arch culvert, removal of drainage pipe, removal of clay drainage pipe, installation of HDPE and RCP, removal and replacement of curb and steel grate inlets, removal and replacement of necessary asphalt pavement and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. On or about July 29, 2023, advertise each construction contract for bids;
  - d. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 199-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Holly Hill Pipe Project” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$386,172.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

- i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$183,746.88**;
- ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$183,746.88**;
- iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;
- iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$18,678.24**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$15,446.88**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$183,746.88)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. STOP WORK ORDER

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. E-PAYMENT

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: <a href="mailto:MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov">MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov</a>
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6413 E-mail: <a href="mailto:todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov">todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov</a>
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]


For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.


**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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Chris Wells  
Executive Director

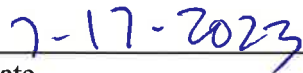
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**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
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Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
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Printed Name

  
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## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**Holly Hill Pipe Project**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal of drainage pipe, installation of HDPE, RCP and RCAP, removal and replacement of curb and drainage inlets, and associated appurtenances near Holly Hills Drive.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. On or about March 7, 2024, advertise each construction contract for bids;
- d. On or about April 4, 2024, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE****CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 200-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this "Agreement") between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 ("SUBRECIPIENT", and together with MDEQ, the "Parties", and each, a "Party") to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure ("MCWI") Grant Program (the "Program") as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT's implementation of the project entitled "Gum Tree Park Pipe Project" (the "Project").

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT's infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the "Work").

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury's regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

#### 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

#### 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$716,720.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$346,568.80**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$346,568.80**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$23,582.40**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$28,668.80**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$346,568.80)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



**17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

**18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT'S books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT'S personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Gum Tree Park Pipe Project****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal and replacement of HDPE, CMP and RCP, removal and replacement of curb inlets and steel grates, and associated appurtenances near Gumtree Park.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 201-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Ford Circle Pipe Project” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$294,176.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$139,367.04**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$139,367.04**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$15,441.92**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$11,767.04**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Four Cents (\$139,367.04)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



### 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

### 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. STOP WORK ORDER

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. E-PAYMENT

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. E-VERIFICATION

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. TRANSPARENCY

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. PAYMODE

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

- A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;
- B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;
- C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**Ford Circle Pipe Project**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal of CMP, installation of RCAP, removal and replacement of curb and steel grate inlets, and associated appurtenances near Ford Circle.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. On or about March 5, 2024, advertise each construction contract for bids;
- d. On or about April 2, 2024, but no later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- e. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- f. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- g. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- k. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- l. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- m. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE****CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 202-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “City Park Pipe Project” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$454,672.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$217,286.88**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("LFRF") received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$217,286.88**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality ("Transferred LFRF") shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match ("Other Funds") shall not exceed **\$20,098.24**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$18,186.88**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$217,286.88)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

## 15. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

## 16. REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. E-VERIFICATION

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. TRANSPARENCY

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. PAYMODE

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

## 27. TERMINATION

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

### A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

### B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

### C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

## 28. DISPUTES

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

29. **ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

30. **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

31. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### 39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### 40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

#### 41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:

Attention:  
MCWI Contract Administration  
515 East Amite Street  
P.O. Box 2249  
Jackson, MS 39201  
E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov

If to SUBRECIPIENT:

Attention:  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
71 East Troy Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
Phone: (662) 841-6513  
E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov

53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

*Todd Jordan*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

*Mayor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*7-17-2023*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**City Park Pipe Project**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal and replacement of RCP, removal and replacement of steel grate inlets, removal and replacement of riprap, removal and repair of chain link fence crossings, repair and/or replacement of sidewalk, and associated appurtenances near City Park.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

## **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 203-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Van Buren Pipe Project” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

#### 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

#### 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$450,904.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$215,486.16**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$215,486.16**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$19,931.68**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$18,036.16**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixteen Cents (\$215,486.16)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### 11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### 12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



17. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

18. **UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

29. **ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

30. **AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

31. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the “Right to Audit” provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor’s Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT’s performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]


For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.


**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Wells  
Executive Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT A****PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS****PROJECT NAME****Van Buren Pipe Project****SCOPE OF WORK**

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal of CMP, installation of RCP, removal and replacement of curb and steel grate inlets, removal and replacement of asphalt pavement, and associated appurtenances near Van Buren Avenue.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

**PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS**

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.
  - a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
  - b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
  - c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### 5. ACCESS TO RECORDS

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.



**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS**

**MDEQ AGREEMENT NO. 204-2-SW-5.6**

**SUBAWARD AGREEMENT**

This document is a Subaward Agreement (this “Agreement”) between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (“MDEQ”), a Pass-through entity as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, and City of Tupelo, UEI Number: DK9PFM6XSDR7 (“SUBRECIPIENT”, and together with MDEQ, the “Parties”, and each, a “Party”) to provide grant funds for the Work conducted under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (“MCWI”) Grant Program (the “Program”) as specified in Article 4.

**1. SOURCE OF FUNDS**

The grant funds provided by this Agreement are made available pursuant to the Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131), provided through funds awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), Public Law 117-2 (March 11, 2021), provided through the U.S. Department of Treasury pursuant to Federal Award # SLFRP0003 and CFDA No. 21.027 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) awarded on May 10, 2021, and subsequently to MDEQ through Mississippi Senate Bill 3056, 2022 Regular Session (April 26, 2022) and Mississippi House Bill 1716, 2023 Regular Session (March 22, 2023).

**2. PROJECT**

Under this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to disburse funds to SUBRECIPIENT in accordance with the terms herein to reimburse the costs associated with SUBRECIPIENT’s implementation of the project entitled “Ridgeway Drive Pipe Replacement” (the “Project”).

**3. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Project is to make a necessary investment in an upgrade to SUBRECIPIENT’s infrastructure. The Project is not for Research and Development.

**4. SCOPE OF WORK**

SUBRECIPIENT shall perform the tasks as described and identified in Attachment A, Scope of Work (the “Work”).

**5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT is subject to U.S. Treasury’s regulations governing ARPA, and all applicable terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) Uniform Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, as amended, including

Appendix II to Part 200, and all other OMB circulars, executive orders or other federal laws or regulations applicable to the services provided under this Agreement. All of these terms and conditions of this Agreement apply to SUBRECIPIENT and, as applicable, its Contractors/Contracted Parties.

## 6. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

The Period of Performance shall commence upon the execution of this Agreement and shall end on **September 30, 2026**. Costs incurred on March 3, 2021, or thereafter, but prior to the commencement of the Period of Performance may be reimbursed provided MDEQ determines such costs are allowable and eligible. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to complete all tasks included in the Scope of Work within this Period of Performance, unless otherwise specified in writing by MDEQ. If, at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT determines, based on the Work performed to date, that the Work cannot be completed within the Period of Performance, SUBRECIPIENT shall so notify MDEQ immediately in writing.

Failure to adhere to the requirements placed on MCWI funds can result in termination of this Agreement and may result in a demand for repayment by MDEQ. Moreover, if MDEQ is required to return any funds as a result of misspending on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, MDEQ reserves the right to seek and receive repayment of the amount of funds in question.

## 7. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT

A. *Project Cost.* The total Project cost shall not exceed **\$350,128.00**, with said amount broken down as follows:

i. MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$166,355.12**;

ii. The Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“LFRF”) received by SUBRECIPIENT from the U.S. Treasury or the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration used as matching funds in this Agreement shall not exceed **\$166,355.12**;

iii. Any LFRF transferred to SUBRECIPIENT from a county or municipality (“Transferred LFRF”) shall not exceed **\$0.00**;

iv. Any other funds that SUBRECIPIENT obligates(ed) to the project that are not eligible for MCWI match (“Other Funds”) shall not exceed **\$17,417.76**.

B. Professional fees that will be reimbursed with MCWI Grant Funds shall not exceed **\$14,005.12**. This amount is included in, and is not in addition to, the maximum MCWI Grant Funds specified in Article 7.A.i, above and Article 7.C., below.

SUBRECIPIENT understands and acknowledges that the amount of professional fees, as defined in the MCWI Regulations, Rule 1.1 E. (18), that may be matched with MCWI Grant Funds is limited to no more than 4% of the total amount of costs actually incurred on the Project, which in no case may be more than the total Project cost set forth in Article 7.A., above.

C. *Consideration.* As consideration for the performance of the tasks included in this Agreement, MDEQ agrees to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT an amount not to exceed **One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$166,355.12)** (the “Maximum Amount”).

MDEQ is under no obligation to provide funds to SUBRECIPIENT if SUBRECIPIENT has not met, or does not continue to meet, minimum federal requirements to receive funds, such as but not limited to, adhering to applicable procurement requirements found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 *et al.* Moreover, MDEQ bears no responsibility relative to SUBRECIPIENT’s expenditure of its own funds. To that end, in the process of review of documentation for reimbursement, as well as compliance monitoring activities associated with the Program, MDEQ is not responsible or liable for any expenditure made by SUBRECIPIENT with its funds. As such, SUBRECIPIENT is solely responsible for compliance with federal and state requirements associated with its LFRF, its LFRF Transferred Funds, and any other funds it uses towards its Project that are not a part of the MCWI Grant Funds. SUBRECIPIENT must substantiate all expenditures in a compliant manner. MDEQ is under no obligation to reimburse costs incurred that are not demonstrably compliant with federal and state law.

D. *Payment.* Subject to available funding, as set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, MDEQ shall pay all properly invoiced amounts due to SUBRECIPIENT within forty-five (45) days after MDEQ’s receipt of such invoice, except for any amounts disputed by MDEQ in good faith. Legislative approval may be required where MDEQ receives any claim of payment from SUBRECIPIENT that includes Work performed outside a one (1) year period from receipt of such invoice.

i. *Request for Payment.* SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment of funds hereunder for Project costs on a reimbursement basis (such requests, “Reimbursement Requests”), unless otherwise directed by MDEQ. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement Requests and supporting documentation of costs incurred as required by MDEQ to the MCWI Reimbursement Portal, located at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>. All Reimbursement Requests for time periods ending June 30 of any year, during the Period of Performance under this Agreement, shall be submitted no later than July 31 of that same year. Final invoice(s) shall be submitted to MDEQ no later than September 30, 2026. The Reimbursement Request shall include, at a minimum, breakdowns of personnel, position, dates worked, tasks performed, and totals for contract costs, materials, supplies and equipment, included in the Reimbursement Request. SUBRECIPIENT shall make Reimbursement Requests in accordance with the following procedures and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. SUBRECIPIENT may make Reimbursement Requests no more frequently than once monthly during the Period of Performance of this Agreement.

2. SUBRECIPIENT shall request payment under this Agreement only for the costs necessary to complete the Scope of Work specifically stated and required under this Agreement.

3. SUBRECIPIENT shall not request payment under this Agreement for other services or other work the SUBRECIPIENT or its contractors may provide under any other Subaward or Contract not related to this Project.

4. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide on each Reimbursement Request the amount of its LFRF, Transferred LFRF and Other Funds expended. SUBRECIPIENT shall also provide the amount requested for professional fees. MDEQ will then determine the amount of MCWI Grant Funds that each Reimbursement Request qualifies for within the Program regulations and procedures.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands that no payment, including final payment, shall be interpreted as acceptance of defective and incomplete Work, and SUBRECIPIENT shall remain responsible for performance in strict compliance with this Agreement. If MDEQ rejects, condemns or fails to approve any part of the Scope of Work, it may issue a Notice to Cure or terminate this Agreement.

6. MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to pay all or any part of the funds requested in a Reimbursement Request for any of the following reasons: 1) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs SUBRECIPIENT is seeking reimbursement for are not reasonable or necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement, 2) at MDEQ's discretion, the costs are ineligible for reimbursement under this Project, 3) at the time the request is submitted SUBRECIPIENT has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement, 4) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to perform the Work to date in accordance with the Scope of Work, or 5) at the time the request is submitted the SUBRECIPIENT has otherwise failed to comply with applicable state, federal, or local laws and regulations.

ii. *Indirect Cost Rate.* Reimbursement of indirect costs and/or overhead is not allowed under this Agreement.

E. *Limitations on Expenditures.* MDEQ shall reimburse SUBRECIPIENT only for documented expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021: (i) reasonable and necessary to carry out the Scope of Work described in Attachment A; (ii) documented by contracts or other evidence of liability and (iii) incurred in accordance with all applicable requirements for the expenditure of funds payable under this Agreement.

F. *Improper Payments.* Any item of expenditure by SUBRECIPIENT under the terms of this Agreement which is found by auditors, investigators, other authorized

representatives of MDEQ, the U.S. Treasury, the Mississippi State Auditor or other federal or state instrumentality to be improper, unallowable, in violation of federal or state law, or the terms of this Agreement, or involving any fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading representations or activities of SUBRECIPIENT shall become SUBRECIPIENT's liability, and shall be paid solely by SUBRECIPIENT, immediately upon notification of such, from funds other than those provided by MDEQ under this Agreement. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Any funds that are paid by MDEQ to SUBRECIPIENT that are not necessary for the completion of the Work in this Agreement and/or that are deemed ineligible must be returned to MDEQ immediately upon receiving MDEQ's written notification for return of funds.

G. *Clawback.* If funds are expended improperly or if an expense submitted for reimbursement is disallowed or deemed ineligible under federal, state or local laws and regulations, then payments to SUBRECIPIENT may be subject to clawback by MDEQ, the State of Mississippi or the U.S. Treasury.

#### 8. **AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATION**

This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by written agreement signed by the Parties hereto.

#### 9. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide required progress reports during the Period of Performance of this Agreement in a format prescribed by MDEQ. These reports shall be submitted in accordance with the following schedule, which may be amended from time to time:

<u>REPORTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
October – December	January 15
January – March	April 15
April – June	July 15
July – September	October 15

This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any reports which SUBRECIPIENT is required to submit to MDEQ following the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 10. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PERFORM**

SUBRECIPIENT shall take all reasonable measures to ensure MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF used for MCWI matching funds are obligated by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that its failure to obligate MCWI Grant Funds and

LFRF used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024, may result in MDEQ modifying the MCWI Grant Funds awarded or terminating this Agreement.

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof authorized by MDEQ or if SUBRECIPIENT otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance. If such delay or nonperformance is not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to perform properly.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

#### **11. FINAL PAYMENT AND REPORT**

When SUBRECIPIENT has performed all the Work, SUBRECIPIENT shall transmit to MDEQ a comprehensive report on the Work in a format prescribed by MDEQ (the "Final Report"). The Final Report shall be provided by SUBRECIPIENT to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days of Project completion in a format prescribed by MDEQ. Upon acceptance of Final Report, MDEQ will process final Reimbursement Request.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Work performed under this Agreement, as a condition before final payment under this Agreement or as a termination settlement under this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall certify to MDEQ, on a form provided by MDEQ, that the final payment amount is the remaining amount that SUBRECIPIENT is owed under this Agreement and that no additional payment for its Work under this Project will be submitted for reimbursement. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, by state law or otherwise expressly agreed to by the Parties in this Agreement, final payment under this Agreement or settlement upon termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of MDEQ's claims against SUBRECIPIENT or its sureties under this Agreement.

In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT agrees that acceptance of final payment from MDEQ will constitute an agreement by SUBRECIPIENT to release and forever discharge MDEQ, its agents, employees, officers, representatives, affiliates, successors and assigns from any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, actions, causes of action or suits of any nature whatsoever, which SUBRECIPIENT has at the time of acceptance of final payment or may thereafter have, arising out of, in connection with or in any way relating to any and all injuries and damages of any kind as a result of or in any way relating to this Agreement.

#### **12. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

MDEQ requires that SUBRECIPIENT have in place, prior to the receipt of funds, a financial management system that will be able to isolate and trace every dollar funded under this Agreement from receipt to expenditure and have on file appropriate support documentation for each transaction. Examples of documentation include but are not limited to copies of checks paid

to vendors, vendor invoices, bills of lading, purchase vouchers, payrolls, bank statements and reconciliations, and real property and easement appraisals. Prior to the submittal of any such documentation to MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall redact, in accordance with the definition of "Protected Personally Identifiable Information" ("Protected PII") as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1, all information reflecting an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of types of information, including, but not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal, medical and financial records, educational transcripts. This does not include PII as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1 that is required by law to be disclosed. SUBRECIPIENT and any Contracted Parties (as such term is defined in Article 13 of this Agreement) are limited to the travel rates of the State of Mississippi, including dining and hotels, in place at the time of the expenditure for which reimbursement is sought; and SUBRECIPIENT shall audit any such invoice for same, clearly indicating the actual expense and the adjustment, if any.

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that all information provided to MDEQ or its representatives as part of the initial risk assessment for this Work is complete and accurate. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit to and cooperate with MDEQ in any additional risk assessment evaluation and periodic audit procedures to ensure adequate financial management of all funds. Further, SUBRECIPIENT shall continue to implement any recommendations and/or corrective action plan set forth in the report transmitted to SUBRECIPIENT based on the findings of the systems and processes for financial management, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein in its entirety.

### 13. CONTRACTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for accountability of funds, compliance with Project specifications, and Project management by its contractors. MDEQ shall not bear responsibility for any liability caused or incurred by any contractor in performing Work. MDEQ shall not be deemed by virtue of this Agreement to have any contractual obligation to, or relationship with, any of SUBRECIPIENT's contractors, and the Parties agree and acknowledge that, as between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT, all Work shall be deemed to be the responsibility of, and performed by, SUBRECIPIENT. No contractor or other recipient of funds from MDEQ under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an agent, representative, employee or servant of MDEQ in connection with this Agreement. The parties with whom contracts or subaward agreements are entered into by the SUBRECIPIENT shall be referred to herein as "Contractor", "Contracted Party", or "Contracted Parties". In addition to ensuring that its Contracted Parties follow the applicable terms in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require all terms and conditions set forth in Attachments A and C attached hereto to be included in all agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Parties, and in all agreements between Contracted Parties and Contracted Parties' contractors/sub-contractors.

### 14. APPLICABLE LAW

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Mississippi and applicable federal law excluding, its conflict of laws provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the courts of the State.

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

A. *Authorizing Statutes.* Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).

B. *Implementing Regulations.* Subpart A of 31 C.F.R. Part 35 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), as adopted in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds interim final rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26786, applicable May 17, 2021 through March 31, 2022) and final rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4338, applicable January 27, 2022 through the end of the ARP/CSLFRF award term), and other subsequent regulations implementing Section 603 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 803), as well as MDEQ regulations, entitled “Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality Regulations for the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.”

C. *Guidance Documents.* Applicable guidance documents issued from time-to-time by the US Department of Treasury and MDEQ, including the currently applicable version of the *Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds*.<sup>1</sup>

D. *Licenses, Certifications, Permits, Accreditation.* SUBRECIPIENT shall obtain and keep current any license, certification, permit, or accreditation required by federal, state, or local law and shall submit to MDEQ proof of any licensure, certification, permit or accreditation upon request.

#### 15. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

It is expressly understood and agreed that the obligation of MDEQ to proceed under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of the funds from state, federal, and/or other funding sources. If the funds anticipated for the continuing fulfillment of the Agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided or if funds are not otherwise available to MDEQ, MDEQ shall have the right upon ten (10) working days written notice to the SUBRECIPIENT, to terminate this Agreement without damage, penalty, cost or expenses to MDEQ of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination.

#### 16. **REPRESENTATION REGARDING CONTINGENT FEES**

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

<sup>1</sup> <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>.



## 17. REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRATUITIES

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it has not violated, is not violating, and promises that it will not violate the prohibition against gratuities set forth in Section 6-204 (Gratuities) of the *Mississippi Public Procurement Review Board Office of Personal Service Contract Review Rules and Regulations* and Section 9.105 (Gratuities) of the Mississippi Procurement Manual.

## 18. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (“UG”), as adopted by the Department of Treasury at 2 C.F.R. Part 1000 and as set forth in the Assistance Listing for ARP/CSLFRF (21.027). These requirements dictate how SUBRECIPIENT must administer the Subaward and how MDEQ must oversee SUBRECIPIENT. As a condition of receipt of the grant funds authorized in this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to watch the video entitled “American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview” found at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

The applicable UG provisions are as follows:

- Subpart A, Acronyms and Definitions;
- Subpart B, General Provisions;
- Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.204, .205, .210, and .213);
- Subpart D, Post Federal Award Requirements (except 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.305(b)(8) and (9), .308, .309, and .320(c)(4));
- Subpart E, Cost Principles;
- Subpart F, Audit Requirements;
- 2 C.F.R. Part 25 (Universal Identifier and System for Award Management);
- 2 C.F.R. Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information); and
- 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)).

SUBRECIPIENT shall document compliance with UG requirements, including adoption and implementation of all required policies and procedures, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement and during all subsequent reviews during the term of the Agreement. It is SUBRECIPIENT’s responsibility to comply with all UG requirements. Failure to do so may result in termination of the Agreement by MDEQ.

All real property acquired or improved, and equipment or supplies purchased in whole or in part with MCWI Grant Funds and/or LFRF, must be used, insured, managed, and disposed of in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.311 through 2 C.F.R. § 200.316.

## 19. SUBAWARDS

If SUBRECIPIENT is authorized by MDEQ to make a Subaward, SUBRECIPIENT must include and incorporate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any attachments, in all lower tier Subawards. Further, SUBRECIPIENT, who makes a Subaward, must follow and carry out all the responsibilities of a Pass-through entity described at 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

## 20. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

SUBRECIPIENT understands that MDEQ is an equal opportunity employer and therefore, maintains a policy which prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, genetic information, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. All such discrimination is unlawful, and SUBRECIPIENT agrees during the Period of Performance of the Agreement that SUBRECIPIENT will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and work performance under this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with, and all activities under this Agreement shall be subject to, all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as now existing and as may be amended or modified.

SUBRECIPIENT along with any sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement. Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with the provisions of Attachment D to this Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Agreement may be deemed or construed in any way to stop, limit, or impair MDEQ from exercising or performing any regulatory, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under ARPA, including the information provided by the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule.<sup>2</sup>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 (Miss. Code Ann. § 49-2-131).<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-27/pdf/2022-00292.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2023/pdf/SB/2400-2499/SB2444SG.pdf>

SUBRECIPIENT is required to review and understand the requirements, limitations and restrictions placed upon them under the Regulations promulgated by MDEQ.<sup>4</sup>

## 21. **STOP WORK ORDER**

A. *Order to Stop Work:* MDEQ may, by written order to SUBRECIPIENT at any time and without notice to any surety, require SUBRECIPIENT to stop all or any part of the Work called for by this Agreement. This order shall be for a specified period not exceeding ninety (90) days after the order is delivered to SUBRECIPIENT, unless the Parties agree to any further period. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, SUBRECIPIENT shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the occurrence of costs allocable to the Work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or within any further period to which the Parties shall have agreed, MDEQ shall either:

- i. cancel the stop work order; or
- ii. terminate the Work covered by such order as provided in the Termination for Default clause or the Termination for Convenience clause of this Agreement.

B. *Cancellation or Expiration of the Order:* If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled at any time during the period specified in the order or if the period of the order or any extension thereof expires, SUBRECIPIENT shall have the right to resume Work. An appropriate adjustment may be made in the Period of Performance or Maximum Amount, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly if:

- i. The stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in SUBRECIPIENT's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this Agreement; and
- ii. SUBRECIPIENT provides a written claim for such an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the period of work stoppage; provided that MDEQ decides that the facts justify such action and any such claim asserted may be received and acted upon at any time prior to final payment under this Agreement.

C. *Termination of Stopped Work:* If a stop work order is not canceled and the Work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order may be allowed by adjustment or otherwise.

## 22. **E-PAYMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to accept all payments in United States currency via the State of Mississippi's electronic payment and remittance vehicle. MDEQ agrees to make payment in

<sup>4</sup> <https://mswaterinfrastructure.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/MCWI-Grant-Program-Regulations-revised-12-16-22.pdf>

accordance with Mississippi law on “Timely Payments for Purchases by Public Bodies,” which generally provides for payment of undisputed amounts by the agency within forty-five (45) days of receipt of invoice. Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-305.

### 23. INTERVENTIONS

If MDEQ determines that SUBRECIPIENT is not in compliance with this Agreement, MDEQ may initiate an intervention, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.208 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. The degree of SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency will determine the degree of intervention. All possible interventions are listed below and will depend on the degree of deficiency in SUBRECIPIENT’s performance or compliance deficiency.

If MDEQ determines that an intervention is warranted, it shall provide written notice to SUBRECIPIENT of the intervention within thirty (30) days of the completion of a report review, desk review, onsite review, audit review, or procedures engagement review, or as soon as possible after MDEQ otherwise learns of a compliance or performance deficiency related to the execution of this Agreement. The written notice shall notify SUBRECIPIENT of the following related to the intervention:

- (1) The nature of the additional requirements;
- (2) The reason why the additional requirements are being imposed;
- (3) The nature of the action needed to remove the additional requirement, if applicable;
- (4) The time allowed for completing the actions if applicable; and
- (5) The method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed.

MDEQ may impose, but is not limited to, the following interventions on SUBRECIPIENT, based on the level of the compliance or performance deficiency that MDEQ determines:

**Level 1 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for minor compliance or performance issues:

- (1) SUBRECIPIENT addresses specific internal control, documentation, financial management, compliance, or performance issues within a specified time period; and/or
- (2) More frequent or more thorough reporting by the SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) More frequent monitoring by MDEQ; and/or
- (4) Required SUBRECIPIENT technical assistance or training.

**Level 2 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for more serious compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Restrictions on funding payment requests by SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Disallowing payments to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (3) Requiring repayment for disallowed cost items; and/or
- (4) Imposing probationary status on SUBRECIPIENT.

**Level 3 Interventions.** These interventions may be required for significant and/or persistent compliance or performance issues:

- (1) Temporary or indefinite funding suspension to SUBRECIPIENT; and/or
- (2) Nonrenewal of funding to SUBRECIPIENT in subsequent year; and/or
- (3) Terminate funding to SUBRECIPIENT in the current year; and/or
- (4) Initiate legal action against SUBRECIPIENT.

Interventions will remain in place until the underlying performance or compliance deficiency is addressed to the sole satisfaction of MDEQ.

#### 24. **E-VERIFICATION**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT represents and certifies that it will ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008 and will register and participate in the status verification system for all newly hired employees. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-11-1, *et seq.* The term “employee” as used herein means any person that is hired to perform work within the State. As used herein, “status verification system” means the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 that is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, also known as the E-Verify Program, or any other successor electronic verification system replacing the E-Verify Program. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain records of such compliance. Upon request of the State of Mississippi and after approval of the Social Security Administration or Department of Homeland Security, when required, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide a copy of each such verification. SUBRECIPIENT further represents and certifies that any person assigned to perform services hereafter meets the employment eligibility requirements of all immigration laws.

#### 25. **TRANSPARENCY**

This Agreement, including any accompanying exhibits, attachments, and appendices, is subject to the “Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983” and its exceptions. See Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1 *et seq.* and Miss. Code Ann. § 79-23-1. In addition, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 27-104-151, *et seq.* Unless exempted from disclosure due to a court-issued protective order, a copy of this executed Agreement may be posted to the Department of Finance and Administration’s independent agency Agreement website for public access at <https://www.transparency.mississippi.gov>. Information identified by SUBRECIPIENT as trade secrets or other proprietary information, including confidential vendor information, or any other information which is required to be confidential by state or federal law or outside the applicable freedom of information statutes will be redacted.

#### 26. **PAYMODE**

Payments by state agencies using the statewide accounting system shall be made and remittance information provided electronically as directed by MDEQ. These payments shall be deposited into the bank account of SUBRECIPIENT’s choice. MDEQ may, at its sole discretion, require SUBRECIPIENT to submit invoices and supporting documentation electronically at any time during the Period of Performance of this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT understands and

agrees that MDEQ is exempt from the payment of taxes. All payments shall be in United States currency.

27. **TERMINATION**

The Agreement may be terminated as follows:

A. *Termination For Convenience.*

The MDEQ may, when the interests of the State so require, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part, for the convenience of the State. MDEQ shall give written notice of the termination to SUBRECIPIENT specifying the part of the Agreement terminated and when termination becomes effective.

B. *Termination For Default.*

If SUBRECIPIENT refuses or fails to perform any of the provisions of this Agreement with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof or otherwise fails to satisfy the Agreement provisions or commits any other substantial breach of this Agreement, MDEQ may notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing of the delay or nonperformance, and if not cured in ten (10) days or any longer time specified in writing by MDEQ, MDEQ may terminate SUBRECIPIENT's right to proceed with the Agreement or such part of the Agreement as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform.

Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement and subject to any directions by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of SUBRECIPIENT in which the State has an interest.

C. *Termination Upon Bankruptcy.*

This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by MDEQ upon written notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if SUBRECIPIENT should become the subject of bankruptcy or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the execution by SUBRECIPIENT of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. In the event of such termination, SUBRECIPIENT shall be entitled to recover just and equitable compensation for satisfactory Work performed under this Agreement, but in no case shall said compensation exceed the total Maximum Amount.

28. **DISPUTES**

Before pleading to any judicial system at any level, SUBRECIPIENT must exhaust all administrative remedies. A written complaint must first be sent to the Executive Director of MDEQ. The decision of the Executive Director shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof mailed or furnished to SUBRECIPIENT within fourteen (14) days after receipt of information

requested by MDEQ or the Executive Director. If the decision of the Executive Director does not resolve the matter, successive administrative remedies may, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, include bringing the complaint before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 49-17-35 and -41. In the alternative, at SUBRECIPIENT's option, the decision of the Executive Director may be deemed the final agency action on the complaint. Appeals from the decision of the Executive Director or the Commission shall follow procedures outlined in Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-41.

**29. ANTI-ASSIGNMENT/CONTRACTING**

SUBRECIPIENT shall not assign, contract, or otherwise transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part without the prior written consent of MDEQ, which MDEQ may, in its sole discretion, approve or deny without reason. Any attempted assignment or transfer of its obligations without such consent shall be null and void. No such approval by MDEQ of any contract shall be deemed in any way to provide for the incurrence of any obligation of MDEQ in excess of the Maximum MCWI Grant Fund amount set forth in this Agreement, nor create any contractual relationship between MDEQ and any Contracted Parties. Contracts shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to any conditions of approval that MDEQ may deem necessary. Subject to the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the Parties.

**30. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies and acknowledges it is a Mississippi county, municipality or public utility, as defined in MCWI regulation, Rule 1.1. E. (17), and that it has LFRF to use as match funding for this grant. SUBRECIPIENT further certifies and acknowledges that its entry into and performance under this Agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

**31. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

SUBRECIPIENT certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, and its Contracted Parties:

A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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 Agreement or Contract under a public transaction;

C. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 31. B. and Article 31. C., above; and

E. have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

### 32. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE**

Failure by MDEQ, at any time, to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any such provisions. Such failure to enforce shall not affect the validity of this Agreement or any part thereof or the right of MDEQ to enforce any provision at any time in accordance with its terms.

### 33. **INDEMNIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain responsibility for the Project and agrees to provide proper operation and maintenance of all facilities for the life of the Project. SUBRECIPIENT's tort liability, if it is an entity of the State of Mississippi, is determined and controlled in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 11-46-1 *et seq.*, including all defenses and exceptions contained therein. Nothing in this Agreement shall have the effect of changing or altering this liability or of eliminating any defense available to the State under statute.

To the extent allowed by state law, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and MDEQ's contractors from and against any and all claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of SUBRECIPIENT, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

### 34. **SUBRECIPIENT STATUS**

SUBRECIPIENT shall, during the entire Period of Performance of this Agreement, be construed to be an independent SUBRECIPIENT. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to nor shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or a joint venture relationship.

SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is qualified to perform the duties to be performed under this Agreement and that it has, or will secure, if needed, at its own expense, applicable personnel who are qualified to perform the duties required under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be deemed in any way, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication, to be employees of MDEQ.

Any person assigned by SUBRECIPIENT to perform the services hereunder shall be an employee or independent contractor of SUBRECIPIENT, who shall have the sole right to hire and discharge its employees and/or independent contractors under this Agreement.



SUBRECIPIENT shall pay, when due, all salaries and wages of its employees and accepts exclusive responsibility for the payment of federal income tax, state income tax, social security, unemployment compensation and any other withholdings that may be required. This provision is solely for the benefit of MDEQ, and nothing herein shall be construed to create or impose any contractual or agency relationship between MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT'S contractors, subcontractors, employees or agents.

35. **INSURANCE**

SUBRECIPIENT and its Contracted Parties agree to and shall maintain insurance that is required by applicable state, federal, and local laws and regulations.

36. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including all attachments, represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, irrespective of whether written or oral. This Agreement may be altered, amended, or modified only by a written document executed by MDEQ and SUBRECIPIENT. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has thoroughly read this Agreement and all its attachments and has had the opportunity to receive competent advice and counsel necessary for it to form a full and complete understanding of all rights and obligations herein.

37. **ORAL STATEMENTS**

No oral statement of any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions, or specifications stated in this Agreement. All modifications to the Agreement must be made in writing by the MDEQ and agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT.

38. **RECORD RETENTION AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided SUBRECIPIENT is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of SUBRECIPIENT, the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of SUBRECIPIENT's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the SUBRECIPIENT's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by SUBRECIPIENT for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

SUBRECIPIENT is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten-year period prescribed in this Article and Article 39 only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;

B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before SUBRECIPIENT provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, SUBRECIPIENT shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and

C. SUBRECIPIENT provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

39. **RIGHT TO AUDIT**

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all financial records, including electronic financial records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. SUBRECIPIENT shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

40. **RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Notwithstanding any review or inspection by MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants, SUBRECIPIENT shall not be relieved of its responsibility for performance of the Work or the submission of reports as expressly set forth in this Agreement solely by virtue of such inspection or review of the Work. SUBRECIPIENT shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to SUBRECIPIENT's performance of the Work.

41. **SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this Agreement is declared to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid or unenforceable provision, and to this end the provisions hereof are severable. In such event, the Parties shall amend the Agreement as necessary to reflect the original intent of the Parties and to bring any invalid or unenforceable provisions in compliance with applicable law.

42. **THIRD PARTY ACTION NOTIFICATION**

SUBRECIPIENT shall give the MDEQ prompt notice in writing of any action or suit filed, and prompt notice of any claim made against SUBRECIPIENT by any entity that may result in litigation related in any way to this Agreement.

43. **CERTIFICATIONS**

SUBRECIPIENT's execution of this Agreement shall be deemed as acknowledgement, guarantee and certification by SUBRECIPIENT of the following:

A. SUBRECIPIENT has sufficient LFRF in its possession that it will use to match MCWI Grant Funds.

B. SUBRECIPIENT will follow and abide by all ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations, and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the U.S. Treasury regarding the use of monies under this Agreement.

C. As required in Attachment A, Article (1) a., SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee has watched the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview."

D. All of SUBRECIPIENT's LFRF used as MCWI matching funds, as well as MCWI Grant Funds received by SUBRECIPIENT, have been or will be used for the Project detailed in this Agreement.

E. Upon request by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT will provide an Intergovernmental Review Certification as detailed in the MCWI Regulations.

F. SUBRECIPIENT will obligate all MCWI Grant Funds and LFRF funds used for MCWI matching funds by 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

G. If SUBRECIPIENT does not complete the Project by December 31, 2026, SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees to complete the Project with other funds.

44. **WAIVER**

No delay or omission by either Party to this Agreement in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by Agreement, at law, or in equity shall constitute an acquiescence therein, impair any other right, power or remedy hereunder or otherwise afforded by any means, or operate as a waiver of such right, power, or remedy. No waiver by either Party to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing by the Party making said waiver. No waiver of or modification to any term or condition of this Agreement will void, waive, or change any other term or condition. No waiver by one Party to this Agreement of a default by the other Party will imply, be construed as or require waiver of future or other defaults.

45. **COMPLIANCE WITH MISS. CODE ANN. § 31-5-37**

If applicable, SUBRECIPIENT shall ensure that Contracted Parties and bidders solicited for contract awards pursuant to this Agreement comply with the requirements of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. SUBRECIPIENT shall require all bidders for any contract of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement to submit a certification with their bid that said bidder will comply with the provisions of Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37. In addition, within seven (7) days of any such contract award procured or to be procured with funds received pursuant to this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT shall require the Contracted Party to submit to both SUBRECIPIENT and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security ("MDES") an employment plan which conforms to the requirements contained in Miss. Code. Ann. § 31-5-37(2).

From the date written notice of any such contract award is received and until ten (10) business days after the receipt of the employment plan by MDES, the Contracted Party and any subcontractors shall not hire any personnel to fill vacant positions for the project except residents of the State of Mississippi who are to be verified by MDES and/or those qualified individuals who are submitted by MDES. However, the Contracting Party or contractor is authorized to employ Mississippi residents to begin work immediately if such persons are verified by MDES after employment by the Contracting Party or contractor. SUBRECIPIENT shall vacate the contract award in the event the Contracting Party fails to comply with the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 31-5-37.

46. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

SUBRECIPIENT shall immediately notify MDEQ in writing of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the representation of or service to other clients or otherwise affecting this Agreement in any way. If any such conflict occurs before it is discovered, SUBRECIPIENT shall notify MDEQ of such conflict within five (5) working days of such discovery. If such conflict cannot be resolved to MDEQ's satisfaction, MDEQ reserves the right to terminate this Agreement per the "Termination for Convenience" clause.

47. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and permitted assigns.

48. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

49. **EVALUATION**

SUBRECIPIENT agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide

in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

50. **VENUE**

Venue for the resolution of any dispute, according to Article 28 of this Agreement, shall be before the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality if pursuing an administrative appeal, and venue for any subsequent litigation shall be in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi.

51. **HEADINGS**

The headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

52. **NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified in the Agreement, all notices, requests, consents, claims, demands, waivers and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (a) when delivered by hand (with written confirmation of receipt); (b) when received by the addressee if sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier (receipt requested); (c) on the date sent by facsimile or e-mail of document(s) (with confirmation of transmission) if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, and on the next business day if sent after normal business hours of the recipient; or (d) on the third day after the date mailed, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Such communications must be sent to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified in a notice given in accordance with this subsection):

If to MDEQ:	Attention: MCWI Contract Administration 515 East Amite Street P.O. Box 2249 Jackson, MS 39201 E-mail: MCWIdocuments@mdeq.ms.gov
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If to SUBRECIPIENT:	Attention: Mayor Todd Jordan 71 East Troy Street Tupelo, MS 38804 Phone: (662) 841-6513 E-mail: todd.jordan@tupeloms.gov
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53. **COUNTERPARTS**

Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same Agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

For the faithful performance and consideration provided under the terms of this Agreement, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their undersigned authorized representatives.


**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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Chris Wells  
Executive Director

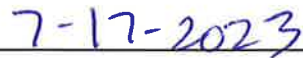
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**CITY OF TUPELO, INC.**

  
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Mayor Todd Jordan  
Signature of Authorized Representative

  
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Todd Jordan  
Printed Name

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

  
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Date

## ATTACHMENT A

### PROJECT NAME, SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

#### PROJECT NAME

**Ridgeway Drive Pipe Replacement**

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The Project shall be defined as eligible activities funded in whole or in part under this Agreement as follows:

The Project includes removal of drainage pipe, installation of HDPE, removal and replacement of curb inlets and steel grate inlets, and associated appurtenances.

The general Scope of Work to be performed by SUBRECIPIENT is limited to that which was submitted in the MCWI Application Portal and approved for funding in accordance with the MCWI Program Regulations. SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees that no additional eligible scope may be added to this Scope of Work without the express written consent of MDEQ. The Scope of Work eligible for reimbursement is limited to that identified as eligible by MDEQ and further described by plans, specifications, contract documents, and contract change orders approved as eligible by MDEQ.

#### PROJECT TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

(1) SUBRECIPIENT agrees to the following schedule.

- a. Within 10 days of execution of this Agreement, SUBRECIPIENT's Authorized Representative, or his/her designee shall watch the video on the MDEQ <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com> web-page entitled "American Rescue Plan Act State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Procurement Overview." The web-page will track compliance with this requirement;
- b. Within 15 days of execution of this Agreement, submit a complete set of plans, specifications, contract documents on each construction contract, and all applicable permits and agency approvals, if not already submitted to MDEQ;
- c. No later than 45 days after advertisement for construction bids on each construction contract, receive bids;



- d. No later than 60 days after receipt of bids on each construction contract, execute construction contract;
- e. No later than 15 days after execution of construction contract, submit the entire procurement file (including but not limited to the request for proposals, evidence of publication, MBE/WBE documentation, all received bids, evaluation and selection documentation, executed construction contracts, and professional services contracts);
- f. No later than 60 days after execution of each construction contract, execute and submit a copy of the notice to proceed;
- g. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 25% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- h. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 50% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- i. No later than 5 business days after the estimated completion of 75% of construction, submit a notice to MDEQ of such milestone;
- j. No later than 5 business days after completion of each construction contract, notify MDEQ of construction completion;
- k. No later than 30 days after the contract completion date on each construction contract, submit all change orders which include time extensions, or a request and justification for delaying MDEQ's final construction observation;
- l. Within 45 days of Project completion, but no later than September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier, unless an extension of this date is specifically authorized by MDEQ, SUBRECIPIENT must submit the following: Final Report, as listed in Article 11, the engineer's certification of compliance with plans, specifications, and contract documents; final professional services contract amendments, if any; and all other administrative forms and documents required by the Agreement.

(2) To the extent any documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above were submitted with the MCWI Grant Application through the Application Portal, the documents do not need to be resubmitted.

(3) All documents required to be submitted in Attachment A, Article (1) above, shall be uploaded to the Documents Portal at <https://www.mswaterinfrastructure.com>.

**ATTACHMENT B****SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

An evaluation for the assessment of uncontrolled risks of the SUBRECIPIENT's systems and processes for financial management was performed as of part of the initial subaward process by MDEQ, acting on behalf of the State of Mississippi, as administrator of this Subaward Agreement. MDEQ requests the SUBRECIPIENT provide the following information to MDEQ as part of observations made during the evaluation. MDEQ reserves the right to re-evaluate the assessment of uncontrolled risks upon subsequently identified facts:

1. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide MDEQ with a copy of their annual audited financial statements within 60 days of the report release date throughout the Period of Performance.
2. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any significant changes made to the SUBRECIPIENT's current policies and procedures that would impact financial management systems and processes, specifically those communicated as part of the evaluation, from which the current residual risk levels were derived.
3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to promptly notify MDEQ of any level of fraud or abuse discovered within the organization without regard to materiality that is related to the operation of the Project, as well as other pervasive deficiencies identified for grant management practices from any source, both external and internal, throughout the program performance period.
4. If deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are reported to the SUBRECIPIENT, as part of any assurance, attestation, or monitoring engagement during the program performance period, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to provide its response(s) and/or corrective action plan(s) to MDEQ so that prompt action can be taken by MDEQ to mitigate any elevated level of uncontrolled risk that could potentially impact MDEQ's or the SUBRECIPIENT's ability to comply with Federal Award and/or subaward requirements.
5. SUBRECIPIENT agrees that MDEQ has the right to perform monitoring procedures as deemed appropriate by MDEQ based on the assessed risk of noncompliance.

## ATTACHMENT C

### SUBAWARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONTRACTED PARTIES

#### 1. AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT

The Contracted Party certifies that (a) it is either a 1) state agency, 2) a validly organized business that is authorized to do business in the state of Mississippi, 3) a nongovernmental organization, or 4) a political subdivision of the state of Mississippi with valid authority to enter into this agreement and; (b) entry into and performance under this agreement is not restricted or prohibited by any loan, security, financing, contractual, or other agreement of any kind; and (c) notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, that there are no existing legal proceedings, either voluntary or otherwise, which may adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under this agreement.

#### 2. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

Contractor/Contracted Parties certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it:

A. is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction by any federal department or agency or any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi;

B. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it 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;

C. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for a 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;

D. is not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of these offenses enumerated in Article 2.B. and Article 2.C., above; and,

E. has not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

This agreement is subject to 31 C.F.R. Part 19.

#### 3. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent allowed by state law, Contracted Party agrees to indemnify and save, release and hold harmless the State of Mississippi, the Commission on Environmental Quality, MDEQ, all of their employees and officers, and the Department's contractors from and against any and all

claim, demand, cause of action, liability, loss, damage, injury, suit, judgment, debt and cost, including attorney's fees or expenses on the part of any Contracted Party, their agents or employees or any other parties arising out of or incident to, any and all Work under the terms of this Agreement.

#### **4. RELATIONSHIP STATUS**

The Contracted Party acknowledges and agrees that MDEQ is not a party, in any manner whatsoever, to any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the construction contractor(s), engineer(s), attorney(s), equipment supplier(s), contractor(s), or between any other parties of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter collectively referred to as "vendor"). The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party also acknowledge and agree that any benefit to vendors contracting with the SUBRECIPIENT or Contracted Parties arising from or associated with this Agreement is strictly incidental and all such vendors are not and are not intended to be considered as third-party beneficiaries under any agreement between MDEQ and the SUBRECIPIENT.

Upon execution of any contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party in regard to the project, MDEQ does not assume any authorities, duties, responsibilities, or liabilities under such contract. The SUBRECIPIENT and Contracted Party shall not have any authority to bind or otherwise obligate MDEQ, directly or indirectly, under any contract or agreement between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT, Contracted Party and its vendors acknowledge and agree that any action taken by MDEQ in its role of grantor, or in its separate and distinct role as regulator shall not in any way change or alter its position as that of grantor.

MDEQ does not have any authority, duty, responsibility, or liability in contract claims or dispute identification, negotiation, resolution, or any other actions regarding contract claims under the contract(s) between the SUBRECIPIENT and any other party. The SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party acknowledge and agree that MDEQ is not obligated to review, comment on, approve, or discuss the merits of any contract claims presented by or to any party. Any MDEQ reviews, approvals, observations, presence at meetings, written communications, verbal communications or other actions are not to be interpreted as addressing the merits of any claims, nor are they to be construed as interpreting the contract between the SUBRECIPIENT and the Contracted Party or any other parties.

#### **5. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

Provided Contracted Party is given reasonable advance written notice and such inspection is made during normal business hours of Contracted Party, then the Government Accountability Office, MDEQ, the State or any duly authorized representatives shall have unimpeded, prompt access to any of Contracted Party's books, documents, papers, and other records which are maintained or produced as a result of the Project for the purpose of making audits, investigations, examinations, excerpts, transcriptions, and copies of such documents. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to the Contracted Party's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. All records related to this Agreement shall be retained by Contracted Party for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Agreement and all pending matters are closed; however, if any audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before the end of the ten (10) year period, the

records shall be retained for one (1) year after all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved or until the end of the ten (10) year period, whichever is later.

Contracted Party is not required to retain the above-mentioned records for the ten (10) year period prescribed in this Section and the "Right to Audit" provision only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. Contracted Party has provided all of the documents described above and in the "Right to Audit" provision to MDEQ prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year retention period and a certification stating the same is simultaneously provided in writing to MDEQ;
- B. No audit, litigation or other action arising out of or related in any way to this Project is commenced before Contracted Party provides the records and corresponding certification to MDEQ, in which case, Contracted Party shall retain the records until all issues arising out of the action are finally resolved; and
- C. Contracted Party provides MDEQ a minimum of thirty (30) days written notice before providing the above-mentioned records and corresponding certification.

#### **6. RECORD RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The Contracted Party shall maintain and retain books, documents, papers, financial records and other records, including electronic records, as may be prescribed by the MDEQ or by applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. Contracted Party shall retain these records for a period of ten (10) years after final payment. These records shall be made available during the term of the Agreement and the subsequent ten (10) year period for examination, transcription, and audit by MDEQ, the Mississippi State Auditor's Office, its designees, or other authorized bodies, including the Office of Inspector General. If any litigation, claim, investigation, or audit relating to this Agreement or an activity funded under the Agreement is started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, investigations, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.

#### **7. RIGHT TO INSPECT WORK; SITE ACCESS**

MDEQ and their representatives, invitees, and consultants shall have access and the right to conduct announced and unannounced onsite and offsite physical visits to inspect all Work hereunder. Upon request by MDEQ, Contracted Party shall provide MDEQ and its representatives, invitees, and consultants with the opportunity to participate in site inspections, meetings, and/or teleconferences, as appropriate, related to the performance of the Work.

#### **8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Contracted Party covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest direct or indirect in the Project that is the subject to this Agreement or any parcels therein, where applicable, or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Contracted Party further covenants that, in the performance of this agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

The Contracted Party agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have a family, business, or other tie.

#### **9. COOPERATION AND EVALUATION**

The Contracted Party agrees to assist and cooperate with the MDEQ or its duly designated representatives in the monitoring of the Project(s) to which the Agreement relates, and to provide in form and manner approved by MDEQ such monitoring reports, progress reports, and the like as may be required and to provide such reports at the times specified.

Further, the Contracted Party agrees to cooperate with MDEQ or its duly designated representatives by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluation of the accomplishments of the Project and the agreement for a period of ten (10) years after the date on which the Final Reports are provided.

**ATTACHMENT D****ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS****ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

As a condition of receipt of federal financial assistance from the Department of the Treasury, SUBRECIPIENT provides the assurances stated herein. The federal financial assistance may include federal grants, loans and contracts to provide assistance to SUBRECIPIENT's beneficiaries, the use or rent of Federal land or property at below market value, Federal training, a loan of Federal personnel, subsidies, and other arrangements with the intention of providing assistance. Federal financial assistance does not encompass contracts of guarantee or insurance, regulated programs, licenses, procurement contracts by the Federal government at market value, or programs that provide direct benefits.

The assurances apply to all federal financial assistance from or funds made available through the Department of the Treasury, including any assistance that SUBRECIPIENT may request in the future.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the assurances apply to all of the operations of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) and activity(ies), so long as any portion of SUBRECIPIENT's program(s) or activity(ies) is federally assisted in the manner prescribed above.

1. SUBRECIPIENT ensures its current and future compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to discrimination under programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, of any person in the United States on the ground of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury Title VI regulations at 31 CFR Part 22 and other pertinent executive orders such as Executive Order 13166, directives, circulars, policies, memoranda, and/or guidance documents.

2. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," seeks to improve access to federally assisted programs and activities for individuals who, because of national origin, have Limited English proficiency (LEP). SUBRECIPIENT understands that denying a person access to its programs, services, and activities because of LEP is a form of national origin discrimination prohibited under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Department of the Treasury's implementing regulations. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT shall initiate reasonable steps, or comply with the Department of the Treasury's directives, to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral interpretation and written translation where necessary, to ensure effective communication in SUBRECIPIENT's programs, services, and activities.

3. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to consider the need for language services for LEP persons when SUBRECIPIENT develops applicable budgets and conducts programs, services, and activities. As a resource, the Department of the Treasury has published its LEP guidance at 70 FR 6067. For more information on taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access for LEP persons, please visit <http://www.lep.gov>.

4. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that compliance with the assurances constitutes a condition of continued receipt of federal financial assistance and is binding upon SUBRECIPIENT and SUBRECIPIENT's successors, transferees, and assignees for the period in which such assistance is provided.

5. SUBRECIPIENT understands and agrees that if any real property or structure is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance by the Department of the Treasury, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT, or in the case of a subsequent transfer, the transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is provided, this assurance obligates SUBRECIPIENT for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property.

6. SUBRECIPIENT shall cooperate in any enforcement or compliance review activities by the Department of the Treasury of the aforementioned obligations. Enforcement may include investigation, arbitration, mediation, litigation, and monitoring of any settlement agreements that may result from these actions. SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with information requests, on-site compliance reviews and reporting requirements.

7. SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain a complaint log and inform the Department of the Treasury of any complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations and provide, upon request, a list of all such reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending or completed, including outcome. SUBRECIPIENT also must inform the Department of the Treasury if SUBRECIPIENT has received no complaints under Title VI.

8. SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of an administrative agency's or court's findings of non-compliance of Title VI and efforts to address the non-compliance, including any voluntary compliance or other agreements between the SUBRECIPIENT and the administrative agency that made the finding. If SUBRECIPIENT settles a case or matter alleging such discrimination, SUBRECIPIENT must provide documentation of the settlement. If SUBRECIPIENT has not been the subject of any court or administrative agency finding of discrimination, please so state.





## AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Debbie Brangenberg, TRA Project Director

**DATE** July 25, 2023

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF TRA MINUTES OF JANUARY 19 AND MAY 30, 2023  
**DB**

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**Request:**

Review//Accept TRA Minutes of January 19 and May 30, 2023

## Tupelo Redevelopment Agency

### Minutes

**January 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency convened at 4:00 am on January 19, 2023 in Conference Room B, Tupelo City Hall. Agency Members participating were Shane Homan, Vice Chair, Bentley Nolan, and Brannon Kahlstorf, Bentley Nolan and Cheryl Rainey. Ben Logan, City Attorney and Stephen Reed, Assistant City Attorney, COO, Don Lewis, TRA Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg, were present representing the City of Tupelo.

Finding that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Shane Homan.

**1. Review/Approve Invoice Wesley Webb for rebate on Lot 4-39 Phase IV, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$5,880.00**

Upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency unanimously voted to approve the rebate to Wesley Webb for Lot 4-39 Phase IV, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$5,880.00.

**Exhibit A**

**2. Executive Session Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands. Miss Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4) (g)**

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to close the regular session to determine the need for Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to enter Executive Session for Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands. Miss Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4) (g)

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalsorf, the Agency voted unanimously to return to Regular Session with the follow actions being taken.

**2.1 Request for 30-day Extension from Blake Whitehead for Lot 4-20, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential**

Blake Whitehead requested a 30-day extension on Lot 4-20, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential was finalizing a contract for a new build for the lot. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to grant the 30 day extension.

## **2.2 In the matter of Lot 4-24 Potential Buy Back**

Construction on Lot 4-24, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential owned by Mr. Tim Tolleson, previously owned by Jeff Williams, has not begun. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back Lot 4-24 for the original purchase price of \$25,000 if construction had not begun by 4.9.2.23.

## **2.3 Request from Mitch and Christy Weir for TRA to assist with additional fill material for their lot. Lot 4-16, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential.**


Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg reported current market costs for fill material. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to deny this request to avoid setting a precedent.

## **2.4 In the matter of Lot 4-32 Modern Renov8tions Option**


The option to build has expired. TRA now has 12 months to buy back said lot. Upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back Lot 4-32, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential.

Being no further business, Vice Chair Shane Homan called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Brannon Kalsorf and a second by Bentley Nolan the agency voted unanimously to adjourn.

Shane Homan, Vice Chair



Debbie Brangenberg, Project Director



**\*It should be noted that construction has begun and near completion on Lots 4-20, 4-24 and 4-16. Lot 4-32 Modern Renov8tions closed on March 1, 2023.**

OPTION TO PURCHASE

OPTION AGREEMENT by and between TUPELO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Owner) and NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REALTORS INC. (Buyer):

1. Buyer hereby pays to Owner the sum of \$5,000.00 in consideration for this option, which option payment shall be credited to the purchase price if the option is exercised.
2. Buyer has the option and right to buy Lot 3A of 0.245+/- acres of 10,583+/- total square feet between Clark Street and the northside parking area in Phase 1 of the Fairpark District. The purchase price will be \$171,360.00. A professional survey will establish the exact boundaries, including any sidewalks and alleys. The cost of this survey will be equally split between Owner and Buyer.
3. This option shall remain in effect until May 31, 2024, and thereupon expire unless this option is sooner exercised.
4. To exercise this option, Buyer must notify Owner of same by certified mail at the address shown below by the Owner or by hand delivery within the option period.
5. Should the Buyer exercise the option, the Owner and Buyer agree to promptly proceed to a closing within thirty days. Said property is to be free and clear of all encumbrances, by good and marketable title, with full possession of said property available to Buyer. Owner will provide a title certificate and warranty deed, and Buyer will provide and pay for any other costs such as those of property investigation, and purchase financing, and closing legal work.
6. Should the Buyer not exercise the option, the Owner will retain the option fee. Should the Buyer have paid payments toward the purchase price above the option fee, these payments will be refunded by the Owner within thirty days of written notice by Buyer of cancellation or of expiration of this option.
7. Buyer plans to build a one and one half story brick office building of between 8470+/- and 9240+/- total square feet on the west end of this lot near the Renasant Branch Bank.
8. A site plan/floorplan is attached showing the ground level of this office building that will be approximately 98 feet long and 65 feet 10 inches deep or approximately 6451 square feet in size. Included in this space is an expandable 47 feet x 52 feet or 2444 square feet size meeting room with a catering/serving kitchen, and large restrooms. There will be a covered patio at the east end of the building.
9. This option agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns and personal representatives.

Signed this 12 day of May, 2023.



Signature of Owner/Board Chairman

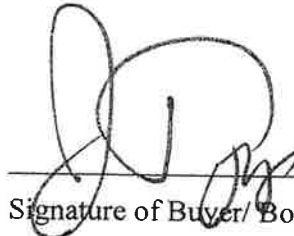
Tupelo Redevelopment Authority

Name of Owner

PO Box 1485, Tupelo MS 38802

Address of Owner

Debrah Brangerburg  
Signature of Witness



Signature of Buyer/Board President

Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors

Name of Buyer

84 Clark Blvd., Tupelo, MS 38804

Address of Buyer

[Signature]

Signature of Witness

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9. This option agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns and personal representatives.

Signed this 18 day of May, 2023.



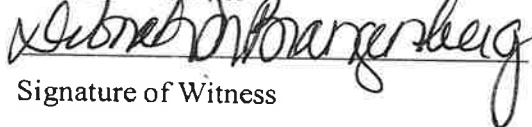
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Tupelo Redevelopment Authority

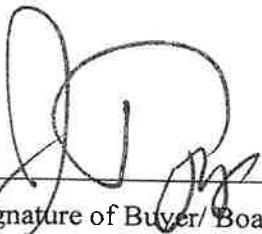
Name of Owner

PO Box 1485, Tupelo MS 38802

Address of Owner



Signature of Witness



Signature of Buyer/ Board President

Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors

Name of Buyer

84 Clark Blvd., Tupelo, MS 38804

Address of Buyer



Signature of Witness

## **Tupelo Redevelopment Agency**

### **Minutes**

**May 30, 2023**

A meeting of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency convened at 10:00 am on May 30, 2023 in Conference Room B, Tupelo City Hall. Agency Members participating were Reed Hillen, Chair, Shane Homan, Vice Chair, and Bentley Nolan. Ben Logan, City Attorney and Stephen Reed, Assistant City Attorney, COO, Don Lewis, Mayor, Todd Jordan, CFO, Kim Hanna, and TRA Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg, were present representing the City of Tupelo.

Finding that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Reed Hillen.

**1. Review/Approve/Reject Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors Option to Purchase Lot 3-A, Phase I Fairpark Exhibit A**

After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to approve the Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors Option to purchase Lot 3-A, Phase I Fairpark with the understanding that the plat an lot dimensions and any drainage issues be confirmed prior to closing.

**2. New Business**

Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back all expired purchases in Fairpark Residential Phase IV.

**3. Rebates**

Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan the Agency voted unanimously to complete the rebate process pursuant to policies in place for the following:

**Lot 4-16, Mitch and Christy Weir in the amount of \$5,804-Exhibit B**

**Lot 4-20, Steve Whitehead in the amount of \$9,432-Exhibit C**

**Lot 4-21, Suzanne Russell in the amount of \$9,072-Exhibit D**

**Lot 4-24, Tim Tolleson in the amount of \$9,928-Exhibit E**

Being no further business, Chair Reed Hillen called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan the agency voted unanimously to adjourn.

Shane Homan, Vice Chair



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Debbie Brangenberg, Project Director



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## Tupelo Redevelopment Agency

### Minutes

January 19, 2023

A meeting of the Tupelo Redevelopment Agency convened at 4:00 am on January 19, 2023 in Conference Room B, Tupelo City Hall. Agency Members participating were Shane Homan, Vice Chair, Bentley Nolan, and Brannon Kahlstorf, Bentley Nolan and Cheryl Rainey. Ben Logan, City Attorney and Stephen Reed, Assistant City Attorney, COO, Don Lewis, TRA Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg, were present representing the City of Tupelo.

Finding that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Shane Homan.

**1. Review/Approve Invoice Wesley Webb for rebate on Lot 4-39 Phase IV, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$5,880.00**

Upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency unanimously voted to approve the rebate to Wesley Webb for Lot 4-39 Phase IV, Fairpark Residential in the amount of \$5,880.00.

**Exhibit A**

**2. Executive Session** Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands. Miss Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4) (g)

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to close the regular session to determine the need for Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to enter Executive Session for Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands. Miss Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (4) (g)

Upon a motion by Cheryl Rainey and a second by Brannon Kalsorf, the Agency voted unanimously to return to Regular Session with the follow actions being taken.

**2.1 Request for 30-day Extension from Blake Whitehead for Lot 4-20, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential**

Blake Whitehead requested a 30-day extension on Lot 4-20, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential was finalizing a contract for a new build for the lot. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to grant the 30 day extension.



## **2.2 In the matter of Lot 4-24 Potential Buy Back**

Construction on Lot 4-24, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential owned by Mr. Tim Tolleson, previously owned by Jeff Williams, has not begun. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back Lot 4-24 for the original purchase price of \$25,000 if construction had not begun by 4.9.2.23.

## **2.3 Request from Mitch and Christy Weir for TRA to assist with additional fill material for their lot. Lot 4-16, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential.**

Project Director, Debbie Brangenberg reported current market costs for fill material. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Brannon Kalstorf, the Agency voted unanimously to deny this request to avoid setting a precedent.

## **2.4 In the matter of Lot 4-32 Modern Renov8tions Option**

The option to build has expired. TRA now has 12 months to buy back said lot. Upon a motion by Bentley Nolan and a second by Cheryl Rainey, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back Lot 4-32, Phase IV, Fairpark Residential.

Being no further business, Vice Chair Shane Homan called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Brannon Kalsorf and a second by Bentley Nolan the agency voted unanimously to adjourn.

Shane Homan, Vice Chair

Debbie Brangenberg, Project Director

**\*It should be noted that construction has begun and near completion on Lots 4-20, 4-24 and 4-16. Lot 4-32 Modern Renov8tions closed on March 1, 2023.**

**Tupelo Redevelopment Agency  
Payment Request**

**Rebate for Lots 4-35, Phase IV Fairpark Residential**

**Paid to the order of:**

Wesley Webb, LLC  
PO Box 3902  
Tupelo, MS 38803  
662-231-0740

Lot Price:	\$25,000.00
House square footage 2,390 x \$8	-\$19,120.00
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$ 5,880.00</b>

*Debbie Brangenberg*

## Tupelo Redevelopment Agency

### Minutes

May 30, 2023

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Finding that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair, Reed Hillen.

**1. Review/Approve/Reject Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors Option to Purchase Lot 3-A, Phase I Fairpark Exhibit A**

After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to approve the Northeast Mississippi Board of Realtors Option to purchase Lot 3-A, Phase I Fairpark with the understanding that the plat an lot dimensions and any drainage issues be confirmed prior to closing.

**2. New Business**

Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan, the Agency voted unanimously to buy back all expired purchases in Fairpark Residential Phase IV.

**3. Rebates**

Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan the Agency voted unanimously to complete the rebate process pursuant to policies in place for the following:

**Lot 4-16, Mitch and Christy Weir in the amount of \$5,804-Exhibit B**

**Lot 4-20, Steve Whitehead in the amount of \$9,432-Exhibit C**

**Lot 4-21, Suzanne Russell in the amount of \$9,072-Exhibit D**

**Lot 4-24, Tim Tolleson in the amount of \$9,928-Exhibit E**

Being no further business, Chair Reed Hillen called for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion by Shane Homan and a second by Bentley Nolan the agency voted unanimously to adjourn.

Shane Homan, Vice Chair

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Debbie Brangenberg, Project Director

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**Tupelo Redevelopment  
Agency Payment Request  
May 30, 2023**

**Rebate of Lot 4-16, Phase IV Fairpark Residential**

**Pay to the order of:**

Christy and Mitch Weir  
4218 Sydney Lane  
Tupelo, MS 38801

Lot Price	\$25,000
House Heated and Cooled Square Footage 2182 X \$8.00	-\$17,456
Rebate	\$7,544
Relocation of Fire Hydrant	-\$1,740
Final Rebate	\$5,804

*Debbie Brangenberg*

**Tupelo Redevelopment  
Agency Payment Request  
May 30, 2023**

**Rebate of Lot 4-20, Phase IV Fairpark Residential**

**Pay to the order of:**

Steve Whitehead  
157 Westwood Circle  
Saltillo, MS 38866

Lot Price	\$25,000
House Heated and Cooled Square Footage 1946 X \$8.00	-\$15,568
Rebate	\$ 9,432

*Debbie Brangenberg*

**Tupelo Redevelopment Agency**  
**Payment Request**

**Rebate of Lot 4-21, Phase IV Fairpark Residential**

**Pay to the order of:**

Suzanne Russell  
2448 McCullough Blvd  
Belden, MS 38826

Lot Price	\$25,000
House Heated and Cooled Square Footage 1991 X \$8.00	-\$15,928
Rebate	\$ 9,072

**Tupelo Redevelopment  
Agency Payment Request  
May 30, 2023**

**Rebate of Lot 4-24, Phase IV Fairpark Residential**

**Pay to the order of:**

Tim Tolleson  
411 Magazine St. Apt. 1  
Tupelo, MS 38804

Lot Price	\$25,000
House Heated and Cooled Square Footage 1884 X \$8.00	-\$15,072
Rebate	\$ 9,928

*Debbie Brangenberg*



Final Lot Mowing Report for 08/01/2023

Violation Ref	Parcel	Location	Owner	Owner Address	Owner City State Zip	Inspector
1. 44454	113E0614400	813 SHUMACOLA TRL	COHEA CECIL J	813 SHUMACOLA TRAIL	TUPELO, MS 38801	SB
2. 44455	101H0115002	823 SHUMACOLA TRL	MAH JEANINE E	3408 DELL GLADE DRIVE	MEMPHIS, TN 38111	SB
3. 44458	089J3118902	910 ALLEN ST	RILEY BILLY E	2605 WHITE ROCK DR	BUFORD, GA 30519	DS
4. 44459	089J3121200	905 ALLEN ST	SCOTT SAUNDRA J	386 ROAD 1600	BELDEN, MS 38826	DS
5. 44502	105D1504100	2972 MOORE AVE	HUBBARD ESSIE	2972 MOORE AVE	TUPELO, MS 38801	RS
6. 44620	077M3610000	206 RANKIN BLVD	LOVE RUSSELL B	206 RANKIN BLVD	TUPELO, MS 38804	SB
7. 44623	089J3131900	318 RILEY ST	SOPER ANDREW GRAHAM	404 AIR PARK ROAD	TUPELO, MS 38801	SB
8. 44624	089J3132000	325 RILEY ST	FUTURE HOPE RENTALS LLC	777 CR 251	SALTILLO, MS 38866	SB
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**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44427

WWD, LLC

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **WWD, LLC** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: WWD, LLC  
Address of Owner: P.O. BOX 3171  
TUPELO, MS 38804  
Parcel Number: 079V-32-131-00  
Address of Violation: 25 HARVESTER'S SQUARE

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 08/01/2023, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing to be \$300.00. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk, and the tax collector of the municipality shall proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972), as amended, an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972), as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:   
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date

**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44414

CHARLOTTE WEST

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to CHARLOTTE WEST (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: CHARLOTTE WEST  
Address of Owner: 120 SOUTH HIGHLAND  
TUPELO, MS 38801  
Parcel Number: 077Q-36-058-00  
Address of Violation: 120 SOUTH HIGHLAND

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 08/01/2023, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing to be **\$300.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk, and the tax collector of the municipality shall proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972), as amended, an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972), as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

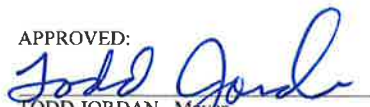
BY:

  
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date

**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44356

JIMMY &amp; TONI HILL

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **JIMMY & TONI HILL** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: JIMMY & TONI HILL  
Address of Owner: 505 WEST BARNES STREET  
TUPELO, MS 38804  
Parcel Number: 089F-30-047-00  
Address of Violation: 505 WEST BARNES STREET

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972, as amended), City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 08/01/2023, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing to be **\$300.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk, and the tax collector of the municipality shall proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972, as amended), an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972, as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:  
  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44408

THOMAS PAYNE, JR

OWNER

RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **THOMAS PAYNE, JR** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: THOMAS PAYNE, JR  
Address of Owner: 113 WAYSIDE DRIVE  
TUPELO, MS 38804  
Parcel Number: 077F-26-179-00  
Address of Violation: 709 LAR-ELI-DO

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 08/01/2023, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing to be **\$300.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk, and the tax collector of the municipality shall proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972), as amended, an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972), as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:   
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date

**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44343

MELVIN &amp; MICKIE SEARCY

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **MELVIN & MICKIE SEARCY** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: MELVIN & MICKIE SEARCY

Address of Owner: 1815 MARTIN HILL DRIVE  
TUPELO, MS 38804

Parcel Number: 088Q-34-008-00

Address of Violation: 1815 MARTIN HILL DRIVE

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972, as amended), City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

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7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972, as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:   
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date



**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44368

DANCER MCCOY

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **DANCER MCCOY** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: DANCER MCCOY  
Address of Owner: 1103 FILMORE DRIVE  
TUPELO, MS 38801  
Parcel Number: 105D-15-051-00  
Address of Violation: 3091 MOORE AVENUE

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

3. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972, as amended), City of Tupelo shall charge Owner with the actual cost of lot mowing, including administrative and legal costs of the municipality, and may also impose a penalty of one-half of the actual cost or \$1500.00, whichever is more.

4. The City of Tupelo, by and through its council, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on 08/01/2023, adjudicated the actual cost of lot mowing to be **\$300.00**. This amount is assessed as a lien on the real property described above.

5. This assessment will be enrolled as a judgment lien on the Lee County, Mississippi judgment roll in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County, Mississippi by providing a certified copy of this resolution to the Circuit Clerk, and the tax collector of the municipality shall proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. The lien against the property shall be an encumbrance upon the property and shall follow title of the property.

6. Prior to its collection as a judgment lien, this assessment may be collected as a civil debt, and the City of Tupelo may institute a suit on open account against the owner of the property in a court of competent jurisdiction in the manner provided by law for the cost and any penalty, plus court costs, reasonable attorney's fees and interest from the date that the property was cleaned. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 27-41-9 (1972, as amended), an interest charge of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) will accrue monthly on all unpaid liens.

7. The Director of Development Services is hereby directed to cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed to the owner advising of the assessment of a lien against the property, and the Owner's right to appeal under Miss. Code Ann §11-51-75 (1972, as amended).

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of Tupelo, Mississippi, on this, the 1st day of August, 2023.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

  
BY: TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:  
  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date

**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44440

JIMMIE WILLIAMS ESTATE

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to JIMMIE WILLIAMS ESTATE (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: JIMMIE WILLIAMS ESTATE

Address of Owner: P.O. BOX 184  
BELDEN, MS 38826

Parcel Number: 075S-16-001-02

Address of Violation: 3424 WALSH ROAD

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BY   
TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:  
  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
Date



**BEFORE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

LIENOR

VS.

CASE NO. 44429

WWD, LLC

OWNER

**RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING COST AND ASSESSING LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
MISS. CODE ANN. 21-19-11 (1972) AS AMENDED**

1. Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo gave notice of a public hearing before the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo to **WWD, LLC** (Owner of the property described herein below) to determine whether the real property described herein below was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Property Owner: WWD, LLC  
 Address of Owner: P.O. BOX 3171  
 TUPELO, MS 38804  
 Parcel Number: 079V-32-112-00  
 Address of Violation: 5475 TURNING LEAVE COVE

2. The hearing was held before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tupelo on 07/18/2023 following which the property referenced above was found to be a menace to the public health and safety, and the property was ordered to be cleaned immediately. Subsequent to this date, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §21-19-11 (1972), as amended, the City of Tupelo proceeded to have the lot mowed and cleaned.

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CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

BY:   
 TRAVIS BEARD, Council President

ATTEST:

  
 MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:   
 TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-2-2023  
 Date



## AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Chuck Williams, Director of Public Works  
**DATE** 07/24/2023  
**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL VAN BUREN AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS BID NO. 2023-032PW JULY 2023 - **CW**

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**Request:**

Request for bid approval for the Van Buren Ave Drainage Improvements Project  
Bid No. 2023-032PW

Five Bidders responded.

We recommend the bid be awarded to the following for the lowest and best bid –

Townes Construction \$373,513.00



July 25, 2023

Mr. Chuck Williams  
 Director, Public Works Dept.  
 604 Crossover Road  
 Tupelo, Mississippi 38801

REFERENCE: RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT  
 VAN BUREN AVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
 BID NO. 2023-032PW

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am pleased to submit to you, along with the Mayor and City Council, our conclusions and recommendations regarding the award of the construction contract for the referenced project. Bids were opened at Tupelo City Hall on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM local time.

This project includes the removal and replacement of existing drainage pipe and related infrastructure along Van Buren Avenue. As represented on the attached tabulation of bids, five bids were received for this project that ranged from \$373,513 - \$697,895 for this project. The low bid was from Townes Construction. The bid was reviewed based on the bidding criteria established for the Project and it appears that the proper proposal documentation was submitted as required by the Contract Documents. Townes Construction provided an UEI No. GH9PJDWHZQB3 from Sam.gov.

Thus, it is our recommendation that the City award this contract in the amount of \$373,513 to Townes Construction for the referenced project and authorize the Mayor to execute the contracts per the conditions set forth in the Contact Documents for this project. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and to be involved with this project. Please let us know should have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,  
 DABBS CORPORATION

Dustin D. Dabbs, PE  
 President

C: Mr. Don Lewis, COO, City of Tupelo  
 Ms. Kim Hanna, CFO, City of Tupelo  
 Mr. Ben Logan, City Attorney, City of Tupelo  
 Mr. Dennis Bonds, PE, Director, Dev. Services  
 Mr. Casey Rogers, ICM  
 Ms. Jamye Baker, ICM

Attachment: Bid Tabulation

<a href="mailto:@dabbscorp">@dabbscorp</a>	OFFICE 662.840.4162	1005 N. Eason Boulevard
	MOBILE 601.927.4012	Tupelo, MS 38804



# Minute Entry Sign Up Sheet

Date: 7/21/2023

Time: 10:00

Bid # 2023-032PW

Department: PW

Project: Van Buren Ave. Drainage

Attendance

Company

Ben Hunter

ICM

Chime Baker

ICM

Robby Sandou

ICM

Tommy Stites

EMSCOIR

STEWART GARY

TOMARIS CONST

Chad Rawlin

Hodges Const.

Stephen Reed

COI

Mac Duke

COI

Josh Bell

Public Works



BID TABULATION - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
 VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
 CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
 BID DATE: 07/21/2023

BASE BID ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	TOWNES, CONSTRUCTION		SMITHEY CONSTRUCTION		ENSCOR		HODGES CONSTRUCTION		PHILLIPS CONTRACTING	
				UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$26,315.00	\$ 26,315.00	\$15,975.00	\$ 15,975.00	\$8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$56,500.00	\$ 56,500.00	\$115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	\$9,815.00	\$ 9,815.00	\$5,325.00	\$ 5,325.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$30,500.00	\$ 30,500.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	\$900.00	\$ 900.00	\$1,065.00	\$ 1,065.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$522.50	\$ 522.50	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	\$800.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,917.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$14,280.00	\$ 14,280.00	\$4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	\$20.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$31.95	\$ 1,597.50	\$10.00	\$ 500.00	\$17.50	\$ 875.00	\$10.00	\$ 500.00
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	\$20.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$42.60	\$ 8,520.00	\$5.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$30.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$50.00	\$ 10,000.00
7	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	SY	15	\$20.00	\$ 300.00	\$117.15	\$ 1,757.25	\$10.00	\$ 150.00	\$30.00	\$ 450.00	\$50.00	\$ 750.00
8	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	345	\$12.00	\$ 4,140.00	\$10.65	\$ 3,674.25	\$10.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$23.00	\$ 7,935.00	\$30.00	\$ 10,350.00
9	REMOVAL OF EXISTING GRATE INLET	EA	1	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,130.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
10	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CURB INLET	EA	5	\$2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$2,130.00	\$ 10,650.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$2,250.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
11	REMOVAL OF 36" RCP	LF	32	\$30.00	\$ 960.00	\$53.25	\$ 1,704.00	\$40.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$35.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$50.00	\$ 1,600.00
12	REMOVAL OF 48" CMP	LF	602	\$15.00	\$ 9,030.00	\$31.95	\$ 19,233.90	\$40.00	\$ 24,080.00	\$35.00	\$ 21,070.00	\$50.00	\$ 30,100.00
13	CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	\$40.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$63.90	\$ 3,195.00	\$30.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$31.50	\$ 1,575.00	\$50.00	\$ 2,500.00
14	ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE	TONS	25	\$400.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$330.15	\$ 8,253.75	\$250.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$350.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$350.00	\$ 8,750.00
15	ASPHALT BASE COURSE	TONS	35	\$400.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$330.15	\$ 11,555.25	\$275.00	\$ 9,625.00	\$340.00	\$ 11,900.00	\$350.00	\$ 12,250.00
16	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SY	15	\$75.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$148.04	\$ 2,220.60	\$200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$168.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$300.00	\$ 4,500.00
17	SAWCUTTING	LF	150	\$15.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$10.65	\$ 1,597.50	\$10.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$11.50	\$ 1,725.00	\$10.00	\$ 1,500.00
18	CRUSHED STONE SUB-BASE MATERIAL	TONS	130	\$75.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$85.20	\$ 11,076.00	\$80.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$61.00	\$ 7,930.00	\$105.00	\$ 13,650.00
19	BORROW EXCAVATION	CY	50	\$40.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$26.63	\$ 1,331.50	\$40.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$32.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$100.00	\$ 5,000.00
20	36" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	32	\$125.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$143.04	\$ 4,577.28	\$155.00	\$ 4,960.00	\$166.00	\$ 5,312.00	\$430.00	\$ 13,760.00
21	36" X 36" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	612	\$244.00	\$ 149,328.00	\$295.16	\$ 180,637.92	\$320.00	\$ 195,840.00	\$303.00	\$ 185,436.00	\$430.00	\$ 263,160.00
22	38" X 36" RCP FLARED END SECTION	EA	1	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$3,509.45	\$ 3,509.45	\$4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
23	R.C. GRATE INLET W/3' X 3' CAST IRON GRATE	EA	1	\$5,800.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$4,706.93	\$ 4,706.93	\$12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$11,770.00	\$ 11,770.00	\$9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00
24	R.C. CURB INLET, TYPE SS-2	EA	5	\$8,250.00	\$ 41,250.00	\$7,410.22	\$ 37,051.10	\$12,800.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$12,715.00	\$ 63,575.00	\$9,400.00	\$ 47,000.00
25	14" STEEL CASING RETROFIT	LF	10	\$250.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$226.85	\$ 2,268.50	\$200.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$150.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
26	CONCRETE CLASS B	CY	5	\$2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$1,065.00	\$ 5,325.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
27	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	350	\$65.00	\$ 22,750.00	\$50.06	\$ 17,521.00	\$40.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$34.75	\$ 12,162.50	\$57.50	\$ 20,125.00
28	CONNECT TO EXISTING PIPES	EA	2	\$2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$1,597.50	\$ 3,195.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
29	SOLID SODDING	SY	1200	\$6.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$9.32	\$ 11,184.00	\$7.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$7.50	\$ 9,000.00	\$10.00	\$ 12,000.00
30	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	\$5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$3,195.00	\$ 3,195.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,225.00	\$ 3,225.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
31	LANDSCAPING	LS	1	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$3,195.00	\$ 3,195.00	\$6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,825.00	\$ 6,825.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,863.75	\$ 1,863.75	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,875.00	\$ 2,875.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$1,597.50	\$ 1,597.50	\$6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$6,725.00	\$ 6,725.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 373,513.00</b>		<b>\$ 392,605.93</b>		<b>\$ 436,415.00</b>		<b>\$ 481,578.00</b>		<b>\$ 697,895.00</b>

**ADDENDUM #1**

**City of Tupelo, Mississippi  
Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements  
Bid No. 2023-032PW**

**July 17, 2023**

The Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications shall be amended/clarified as set forth herein below:

1. Remove the Bid Form from Section D – Proposal and replace with the attached Bid Form (Sheets D-4a and D-4b).

***Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of this addendum on Page D-1 of the Proposal Form.***

(s/b) Dustin D. Dabbs  
Dustin D. Dabbs, P.E.  
Project Manager

PROPOSAL

Proposal of Townes Construction Co, inc (hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi doing business as a (corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or individual) to **TUPELO, MS**, (hereinafter called "OWNER"). In compliance with your advertisement for Bids, BIDDER, hereby proposes to perform all WORK for construction of

**"VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**

In strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" and to fully complete the Project within 45 consecutive calendar days thereafter. BIDDER further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of \$300 for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided for elsewhere in these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: <u>#1</u>	DATE: <u>July 17, 2023</u>
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to this bid.



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Dustin D. Dabbs, P.E.  
Project Manager

*Armstead Townsend*  
*July 17 2023*

***Dabbs Corporation***

***Addendum #1 – 2023-032PW***

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 BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
 CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
 VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
 07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	26,315.00	26,315.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	9,815.00	9,815.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	900.00	900.00
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	800.00	800.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	20.00	1,000.00
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	20.00	4,000.00
7	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	SY	15	20.00	300.00
8	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	345	12.00	4,140.00
9	REMOVAL OF EXISTING GRATE INLET	EA	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
10	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CURB INLET	EA	5	2,000.00	10,000.00
11	REMOVAL OF 36" RCP	LF	32	30.00	960.00
12	REMOVAL OF 48" CMP	LF	602	15.00	9,030.00
13	CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	40.00	2,000.00
14	ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE	TONS	25	400.00	10,000.00
15	ASPHALT BASE COURSE	TONS	35	400.00	14,000.00
16	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SY	15	75.00	1,125.00
17	SAWCUTTING	LF	150	15.00	2,250.00
18	CRUSHED STONE SUB-BASE MATERIAL	TONS	130	75.00	9,750.00
19	BORROW EXCAVATION	CY	50	40.00	2,000.00
20	36" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	32	125.00	4,000.00
21	58" X 36" RCAP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	612	244.00	149,328.00
22	58" X 36" RCAP FLARED END SECTION	EA	1	2,500.00	2,500.00
23	R.C. GRATE INLET W/3'X3' CAST IRON GRATE, PER PLANS	EA	1	5,800.00	5,800.00
24	R.C. CURB INLET, TYPE SS-2	EA	5	8,250.00	41,250.00
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26	CONCRETE, CLASS B	CY	5	2,000.00	10,000.00
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32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	3,000.00	3,000.00
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>373,513.00</b>

BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
JUNE, 2023

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED BID NOTICE, GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY FOR THE REFERENCED BID, THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AGREE TO FURNISH THE DEFINED MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PRICES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. BIDDER AGREES TO SPECIFIED PRICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY UNTIL THE CLOSEOUT OF THE PROJECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Townes Construction Co. inc  
(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: Armstead Townes

NAME AND TITLE: Armstead Townes III / President  
(PLEASE PRINT)

(SEAL)  
IF BY CORPORATION

ADDRESS: 14398 Hwy 8 west  
Grenada MS 38901

PHONE NUMBER: (662) 226-7816

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**CORPORATE CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if BIDDER is a Corporation)

I, Lena Townes certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing Proposal; that Armstrong Townes who signed said Proposal on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, was then President of said Corporation; that said Proposal was duly signed for and in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Name: Lena TownesTitle: SecretarySignature: Lena Townes(CORPORATE SEAL)  
  

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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Yalobusha

I, Armstead Townes III  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of Townes Construction Co, Inc  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

(a) That Townes Construction Co, Inc, Bidder on the "VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" for **Tupelo, MS**, has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; nor have any of its officers, partners, employees or principal owners.

(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal government of the United States of America or any of their agencies.

Signature Armstead Townes III

Title Pres.



(SEAL)  
Sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Estella R. Townes, Notary Public

My commission expires August 12 2024

**NOTE: FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN AND NOTARIZE THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL DISQUALIFY THE BID.**

# GRANITE RE, INC.

## Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we Townes Construction Co., Inc, 16398 Hwy 8, West  
Grenada, MS 38901

as principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and

Granite Re, Inc., 14001 Quailbrook Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety,  
are held and firmly bound unto City of Tupelo, 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, MS 38804

as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of

Five Percent of the Bid Amount, Dollars (\$ 5% of amount bid )

for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our  
heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for

Project: Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements  
Bid No. 2023-032PW

Bid Date: 7/21/2023

The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Obligee accepts the bid of the Principal within the time specified in the bid documents or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Obligee and Principal, and the Principal either (1) enters into a contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Obligee, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Obligee the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Obligee and Principal to extend the time in which the Obligee may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids, and the Obligee and Principal shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of July, 2023.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Townes Construction Co., Inc  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title (Seal)

Granite Re, Inc.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney in Fact John G. Raines (Seal)



GRANITE RE, INC.
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

JOHN E. MARCHETTI; DAVID RAY ROBERTSON; JOHN G. RAINES; TAMMY D. VERNON; KELLI E. BURNUM; RITA G. CLARK; SHERRILL A. KELLEY its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

JOHN E. MARCHETTI; DAVID RAY ROBERTSON; JOHN G. RAINES; TAMMY D. VERNON; KELLI E. BURNUM; RITA G. CLARK; SHERRILL A. KELLEY may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 3rd day of January, 2020.



[Signature of Kenneth D. Whittington]
Kenneth D. Whittington, President

[Signature of Kyle P. McDonald]
Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF OKLAHOMA )
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA )

On this 3rd day of January, 2020, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. Company and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.



[Signature of Bethany J. Alred]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2027
Commission #: 11003620

GRANITE RE, INC.
Certificate

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Granite Re, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Granite Re, Inc. and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

"RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this
21st day of July, 20 23.



[Signature of Kyle P. McDonald]
Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

Paul Smithey Construction Company, Inc.  
PO Box 357  
Belden, MS 38826

Certificate of Responsibility Number  
04370-MC

Bid To: Tupelo Public Works Department  
City of Tupelo  
71 East Troy Street  
Tupelo, MS 38804

Bid For: Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements  
Bid No. 2023-032PW





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these present to be signed by their officers, the day and year first set forth above.

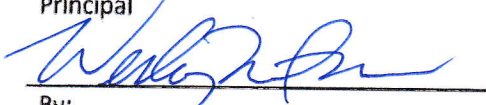
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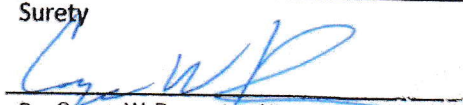
(L.S.)

The Gray Casualty & Surety Company

Principal

Surety





By:

By: Cooper W. Permenter, Attorney-in-Fact/MS Resident Agent

**IMPORTANT:** Surety companies executing BONDS must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

\*\*\* END OF SECTION \*\*\*

**THE GRAY INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE GRAY CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY**

**GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**Bond Number:** Bid Bond      **Principal:** Paul Smithey Construction Co., Inc.

**Project:** Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, corporations duly organized and existing under the laws of Louisiana, and having their principal offices in Metairie, Louisiana, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint: Joseph Madden III, Richard L. Powell, Richard L. Powell Jr., Mark E. Harris, Keith W. Brown, Tona Jo Hunter, Cooper W. Permenter, Daniel B. Dickens, and Ric Stallings of Memphis, Tennessee jointly and severally on behalf of each of the Companies named above its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf and as its deed, bonds, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, as surety, contracts of suretyship as are or may be required or permitted by law, regulation, contract or otherwise, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed the amount of \$25,000,000.00.

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of both The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company at meetings duly called and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

"RESOLVED, that the President, Executive Vice President, any Vice President, or the Secretary be and each or any of them hereby is authorized to execute a power of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute on behalf of the Company bonds, undertakings, and all contracts of surety, and that each or any of them is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of such Power of Attorney, and to attach the seal of the Company; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be binding upon the Company now and in the future when so affixed with regard to any bond, undertaking or contract of surety to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company have caused their official seals to be hereinto affixed, and these presents to be signed by their authorized officers this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.



By:

*Michael T. Gray*

Michael T. Gray  
President  
The Gray Insurance Company

*Cullen S. Piske*

Cullen S. Piske  
President  
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company



State of Louisiana

ss:

Parish of Jefferson

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael T. Gray, President of The Gray Insurance Company, and Cullen S. Piske, President of The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, personally known to me, being duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney and affixed the seals of the companies as officers of, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed, of their companies.



Leigh Anne Henican  
Notary Public  
Notary ID No. 92653  
Orleans Parish, Louisiana

*Leigh Anne Henican*

Leigh Anne Henican  
Notary Public, Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana  
My Commission is for Life

I, Mark S. Manguno, Secretary of The Gray Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney given by the companies, which is still in full force and effect. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seals of the Company this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023

*Mark Manguno*

I, Leigh Anne Henican, Secretary of The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, do hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney given by the companies, which is still in full force and effect. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seals of the Company this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023

*Leigh Anne Henican*





**PROPOSAL**

Proposal of Paul Smithay Construction Co, Inc (hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi doing business as a (corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or individual) to **TUPELO, MS**, (hereinafter called "OWNER"). In compliance with your advertisement for Bids, BIDDER, hereby proposes to perform all WORK for construction of

**"VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**

in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" and to fully complete the Project within **45** consecutive calendar days thereafter. BIDDER further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$300** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided for elsewhere in these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: <u>  # 1  </u>	DATE: <u>  7-17-23  </u>
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to this bid.

BIDDER understands that the quantities mentioned below are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease, and hereby proposes to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work at the Unit Price Bid.

In accordance with the requirements of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents, BIDDER proposes to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, labor, tools and other means of construction and to construct the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the specified Contract Time for the following Unit Prices specified.

BIDDER further agrees to execute the contract agreement as bound herein within ten (10) days after receipt of contract forms from the OWNER.

BIDDER agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount provided herein for each consecutive calendar day after the Contract completion date specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" that he fails to complete the work unless the Contract Time is extended by a written Change Order.

BIDDER also proposes to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, as shown in the Specifications, each in an amount of not less than **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total of the Base Bid. These Bonds shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on the BIDDERS part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted.

BIDDER encloses a Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of Base Bid Amount DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) and hereby agree that in case of failure to execute the Contract and furnish the required Bonds within (10) days after the Receipt of Contract Forms, the amount of this Certified Check or Bid Bond will be forfeited to the OWNER, as liquidated damages arising out of his failure to execute the Contract as proposed.

It is understood that in case BIDDER is awarded the work, the Certified Check or Bid Bond submitted as Bid security will be returned as stipulated in the Specifications.

Further, the BIDDER agrees to abide by the requirements under Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, including specifically the provision of the Equal Opportunity Clause set forth in the Federal Requirements, if applicable.

The low BIDDER shall supply the names and address of major MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS when required to do so by the OWNER.

Inspection trips for prospective BIDDERS will be coordinated thru OWNER prior to submission of proposal.

BIDDER agrees to perform all the work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the following unit prices or base bid amount: **SEE PAGE D-4 FOR BID ITEMS.**

**NOTES:**

1. Unit price amounts are to be shown in figures where indicated. Where a discrepancy in the unit price and the extension of any items occurs, the unit price will govern.
2. Unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bonding, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for.
3. Any erasure, change or alteration of any kind must be initialed by the BIDDER.
4. Bid prices shall include sales tax and all other applicable taxes and fees.
5. Any item of work not specified on the Proposal as a separate pay item or indicated as an absorbed cost in a pay item but which is incidental to completion of the work shall be considered as an absorbed cost with full compensation included in the unit price bid for the particular item involved.
6. OWNER reserves the right to award any combination of base and additive alternate bids (if any) it deems advantageous and in the event that all specified bid item units are lump sum (LS), the OWNER reserves the right to delete any such item or combination of such items from the project. The OWNER further reserves the right to delete any item or items desired from the Bid Schedule after the Contract has been awarded. Any deletions, if any made, shall be by Change Order and BIDDER hereby agrees to accept such Change Orders.




**BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW**  
**CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1**

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	15,975.00	15,975.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	5,325.00	5,325.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	1,065.00	1,065.00
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	1,917.00	1,917.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	31.95	1,597.50
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	42.60	8,520.00
7	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	SY	15	117.15	1,757.25
8	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	345	10.65	3,674.25
9	REMOVAL OF EXISTING GRATE INLET	EA	1	2,130.00	2,130.00
10	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CURB INLET	EA	5	2,130.00	10,650.00
11	REMOVAL OF 36" RCP	LF	32	53.25	1,704.00
12	REMOVAL OF 48" CMP	LF	602	31.95	19,233.90
13	CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	63.90	3,195.00
14	ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE	TONS	25	330.15	8,253.75
15	ASPHALT BASE COURSE	TONS	35	330.15	11,555.25
16	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SY	15	148.04	2,220.60
17	SAWCUTTING	LF	150	10.65	1,597.50
18	CRUSHED STONE SUB-BASE MATERIAL	TONS	130	85.20	11,076.00
19	BORROW EXCAVATION	CY	50	26.63	1,331.50
20	36" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	32	143.04	4,577.28
21	58" X 36" RCAP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	612	295.16	180,637.92
22	58" X 36" RCAP FLARED END SECTION	EA	1	3,509.45	3,509.45
23	R.C. GRATE INLET W/3'X3' CAST IRON GRATE, PER PLANS	EA	1	4,706.93	4,706.93
24	R.C. CURB INLET, TYPE SS-2	EA	5	7,410.22	37,051.10
25	14" STEEL CASING RETROFIT	LF	10	226.85	2,268.50
26	CONCRETE, CLASS B	CY	5	1,065.00	5,325.00
27	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	350	50.06	17,521.00
28	CONNECT TO EXISTING PIPES	EA	2	1,597.50	3,195.00
29	SOLID SODDING	SY	1200	9.32	11,184.00
30	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	3,195.00	3,195.00
31	LANDSCAPING	LS	1	3,195.00	3,195.00
32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	1,863.75	1,863.75
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	1,597.50	1,597.50
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>392,605.93</b>

**BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED BID NOTICE, GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY FOR THE REFERENCED BID, THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AGREE TO FURNISH THE DEFINED MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PRICES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. BIDDER AGREES TO SPECIFIED PRICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY UNTIL THE CLOSEOUT OF THE PROJECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Paul Smith Const. Co. Inc.  
(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: 

NAME AND TITLE: Wesley Nelson President  
(PLEASE PRINT)

(SEAL)  
IF BY CORPORATION

ADDRESS: PO Box 357  
Belden, MS 38826

PHONE NUMBER: 662-844-0794

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**CORPORATE CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if BIDDER is a Corporation)

I, Marjorie Randle certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing Proposal; that Wesley Nelson who signed said Proposal on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, was then President of said Corporation; that said Proposal was duly signed for and in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Name: Marjorie RandleTitle: SecretarySignature: Marjorie Randle

(CORPORATE SEAL)

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, Wesley Nelson  
(name of person signing affidavit)

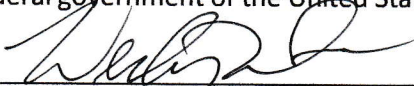
individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of Paul Smithery Construction Co. Inc.  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

(a) That Paul Smithery Const. Co. Inc. Bidder on the "VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" for **Tupelo, MS**, has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; nor have any of its officers, partners, employees or principal owners.

(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal government of the United States of America or any of their agencies.

Signature 

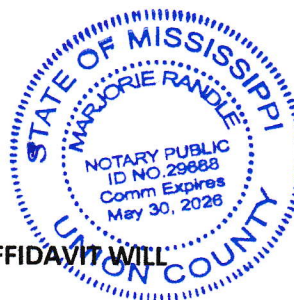
Title President

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

Marjorie Randle, Notary Public

My commission expires May 30, 2026



**NOTE: FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN AND NOTARIZE THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL DISQUALIFY THE BID.**

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, Wesley Nelson  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of Paul Smithey Construction Co., Inc.  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

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Signature Wesley Nelson

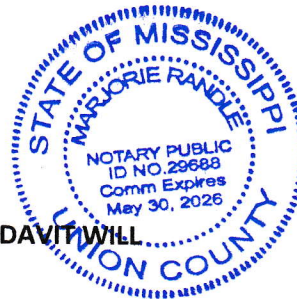
Title President

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

Marjorie Randle, Notary Public

My commission expires May 30, 2026



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**PROPOSAL**

Proposal of ENSCOR, LLC (hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of TENNESSEE doing business as a (corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or individual) to **TUPELO, MS**, (hereinafter called "OWNER"). In compliance with your advertisement for Bids, BIDDER, hereby proposes to perform all WORK for construction of

**"VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**

in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" and to fully complete the Project within **45** consecutive calendar days thereafter. BIDDER further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of **\$300** for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided for elsewhere in these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: <u>1</u>	DATE: <u>JULY 17, 2023</u>
NUMBER: _____	DATE: _____
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Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to this bid.

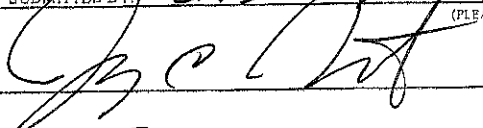
BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
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ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	8000.00	8000.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	10,000.00	10000.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	500.00	500.00
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	14280.00	14280.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	10.00	500.00
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	5.00	1000.00
7	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	SY	15	10.00	150.00
8	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	345	10.00	3450.00
9	REMOVAL OF EXISTING GRATE INLET	EA	1	1000.00	1000.00
10	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CURB INLET	EA	5	1000.00	5000.00
11	REMOVAL OF 36" RCP	LF	32	40.00	1280.00
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14	ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE	TONS	25	250.00	6250.00
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23	R.C. GRATE INLET W/3'X3' CAST IRON GRATE, PER PLANS	EA	1	12000.00	12000.00
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26	CONCRETE, CLASS B	CY	5	1000.00	5000.00
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29	SOLID SODDING	SY	1200	7.00	8400.00
30	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	5000.00	5000.00
31	LANDSCAPING	LS	1	6000.00	6000.00
32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	2500.00	2500.00
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	6500.00	6500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>436,415.00</b>

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: ENSCOR, LLC  
(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: 

NAME AND TITLE: JEFF SMITH, OWNER  
(PLEASE PRINT)

(SEAL)  
IF BY CORPORATION

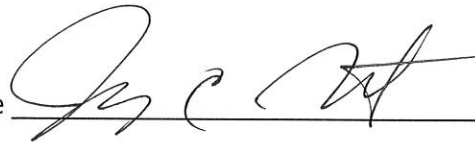
ADDRESS: 5566 COMMANDER DR.  
ARLINGTON, TN 38002

PHONE NUMBER: 901-277-6623

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if BIDDER is a LLC)

I, the undersigned JEFF SMITH, hereby certify that I am the Manager of ENSCOR, LLC (All Caps) (the "Company") or if the Company does not have a Manager, a Member of the Company with full power and authority to bind the Company; that JEFF SMITH who executed the Proposal on behalf of the Company is OWNER of the Company with full power and authority to execute same on behalf of the Company, and that the Proposal and the Contract, if awarded to the Company, are within the powers and authority of the Company.

Signature 

Title OWNER

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Cynthia H Smith, Notary Public

My commission expires Oct 25, 2026





**NONRESIDENT BIDDER CERTIFICATE**

(to be executed if a BIDDER is a nonresident)

I, JEFF SMITH, hereby certify that the CONTRACTOR, ENSCOR, LLC, is domiciled in the State of TENNESSEE

and (check and complete one):

attached is a copy of the State of TENNESSEE's current law pertaining to the treatment of nonresident CONTRACTORS. Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_ of said law grants resident CONTRACTORS a 0 percent preference over nonresident CONTRACTORS for similar projects.

the State of \_\_\_\_\_ has no current law pertaining to the treatment of nonresident contractors.

I claim "resident contractor" status based upon having been qualified to do business in this state and having maintained a permanent full-time office in the State of Mississippi for two (2) years prior to January 1, 1986. Proof of such claim must be submitted and approved before contract is signed.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
Title OWNER

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

[Handwritten Signature], Notary Public

My commission expires Oct 25, 2024





**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF ~~MISSISSIPPI~~ TN  
COUNTY OF SHREVEPORT

I, JEFF SMITH  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as OWNER  
(title)

of ENSCOR, LLC  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

(a) That ENSCOR, LLC, Bidder on the "VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" for **Tupelo, MS**, has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; nor have any of its officers, partners, employees or principal owners.

(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal government of the United States of America or any of their agencies.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Title OWNER

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

[Handwritten Signature], Notary Public

My commission expires Oct 25, 2024



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(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF ~~MISSISSIPPI~~ TN  
COUNTY OF SHADY

I, JEFF SMITH  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as OWNER  
(title)

of ENSCOR, LLC  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

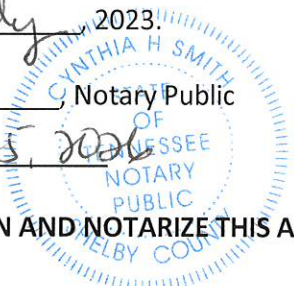
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Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
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(SEAL)  
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Cynthia H. Smith, Notary Public  
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## BID BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That ENSCOR, LLC  
 (Name of Contractor)

5566 Commander Drive, Arlington, TN 38002  
 (Address of Contractor)

a. Limited Liability Company hereinafter called "Principal", and  
 (Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company or  
 Individual)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America hereinafter called  
 "Surety",  
 (Name of Surety)

are held and firmly bound unto TUPELO, MS, hereinafter called "OWNER" in the penal sum of 5% of Total Bid, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed, this the 21st day of July 2023. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to TUPELO, MS a certain BID, attached hereto and hereby made a part thereof to enter into a contract in writing, for the construction of:

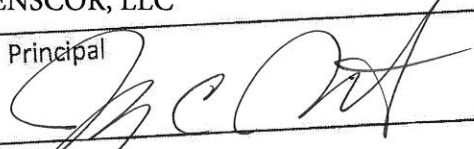
**"VAN BUREN AVE; DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**


NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said BID shall be rejected, or
- (b) If said BID shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract on the Contract form as attached hereto (properly completed in accordance with said BID) and shall furnish BONDS for his faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection herewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said BID, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise the same shall remain in effect; It being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its BOND shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the OWNER may accept such BID; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and the present to be signed by their officers, the day and year first set forth above.

ENSCOR, LLC  
Principal  
  
By:

(L.S.)  
Travelers Casualty and Surety  
Company of America  
Surety  
  
By: Cooper W. Permenter  
Attorney-in-Fact/MS Resident Agent

**IMPORTANT:** Surety companies executing BONDS must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

\*\*\* END OF SECTION \*\*\*





**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America**  
**Travelers Casualty and Surety Company**  
**St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **COOPER W PERMENTER** of **OXFORD**, **Mississippi**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April**, 2021.



State of Connecticut

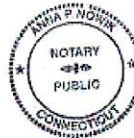
City of Hartford ss.

By:   
 Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April**, 2021, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June**, 2026



  
 Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **21st** day of **July**, 2023



  
 Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

**To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.**  
**Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.**

**12-4-802. Allowance of bidding preferences — Reciprocity. —**

Whenever the lowest responsible and responsive bidder on a public construction project in this state is a resident of another state which is contiguous to Tennessee and which allows a preference to a resident contractor of that state, a like reciprocal preference is allowed to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder on such project who is either a resident of this state or is a resident of another state which does not allow for a preference to a resident contractor of that state.

[Acts 1990, ch. 1062, § 3.]

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BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

- NUMBER: Addendum #1 DATE: July 17,2023
- NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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BIDDER understands that the quantities mentioned below are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease, and hereby proposes to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work at the Unit Price Bid.

In accordance with the requirements of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents, BIDDER proposes to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, labor, tools and other means of construction and to construct the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the specified Contract Time for the following Unit Prices specified.

BIDDER further agrees to execute the contract agreement as bound herein within ten (10) days after receipt of contract forms from the OWNER.

BIDDER agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount provided herein for each consecutive calendar day after the Contract completion date specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" that he fails to complete the work unless the Contract Time is extended by a written Change Order.

BIDDER also proposes to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, as shown in the Specifications, each in an amount of not less than **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total of the Base Bid. These Bonds shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on the BIDDERS part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted.

BIDDER encloses a Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of Base Bid Amount DOLLARS (\$ 5% of bid amount ) and hereby agree that in case of failure to execute the Contract and furnish the required Bonds within (10) days after the Receipt of Contract Forms, the amount of this Certified Check or Bid Bond will be forfeited to the OWNER, as liquidated damages arising out of his failure to execute the Contract as proposed.

It is understood that in case BIDDER is awarded the work, the Certified Check or Bid Bond submitted as Bid security will be returned as stipulated in the Specifications.



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CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1**

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1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$56,500.00	\$56,500.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	\$522.50	\$522.50
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	\$17.50	\$875.00
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	\$30.00	\$6,000.00
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25	14" STEEL CASING RETROFIT	LF	10	\$150.00	\$1,500.00
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27	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	350	\$34.75	\$12,162.50
28	CONNECT TO EXISTING PIPES	EA	2	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
29	SOLID SODDING	SY	1200	\$7.50	\$9,000.00
30	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	\$3,225.00	\$3,225.00
31	LANDSCAPING	LS	1	\$6,825.00	\$6,825.00
32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	\$2,875.00	\$2,875.00
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	\$6,725.00	\$6,725.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$481,578.00</b>

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JUNE, 2023**

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JA Hodges Construction, Inc.

(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



NAME AND TITLE: James A Hodges President

(PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS: James A Hodges Construction, Inc,

1281A CR 811

Saltillo, MS 38866

PHONE NUMBER: 662-842-8538



(SEAL)  
IF BY CORPORATION

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**CORPORATE CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if BIDDER is a Corporation)

I, James A Hodges certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing Proposal; that James A Hodges who signed said Proposal on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, was then Owner of said Corporation; that said Proposal was duly signed for and in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Name: James A Hodges

Title: President

Signature: 

(CORPORATE SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_



**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, James A Hodges  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of James A Hodges Construction, Inc.  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

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(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal government of the United States of America or any of their agencies.

Signature *James A Hodges*

Title President

(SEAL)  
Sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

Allison Wood, Notary Public

My commission expires December 9, 2026



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**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, James A Hodges  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of James A Hodges Construction, Inc.  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

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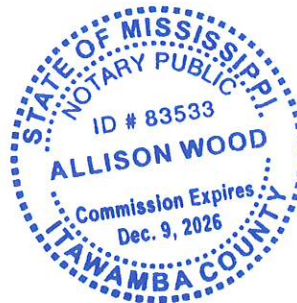
Signature *James A Hodges*

Title President

(SEAL)  
Sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## AIA Document A310 Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE James A. Hodges Construction Inc.  
1281 County Road 811, Salttillo, MS 38866

as Principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company  
P.O. Box 6202, Metairie, LA 70009-6202

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of LA  
as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto City of Tupelo, MS

as Obligee, hereinafter called the Obligee, in the sum of Five Percent of Amount Bid  
Dollars (\$ 5% ),  
for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligee shall accept the bid of the Principal and the Principal shall enter into a Contract with the Obligee in accordance with the terms of such bid, and give such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents with good and sufficient surety for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and materials furnished in the prosecution thereof, or in the event of the failure of the Principal to enter such Contract and give such bond or bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Obligee the difference not to exceed the penalty hereof between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Obligee may in good faith contract with another party to perform the Work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of July



James A. Hodges Construction Inc.  
(Principal)

Robin Rodgers  
(Witness)

By: [Signature] President  
(Title)

The Gray Casualty & Surety Company  
(Surety) (Seal)

Mark Jordan  
(Witness)



By: [Signature] Fielden Mitts  
Attorney-in-Fact (Title)

THE GRAY INSURANCE COMPANY  
THE GRAY CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY  
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, corporations duly organized and existing under the laws of Louisiana, and having their principal offices in Metairie, Louisiana, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint: **Fielden Mitts** on behalf of each of the Companies named above its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf and as its deed, bonds, or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, as surety, contracts of suretyship as are or may be required or permitted by law, regulation, contract or otherwise, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed the amount of \$10,000,000.

Surety Bond Number: Bid Bond  
Principal: James A. Hodges Construction Inc.  
Obligee: City of Tupelo, MS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of both The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company at meetings duly called and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

"RESOLVED, that the President, Executive Vice President, any Vice President, or the Secretary be and each or any of them hereby is authorized to execute a power of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute on behalf of the Company bonds, undertakings, and all contracts of surety, and that each or any of them is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of such Power of Attorney, and to attach the seal of the Company; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be binding upon the Company now and in the future when so affixed with regard to any bond, undertaking or contract of surety to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company have caused their official seals to be hereinto affixed, and these presents to be signed by their authorized officers this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



By:

*Michael T. Gray*

Michael T. Gray  
President, The Gray Insurance Company  
and  
Vice President,  
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company

Attest:

*Mark S. Manguno*

Mark S. Manguno  
Secretary,  
The Gray Insurance Company,  
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company



State of Louisiana

ss:

Parish of Jefferson

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Michael T. Gray, President of The Gray Insurance Company and Vice President of The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, and Mark S. Manguno, Secretary of The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, personally known to me, being duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney and affixed the seals of the companies as officers of, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed, of their companies.



*Lisa S. Millar*

Lisa S. Millar, Notary Public, Parish of Orleans  
State of Louisiana  
My Commission is for Life

I, Mark S. Manguno, Secretary of The Gray Insurance Company and The Gray Casualty & Surety Company, do hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney given by the companies, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seals of the Companies this 21st day of July, 2023.



*Mark S. Manguno*

Mark S. Manguno, Secretary  
The Gray Insurance Company  
The Gray Casualty & Surety Company

# Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.

P. O. Box 2069

Columbus, Ms 39704

Certificate of Responsibility # 00229-MC



Bid Submitted To:

City of Tupelo

Attn: Mayor and City Council

Purchasing Office, City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

71 East Troy Street

Tupelo, Ms 38804

1032

Bid for Project No. 2023-032PW

Project Name Van Buren Ave. Drainage Improvements

Project Location Tupelo, Ms

Bid Date 7/21/2023

Bid Time 10:00am Local Time



**PROPOSAL**

Proposal of Phillips Contracting Co., Inc. (hereinafter called "BIDDER"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi doing business as a (corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or individual) to **TUPELO, MS**, (hereinafter called "OWNER"). In compliance with your advertisement for Bids, BIDDER, hereby proposes to perform all WORK for construction of

**"VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**

in strict accordance with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, within the time set forth herein, and at the prices stated below. By submission of the BID, each BIDDER certifies, and in the case of a joint BID each party thereto certifies as to his own organization, that this BID has been developed independently, without consultation, communication or agreement as to any matter relating to this BID with any other BIDDER or with any competitor.

BIDDER hereby agrees to commence WORK under this contract on or before a date to be specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" and to fully complete the Project within 45 consecutive calendar days thereafter. BIDDER further agrees to pay as liquidated damages, the sum of \$300 for each consecutive calendar day thereafter as provided for elsewhere in these CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: 1 DATE: 7/17/23  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to this bid.

BIDDER understands that the quantities mentioned below are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease, and hereby proposes to perform any increased or decreased quantities of work at the Unit Price Bid.

In accordance with the requirements of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents, BIDDER proposes to furnish all necessary materials, equipment, labor, tools and other means of construction and to construct the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents within the specified Contract Time for the following Unit Prices specified.

BIDDER further agrees to execute the contract agreement as bound herein within ten (10) days after receipt of contract forms from the OWNER.

BIDDER agrees to pay as liquidated damages the amount provided herein for each consecutive calendar day after the Contract completion date specified in a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" that he fails to complete the work unless the Contract Time is extended by a written Change Order.

BIDDER also proposes to execute a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, as shown in the Specifications, each in an amount of not less than **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total of the Base Bid. These Bonds shall not only serve to guarantee the completion of the work on the BIDDERS part, but also to guarantee the excellence of both workmanship and materials until the work is finally accepted.

BIDDER encloses a Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of Base Bid Amount DOLLARS

(\$ 59066.11) and hereby agree that in case of failure to execute the Contract and furnish the required Bonds within (10) days after the Receipt of Contract Forms, the amount of this Certified Check or Bid Bond will be forfeited to the OWNER, as liquidated damages arising out of his failure to execute the Contract as proposed.

It is understood that in case BIDDER is awarded the work, the Certified Check or Bid Bond submitted as Bid security will be returned as stipulated in the Specifications.

Further, the BIDDER agrees to abide by the requirements under Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, including specifically the provision of the Equal Opportunity Clause set forth in the Federal Requirements, if applicable.

The low BIDDER shall supply the names and address of major MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS when required to do so by the OWNER.

Inspection trips for prospective BIDDERS will be coordinated thru OWNER prior to submission of proposal.

BIDDER agrees to perform all the work described in the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS for the following unit prices or base bid amount: **SEE PAGE D-4 FOR BID ITEMS.**

**NOTES:**

1. Unit price amounts are to be shown in figures where indicated. Where a discrepancy in the unit price and the extension of any items occurs, the unit price will govern.
2. Unit prices shall include all labor, materials, bonding, shoring, removal, overhead, profit, insurance, etc., to cover the finished work of the several kinds called for.
3. Any erasure, change or alteration of any kind must be initialed by the BIDDER.
4. Bid prices shall include sales tax and all other applicable taxes and fees.
5. Any item of work not specified on the Proposal as a separate pay item or indicated as an absorbed cost in a pay item but which is incidental to completion of the work shall be considered as an absorbed cost with full compensation included in the unit price bid for the particular item involved.
6. OWNER reserves the right to award any combination of base and additive alternate bids (if any) it deems advantageous and in the event that all specified bid item units are lump sum (LS), the OWNER reserves the right to delete any such item or combination of such items from the project. The OWNER further reserves the right to delete any item or items desired from the Bid Schedule after the Contract has been awarded. Any deletions, if any made, shall be by Change Order and BIDDER hereby agrees to accept such Change Orders.



**BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW**  
**CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1**

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QNTY.	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	115,000.00	115,000.00
2	CLEARING & GRUBBING	LS	1	30,500.00	30,500.00
3	REMOVE & REPLACE STREET SIGN	EA	1	500.00	500.00
4	REMOVE & REPLACE ELECTRICAL	LS	1	5,000.00	5,000.00
5	REMOVAL OF CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	10.00	500.00
6	REMOVAL OF ASPHALT PAVEMENT	SY	200	50.00	10,000.00
7	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY	SY	15	50.00	750.00
8	REMOVAL OF CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	345	30.00	10,350.00
9	REMOVAL OF EXISTING GRATE INLET	EA	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
10	REMOVAL OF EXISTING CURB INLET	EA	5	2,000.00	10,000.00
11	REMOVAL OF 36" RCP	LF	32	50.00	1,600.00
12	REMOVAL OF 48" CMP	LF	602	50.00	30,100.00
13	CHAIN LINK FENCE	LF	50	50.00	2,500.00
14	ASPHALT SURFACE COURSE	TONS	25	350.00	8,750.00
15	ASPHALT BASE COURSE	TONS	35	350.00	12,250.00
16	CONCRETE DRIVEWAY PAVEMENT	SY	15	300.00	4,500.00
17	SAWCUTTING	LF	150	10.00	1,500.00
18	CRUSHED STONE SUB-BASE MATERIAL	TONS	130	105.00	13,650.00
19	BORROW EXCAVATION	CY	50	100.00	5,000.00
20	36" RCP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	32	430.00	13,760.00
21	58" X 36" RCAP DRAINAGE PIPE	LF	612	430.00	263,160.00
22	58" X 36" RCAP FLARED END SECTION	EA	1	5,500.00	5,500.00
23	R.C. GRATE INLET W/3'X3' CAST IRON GRATE. PER PLANS	EA	1	9,400.00	9,400.00
24	R.C. CURB INLET, TYPE SS-2	EA	5	9,400.00	47,000.00
25	14" STEEL CASING RETROFIT	LF	10	1,000.00	10,000.00
26	CONCRETE, CLASS B	CY	5	2,500.00	12,500.00
27	CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER	LF	350	57.50	20,125.00
28	CONNECT TO EXISTING PIPES	EA	2	2,500.00	5,000.00
29	SOLID SODDING	SY	1200	10.00	12,000.00
30	EROSION CONTROL	LS	1	5,000.00	5,000.00
31	LANDSCAPING	LS	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
32	TEMPORARY POWER POLE SUPPORT	LS	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
33	TEMPORARY FENCING	LS	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>697,895.00</b>

**BID FORM - BID NO. 2023-032PW  
CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI  
VAN BUREN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
07/17/2023 - ADDENDUM NO. 1**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED BID NOTICE, GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY FOR THE REFERENCED BID, THE UNDERSIGNED DOES HEREBY AGREE TO FURNISH THE DEFINED MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI FOR THE PRICES AS SPECIFIED HEREIN. BIDDER AGREES TO SPECIFIED PRICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY UNTIL THE CLOSEOUT OF THE PROJECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.  
(PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE: 

NAME AND TITLE: Blake Hill President  
(PLEASE PRINT)

(SEAL)  
IF BY CORPORATION

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 753  
Columbus, MS 39705

PHONE NUMBER: 662-328-6250

D-4b

**CORPORATE CERTIFICATE**

(To be executed if BIDDER is a Corporation)

I, Doug Phillips certify that I am the Secretary of the Corporation named as CONTRACTOR in the foregoing Proposal; that Blake Hill who signed said Proposal on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, was then President of said Corporation; that said Proposal was duly signed for and in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

Name: Doug Phillips

Title: Secretary

Signature: Doug Phillips

(CORPORATE SEAL)





**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, Blake Hill  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
(title)

of Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.  
(name of firm, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.)

being duly sworn, on oath do depose and say as follows:

(a) That Phillips Contracting Co., Inc. Bidder on the "VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS" for Tupelo, MS, has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this contract; nor have any of its officers, partners, employees or principal owners.

(b) further, that neither said legal entity nor any of its directors, officers, partners, principal owners or managerial employees are currently debarred from bidding on public contracts by the State of Mississippi or any of its agencies; or by one or more of the other states or any of their agencies; or by the Federal government of the United States of America or any of their agencies.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Title President

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 25th day of February, 2023.

[Handwritten Signature], Notary Public  
My commission expires 1/28/27



NOTE: FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN AND NOTARIZE THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL DISQUALIFY THE BID.

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**  
(TO BE EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Lee

I, Blake Hill  
(name of person signing affidavit)

individually, and in my capacity as President  
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Signature [Signature]

Title President

(SEAL)

Sworn before me this 2/13 2023.

[Signature] Notary Public

My commission expires 1/28/27  
January 28, 2027



NOTE: FAILURE TO PROPERLY SIGN AND NOTARIZE THIS AFFIDAVIT WILL DISQUALIFY THE BID.



**BID BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.  
(Name of Contractor)

P.O. Box 7530 , Columbus , MS 39705  
(Address of Contractor)

a Corporation hereinafter called "Principal", and  
(Corporation, Partnership, Limited Liability Company or  
Individual)

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland hereinafter called  
"Surety",  
(Name of Surety)

are held and firmly bound unto **TUPELO, MS**, hereinafter called "**OWNER**" in the penal sum of 5%  
of Total Bid, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, successors,  
and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Signed, this the 21st day of July  
2023. The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Principal has submitted to  
**TUPELO, MS** a certain BID, attached hereto and hereby made a part thereof to enter into a contract  
in writing, for the construction of:

**"VAN BUREN AVE. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS"**

NOW, THEREFORE,

- (a) If said BID shall be rejected, or,
- (b) If said BID shall be accepted and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract on the Contract form as attached hereto (properly completed in accordance with said BID) and shall furnish BONDS for his faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection herewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said BID, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise the same shall remain in effect; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall, in no event, exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its BOND shall be in no way impaired or affected by any extension of the time within which the OWNER may accept such BID; and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these present to be signed by their officers, the day and year first set forth above.

Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.  
Principal

(L.S.)

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland  
Surety

By: 

By: 

By: Peggy A. Jackson, Attorney-in-Fact  
Resident MS Agent/Fisher Brown Bottrell Insurance, Inc.



**IMPORTANT:**

Surety companies executing BONDS must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the state where the project is located.

\*\*\* END OF SECTION \*\*\*

ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY  
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND  
POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Illinois, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Illinois (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by **Robert D. Murray, Vice President**, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint **Taylor LEGGETT, Amanda Jean CHARFAUROS, Jerry Eugene HORNER JR., Jason J. YOUNG, Trina COBB, Peggy L. JACKSON, Stephen Wesley PRICE JR., all of Jackson, Mississippi**, its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: **any and all bonds and undertakings**, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 21st day of November, A.D. 2022.



ATTEST:  
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY  
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

By: *Robert D. Murray*  
Vice President

By: *Dawn E. Brown*  
Secretary

State of Maryland  
County of Baltimore

On this 21st day of November, A.D. 2022, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, **Robert D. Murray, Vice President and Dawn E. Brown, Secretary** of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2023

Authenticity of this bond can be confirmed at [bondvalidator.zurichna.com](http://bondvalidator.zurichna.com) or 410-559-8790



**EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES**

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 21st day of July, 2023.



*MJ Pethick*

By: Mary Jean Pethick  
Vice President

**TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL ON THE BOND, THE BOND NUMBER, AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO:**

Zurich Surety Claims  
1299 Zurich Way  
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056  
Ph: 800-626-4577

If your jurisdiction allows for electronic reporting of surety claims, please submit to:  
[reportsfclaims@zurichna.com](mailto:reportsfclaims@zurichna.com)

Authenticity of this bond can be confirmed at [bondvalidator.zurichna.com](http://bondvalidator.zurichna.com) or 410-559-8790



## AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Chuck Williams – Director / Public Works  
**DATE** July 21, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR 6 MONTH SUPPLY HOT MIX  
2023-031PW JULY 2023 - CW

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**Request:**

Requesting bid approval for the 6 Month Supply Hot Mix Bid

Bid No. 2023-031PW

We had one bidder respond.

APAC – MS

Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Mix – 110.00 / YD

Hot Bituminous Pavement Binder Mix – 100.00 / YD

We request to award the bid to the sole bidder.

# Minute Entry Sign Up Sheet

Date: 7/20/2023

Time: 10:00

Bid # 2023-031PW

Department: PW

Project: Hot Mix 6 Month Suppy

Attendance

Company

Trac Dillard  
Michael Smith  
Josh Gibbs

COT  
COT  
COT



**BID FORM**

**HOT MIX ASPHALT  
6-MONTH SUPPLY BID  
BID # 2023-031PW**

The undersigned proposes to provide materials which meet the specifications provided. The undersigned certifies that the minimum specifications, terms and conditions contained in this BID have been considered and understood. By submitting a proposal, I/We do certify that the commodities offered do meet the specifications contained in this Invitation to Bid.

<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>
<u>Item 1:</u> Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Mix – Pickup by City	\$110.00
<u>Item 2:</u> Hot Bituminous Pavement Surface Mix – Delivered)	N/A
<u>Item 3:</u> Hot Bituminous Pavement Binder Mix – Pickup by City	\$100.00
Item 4: Hot Bituminous Pavement Binder Mix – Delivered	N/A

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES receipt of the following ADDENDA:

NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIDDER INFORMATION:**

Company Name: APAC-MS Inc.  
Company Representative: Ashley Sansing  
Title: Sales

**Business Address:**

Street: 101 Riverview Dr.  
City: Pearl State: MS Zip: 39208  
Signature of Bidder: Ashley Sansing  
Date: 7-7-2023



**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Tupelo, Mississippi will receive bids for:

**HOT MIX ASPHALT  
6-MONTH SUPPLY BID  
Bid # 2023-031PW**

Until **10:00 o'clock A.M.** local time on **July 20, 2023**

Bids can be submitted via sealed bid at the Purchasing Office, City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, 38804 or electronically at [www.tupelomsbids.com](http://www.tupelomsbids.com). Bid Documents and Specifications can be viewed and obtained online at [www.tupelomsbids.com](http://www.tupelomsbids.com).

Any questions regarding electronic bidding or access to bid documents should be directed to PH Bidding Group at 662-407-0193.

Award will be made to the lowest and best bidder. The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO,  
MISSISSIPPI.

Traci Dillard  
Purchasing Clerk

Publishing Dates: June 20, 2023  
June 27, 2023



**CADENCE BANK**  
Arena & Conference Center

**Tupelo Coliseum Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19, 2023**

Be it known the Tupelo Coliseum Commission did meet in regular session Monday, June 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Commerce Room with the following present:

Chair- Jason Hayden  
Vice Chair- Neal McCoy  
Commissioner-Yvette Crump  
Commissioner- Mike Armour  
Commissioner- Nat Grubbs  
Commission Secretary- Cindy Murphy

Representatives of the City of Tupelo Present:

Kevan Kirkpatrick –Executive Director –Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center  
Kim Hanna- CFO

Chair Jason Hayden called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Nat Grubbs made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2023 as written, seconded by Commissioner Mike Armour. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Kim Hanna discussed the financial report.

**New Business**

Approval of Security Clause for Meeting room rentals and contracts was discussed to use Sansone Security Group for all security, no outside security to be brought in. Vice Chair Neal McCoy made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nat Grubbs. All commission members voting aye, the motion passed.

**Director's Report**

Kevan began by updating us on our past events. We had the Spring Fair from 05/25-28, AEW Wrestling was on 06/02 with 1,400 people attending, Elvis Festival 06/08-11, Thomas Rhett 06/15 with 6,200 people attending, and we had 18 Meeting Events.

Kevan also updated us on our upcoming events. We have Father Daughter Ball on 06/24, United Methodist Church Conference 06/26-30, American Family Association Conference 07/06-09 and we have 27 Meeting Events.



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**Project updates**

Kevan also updated us on our current projects.

Basketball Court repairs will be 07/10-16

Parking Lot materials are in, we hope to complete within 2 weeks.

We Filled the Assistant Event Coordinator position with Alli Shackelford

**Old Business:**

None was discussed

**Beverage Approval**

None

**Check Approval:**

Commissioner Yvette Crump made a motion to approve the checks from May, seconded by Commission Mike Armour. All commissioners voted aye; the motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Chair Jason Hayden adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:20 p.m.

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Cindy Murphy  
Secretary



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Jason Hayden  
Chair



## AGENDA REQUEST

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Ben Logan, City Attorney

**DATE** July 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2023, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS AND/OR BOND.

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**Request:**

Attached resolution - “no protest resolution” – is the next step in the issuance of general obligation bonds. The resolution achieves the following:

Finds and determines bond intent resolution of July 20, 2023 was duly published as required by law.

Finds and determines no sufficient protest has been filed by the qualified electors of the city.

Authorizes the issuance of bonds and/or bond.

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the "**Governing Body**"), acting for and on behalf of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (the "**City**") took up for consideration the matter of providing financing for certain capital improvements of the City, and after a discussion of the subject matter, the following resolution was presented for consideration:

**RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2023, WAS DULY PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW; THAT NO SUFFICIENT PROTEST DESCRIBED IN SAID RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FILED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS AND/OR BOND.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, acting for and on behalf of the City, hereby finds, determines, adjudicates and declares as follows:

1. Heretofore, on June 20, 2023, the Governing Body adopted a resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND/OR ISSUE A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OF THE CITY FOR SALE TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT BANK, IN ONE OR MORE TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT SERIES, ALL IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$20,000,000); DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF SUCH INTENTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**" (the "**Intent Resolution**"), wherein the Governing Body indicated its intent to (a) issue general obligation bonds of the City, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), and/or (b) issue a general obligation bond of the City, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank (the "**Bank**") in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), and fixed 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, as the date and hour for any written protest to be made and filed against the issuance of such general obligation bonds of the City and/or general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, as described in the Intent Resolution.

2. As required by law and as directed by the Intent Resolution, said Intent Resolution was published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*, a newspaper published in the City, and having a general circulation in the City, and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the first publication having been made not less than twenty-one (21) days before August 1, 2023, and the last publication to be not more than seven (7) days prior to such date, said notice was published in said newspaper on July 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2023, as evidenced by the publisher's affidavit heretofore presented and attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.

3. On or prior to 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, no written protest against the issuance of such general obligation bonds of the City and/or general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, as described in the Intent Resolution, had been filed or presented by qualified electors of the City with the City Clerk of the City (the "**City Clerk**") in her office located in City Hall, as required by the Intent Resolution.

4. The Governing Body did meet at its usual meeting place in in City Hall, located at 71 East Troy Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, and the Governing Body does hereby find, determine and adjudicate that no written protest against the issuance of the general obligation bonds of the City and/or general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, as described in the Intent Resolution, had been duly filed with the City Clerk on or before 4:00 o'clock p.m. on August 1, 2023, as required by the Intent Resolution.

5. The Governing Body is now authorized and empowered by the provisions of Sections 21-33-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "**City Bond Act**") and Sections 31-25-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "**Bank Act**" and together with the City Bond Act, the "**Act**") and other applicable laws of the State of Mississippi, to issue such general obligation bonds of the City and/or general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, as described in the Intent Resolution, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, all in a total aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000 without any election on the question of the issuance thereof at any time within a period of two (2) years after August 1, 2023.

6. The amount of the general obligation bonds and/or general obligation so proposed to be issued, when added to the outstanding indebtedness of the City, will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation of indebtedness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Governing Body is now authorized and empowered to (a) issue general obligation bonds (the "**Bonds**"), in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series, pursuant to the City Bond Act, and/or (b) issue a general obligation bond of the City to be sold to the Bank, in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series (the "**City Bond**") pursuant to the Act, all in the total maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), as described in the Intent Resolution, for the purpose set forth therein, including, but not limited to (i) constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; (ii) erecting, repairing, improving, adorning and equipping municipal buildings and purchasing buildings and land therefor; (iii) purchasing land for parks, cemeteries and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping and adorning the same, including the constructing, repairing and equipping of swimming pools and other recreational facilities; (iv) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus, and providing housing for same, and purchasing land therefor; (v) erecting or purchasing waterworks, gas, electric and other public utility plants or distribution systems or franchises, and repairing, improving and extending the same; (vi) establishing sanitary, storm, drainage or sewerage systems, and repairing, improving and extending the same; (vii) protecting a municipality, its streets and sidewalks from overflow, caving banks and other like dangers; (viii) constructing bridges and culverts; (ix) purchasing machinery and equipment, including motor vehicles weighing not less than twelve thousand (12,000) pounds, which have an expected useful life in excess of ten (10) years which expected useful life shall exceed the life of the bonds financing such purchase; and (x) for other authorized purposes under the City Bond Act, including funding capitalized interest, if applicable, and paying the costs of borrowing (collectively, the "**Project**").

**SECTION 2.** The Bonds or the City Bond may be issued in one or more taxable or tax-exempt series and, if issued, will be general obligations of the City payable as to principal and interest out of and secured by an irrevocable pledge of the avails of a direct and continuing tax to be levied annually without limitation as to time, rate, or amount upon all the taxable property within the geographical limits of the City; provided, however, that such tax levy for any year shall be abated pro tanto to the extent the City on or prior to September 1 of that year has transferred money to the bond fund of the Bonds or the City Bond, or has made other provisions for funds, to be applied toward the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds or the City Bond due during the ensuing fiscal year of the City, in accordance with the provisions of any bond resolution adopted by the Governing Body in connection with the issuance of the Bonds or the City Bond.

**SECTION 3.** The Bonds and/or the City Bond shall be issued and offered for sale in accordance with further orders and directions of this Governing Body.

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The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ and was adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

The President thereby declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 1st day of August 2023.

**ATTEST:**

**ADOPTED:**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDENT**

The above and foregoing resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor this the 1st day of August 2023.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY CLERK**

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**



**ORDER**

**AN ORDER TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF RABBIT DRIVE FROM TUPELO MARKET, LLC. TO BE USED AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN INGRESS AND EGRESS, USE AND MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo are empowered to exercise full jurisdiction in the matter of streets, sidewalks, sewers, and parks; to open and lay out and construct the same; and to repair, maintain, pave, sprinkle, adorn, and light the same pursuant to Section 21-37-3, *et seq.* of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tupelo Market, LLC. (hereinafter "Owner") currently owns a parcel of property known as the Tupelo Market commercial subdivision and having a Lee County Tax Parcel No. 077P-35-015-01; and

**WHEREAS**, said commercial subdivision contains a street, commonly referred to as Rabbit Drive, that connects Washington Ave., an already public right-of-way, to the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Supercenter, which is more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 1/2" iron pin found on the North Right of Way of West Main Street and being the Southeast corner of Lot 2 of the Towne Centre Subdivision as Platted and Recorded in Plat Cabinet "B" Slide 150 of the Lee County Chancery Clerk's Office, Tupelo, Mississippi, run North a distance of 299.32', thence East a distance of 47.10' to a Mag nail set in asphalt and the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described. From said Point of Beginning, run N 00°01'49" W a distance of 25.00' to a mag nail set in asphalt; thence N 89°58'45" E a distance of 127.11' to a mag nail set in asphalt; thence S 89°46'37" E a distance of 155.32' to a mag nail set in asphalt; thence N 89°45'08" E a distance of 172.93' to a mag nail set in asphalt; thence S 00°05'04" W a distance of 25.00' to a mag nail set in asphalt; thence S 89°45'08" W a distance of 172.89' to a chiseled point in concrete; thence N 89°46'37" W a distance of 155.37' to a chiseled point in concrete; thence S 89°58'45" W a distance of 127.05' back to the point of beginning. Said parcel is located in Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 5 East, Lee County, Mississippi and contains 0.261 acres.

**WHEREAS**, Owner desires to donate said street to the City of Tupelo for the purpose of dedication as a public right-of-way for use and maintenance by the citizens of the City of Tupelo; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Tupelo for said street to be accepted for public use.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordered by the City Council of the City of Tupelo to accept from Owner the street as described above and depicted in the attached Exhibit "A" and pursuant to the terms contained in the conveyance attached as Exhibit "B".

After a full discussion of this matter, Council Member Bryan moved that the foregoing Order be approved and said motion was seconded by Council Member Mims and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Mims  
Councilmember Bryan  
Councilmember Beard  
Councilmember Davis  
Councilmember Palmer  
Councilmember Gaston  
Councilmember Jones

Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the Order approved.

**WHEREUPON**, the foregoing Order was declared, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council on this the 1st day of August, 2023.


CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

By:   
TRAVIS BEARD, City Council President

ATTEST:

  
MISSY SHELTON, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

  
TODD JORDAN, Mayor

8-1-2023  
DATE



**Exhibit "B"**


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 REPAIRED BY and RETURN TO:

Stephen N. Reed  
 Assistant City Attorney  
 City of Tupelo, Mississippi  
 P.O. Box 1485  
 Tupelo, MS 38802

**TO THE CHANCERY CLERK OF LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:** The real property described herein is situated in Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 5 East, City of Tupelo, Lee County, Mississippi and shall be known as being a right-of-way dedication of Rabbit Drive.

**DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**FROM: TUPELO MARKET, LLC.**  
**100 Calumet Gardens, Suite 100**  
**Madison, MS 39110**  
**Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TO: CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**P.O. Box 1485**  
**Tupelo, MS 38802**  
**Telephone: (662) 840-2059**

For and in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to both parties, being the dedication of real property to the public for use and maintenance as a public right-of-way thereof by Grantee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, **TUPELO MARKET, LLC.**, a Mississippi limited liability company ("Grantor"), does by these presents, donate, grant, bargain, sell, convey and warrant unto the **CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Mississippi ("Grantee"), the real property described below for the use, maintenance and construction of a public right of way.

Commencing at a 1/2" iron pin found on the North Right of Way of West Main Street and being the Southeast corner of Lot 2 of the Towne Centre Subdivision as Platted and Recorded in Plat Cabinet "B" Slide 150 of the Lee County Chancery Clerk's Office, Tupelo, Mississippi, run North a distance of 299.32', thence East a distance of 47.10' to a Mag nail set in asphalt and

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SUBJECT TO: the donation of the public right-of-way described herein includes the right of the Grantee to install one (1) curb cut, being no more than forty feet (40') wide, along the southernmost line of the right-of-way being granted herein to allow for an additional public right-of-way of ingress and egress, use and maintenance, and the rights to assign the same.

ALSO SUBJECT TO: Grantor hereby covenants that it, as well as its heirs, successors and assigns shall not terminate, assign, release or otherwise abandon any of its right, title or interest in the Access Easement dated May 20, 2002, filed for record July 24, 2002 and recorded as Instrument Number 0211948 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Lee County, Mississippi.

Grantor fully understands its right to receive just compensation for the property being conveyed herein based on an appraisal of the property. Grantor hereby waives its right to just compensation and donates the real property herein described to the City of Tupelo, Mississippi.

It is further understood and agreed that this instrument constitutes the entire agreement between the grantor and the grantee, there being no oral agreements or representations of any kind.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of Grantor's duly authorized representative on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**TUPELO MARKET, LLC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named \_\_\_\_\_, who acknowledged to me that they are \_\_\_\_\_ of **TUPELO MARKET, LLC**, a Mississippi limited liability company, and that for and on behalf of said company, and as the act and deed of said company, they executed the above and foregoing instrument, after first having been duly authorized by said corporation and said limited partnership so to do.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)