Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal

City Project #: 2014-050
City of Concord Bid # 2251

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Within minutes of your telephone call, the participating members will be made aware of your plans and will be given pertinent information that has been provided by you about your planned work. You will be told the names of the participating members from whom you can expect a response - if there are buried facilities in the path of your activity, the route of the utilities will be staked and/or marked at no expense to you. If there are no facilities in the area of the planned work, you will be called or notified by a representative of a participating company accordingly.

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INVITATION TO BID

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Date: January 28, 2014

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Concord (OWNER) at the Alfred M. Brown Operations Center, 850 Warren C. Coleman Boulevard (Highway 601 South), Concord, North Carolina 28025, Conference Room C until 3:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 , for City Project # 2014-050. At said place and time, and promptly thereafter, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The proposed Work is generally described as follows:

Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal

Removal, Dewatering of Sludge, and Transporting from Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant to Allied Landfill, located on Morehead Road behind Lowe's Motor Speedway.

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with the City of Concord Engineering Department, Alfred M. Brown Operations Center, 850 Warren C. Coleman Blvd, Concord, NC 28026.

Copies of the Bidding Documents are available from the City of Concord Website.
Bidders must register to bid by emailing their company and contact information to churchwellj@concordnc.gov

Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina.

Bids will be received on a unit cost basis.

A five percent (5%) Bid security must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance Bond and a Construction Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the Contract.

Contractor and all Subcontractors will be required to conform to the labor standards set forth in the Contract Documents.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, and will award to lowest responsible Bidder taking into consideration quality, performance, and time specified in Bid Form for performance of Work. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities.

W. Brian Hiatt
City Manager

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. **DEFINED TERMS**. Terms used in these Instructions to Bidders shall have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions and the Supplementary Conditions. An additional term is defined as follows:

   Successful Bidder - The lowest, qualified, responsible, and responsive Bidder to whom Owner (on the basis of Owner's evaluation as herein provided) makes an award.

2. **COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**. Bidding Documents, which include all front-end documents, may be obtained as indicated on the Invitation to Bid on the following basis:

	Charge	
Complete set of Bidding Documents	**FREE**	**City of Concord Website**

   Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued in response to requests by subject matter.

   Complete sets of Bidding Documents must be used in preparing Bids; neither Owner nor Engineer assumes any responsibility for errors or misrepresentations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.

   Owner and Engineer, in making copies of Bidding Documents available on the above terms, do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids for the Work and do not confer a license or grant for any other use.

3. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS**. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the Work, Bidder may be required to submit written evidence on financial data, previous experience, present commitments, and other such data as may be requested by Owner or Engineer. Each Bid must contain evidence of Bidder's qualification to do business in the state where the Project is located, or Bidder must agree to obtain such qualification prior to award of the Contract.

4. **EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE**. It is the responsibility of each Bidder, before submitting a Bid, to (a) thoroughly examine the Contract Documents, (b) visit the site to become familiar with local conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work, (c) consider federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work, (d) study and carefully correlate Bidder's observations with the Contract Documents, and (e) notify Engineer of all conflicts, errors, or discrepancies discovered by Bidder in the Contract Documents.

   4.01 Underground Facilities. Information and data reflected in the Contract Documents with respect to underground facilities at or contiguous to the site are based upon information and data furnished to Owner and Engineer by owners of such underground facilities or others, and Owner and Engineer disclaim responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof unless it is expressly provided otherwise in the Supplementary Conditions.

   4.02 Additional Information. Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder will, at Bidder's own expense, make or obtain any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, and studies and obtain any additional information and data which pertain to the physical conditions (surface, subsurface, and underground facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work and which Bidder deems necessary to determine its Bid for performing and furnishing the Work in accordance with the time, price, and other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

   On request 24 hours in advance, Owner will provide each Bidder access to the site to conduct such explorations and tests, as each Bidder deems necessary for submission of a Bid. Bidder shall fill all holes and clean up and restore the site to its former condition upon completion of such explorations. Arrangements for site visits shall be made by calling the City of Concord's

Water Treatment Plant Director, or his/her Representative at (704) 920-5728 or (704) 920-5163. The Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Facility is located at 6935 Davidson Highway (same as NC Highway 73), Concord, NC 28027. The facility is located at the end of the Private Drive on the left. Contractors may collect any samples that are necessary to conduct their own inquiry.

4.03 Easements. The lands upon which the Work is to be performed, rights-of-way, and easements for access thereto, and other lands designated for use by Contractor in performing the Work are identified in the Contract Documents. All additional lands and access thereto required for temporary construction facilities or storage of materials and equipment are to be provided by Contractor. Easements for permanent structures or permanent changes in existing structures are to be obtained and paid for by Owner unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.

4.04 Unit Price Contracts. Bidders must satisfy themselves of the accuracy of the estimated quantities in the bid schedule by examination of the site and a review of the drawings and the specifications, including the addenda. After bids have been submitted, the bidder shall not assert that there was a misunderstanding concerning the quantities of work or the nature of the work to be done.

4.05 Bidder's Representation. The submission of a Bid will constitute an incontrovertible representation by Bidder that Bidder has complied with every requirement concerning examination of the Contract Documents and the site, that without exception the Bid is premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Contract Documents, and that the Contract Documents are sufficient in scope and detail to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

5. **INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA**. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents and the Contract Documents shall be submitted to Owner in writing. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by Owner in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded as having received the Bidding Documents. Questions received less than 10 days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered. Only answers issued by Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

6. **BID SECURITY**. Each Bid must be accompanied by bid security made payable without condition to Owner in an amount of 5 percent of the Bidder's maximum Bid and in the form of a certified or bank check or a bid bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements set forth in the General and Supplemental Conditions.

   The bid security of the Successful Bidder will be retained until such Bidder has executed the Agreement, furnished the required contract security, and met the other conditions of the Notice of Award, whereupon the bid security will be returned. If the Successful Bidder fails to execute and deliver the Agreement and furnish the required contract security within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, Owner may annul the Notice of Award and the bid security of that Bidder will be forfeited. The bid security of other Bidders whom Owner believes to have a reasonable chance of receiving the award may be retained by Owner until the earlier of 7 days after the Effective Date of the Agreement or the day after the last day the Bids remain subject to acceptance as set forth in the Bid Form, whereupon bid security furnished by such Bidders will be returned. Bid security accompanying Bids which are deemed by Owner to be noncompetitive will be returned within 7 days after the bid opening.

7. **CONTRACT TIMES**. The numbers of calendar days within which, or the dates by which, the Work is to be substantially completed and also completed and ready for final payment (the Contract Times) are set forth in the Bid Form.

8. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**. Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, are set forth in the Agreement.

9. **SUBSTITUTES OR "OR-EQUAL" ITEMS**. Bidder's attention is directed to Article 6.05 of the General Conditions concerning substitutes and "or-equal" items. Where an item or material is specified by a proprietary name, it is done for the purpose of establishing a basis of quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition. The Engineer's intent is to consider alternative products that have the desired essential characteristics. The Engineer will consider any such products offered. Requests for acceptance of alternative products shall be made through Bidders bidding as prime Contractors. Acceptances for substitutions will not be granted directly to suppliers, distributors, or subcontractors. Pursuant to NCGS§ 133-3, the following procedures shall be used:

   Bidders desiring to submit alternative product proposals for prior acceptance of the Engineers shall submit, in writing, such proposals from n/a until n/a. Applications received after this time will not be reviewed. Each such request shall include the name of the material or equipment for which it is to be substituted and a complete description of the proposed substitute, including drawings, cuts, performance and test data, and other information necessary for an evaluation. A statement setting forth any changes in other materials, equipment, or other work that incorporation of the substitute would require should be included. The Engineer shall consider and either accept or reject all alternative product proposals submitted.

   If, by the close of the fifth day prior to the deadline for receiving Bids, the Engineer has accepted any alternative product proposals, the Bidding Documents shall be modified to include the alternative products. The Engineer shall publish the modification in an Addendum at least 5 days prior to the deadline for receiving Bids. The Engineer's decision of acceptance or rejection of a proposed substitute shall be final.

10. **SUBCONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS, AND OTHERS**. If the Supplementary Conditions require the identity of certain Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material and equipment) to be submitted to Owner in advance of a specified date prior to the Effective Date of the Agreement, the apparent Successful Bidder, and any other Bidder so requested, shall within 3 days after the bid opening submit to Owner the List of Subcontractors completed with all such Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work for which such identification is required. The list shall be accompanied by an experience statement with pertinent information regarding similar projects and other evidence of qualification for each such Subcontractor, Supplier, person, or organization, if requested by Owner. If Owner or Engineer after due investigation has reasonable objection to any proposed Subcontractor, Supplier, or other person or organization, Owner may, before the Notice of Award is given, request the apparent Successful Bidder to submit an acceptable substitute without an increase in the Bid.

    All subcontractors shall be a licensed utility contractor in the State of North Carolina.

11. **BID FORM.** The Bid Form is bound in the Bidding Documents and shall not be removed. Bid Forms must be completed in ink.

    Bids by corporations must be executed in the corporate name by the president or vice-president (or other corporate officer accompanied by evidence of authority to sign for the corporation). Bids by partnerships must be executed in the partnership name and signed by a partner. Bids by joint ventures shall be signed by each participant in the joint venture or by a representative of the joint venture accompanied by evidence of authority to sign for the joint venture.

    The names of all persons signing shall be legibly printed below the signature. A Bid by a person who affixes to his signature the word "president," "secretary," "agent," or other designation without disclosing his principal may be held to be the Bid of the individual signing. When requested by Owner, evidence of the authority of the person signing shall be furnished.

All blanks in the Bid Form shall be filled. A bid price shall be indicated for each unit price item listed therein, or the words "No Bid," "No Charge," "No Change," or other appropriate phrase shall be entered.

The Bid shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda, the numbers and dates of which shall be filled in on the Bid Form.

No alterations in Bids, or in the printed forms therefor, by erasures, interpolations, or otherwise will be acceptable unless each such alteration is signed or initialed by the Bidder; if initialed, Owner may require the Bidder to identify any alteration so initialed.

11.01 Bid Pricing. The Bidder shall complete the schedule of unit prices included in the Bid Form and shall accept all fixed unit prices listed therein.

The total Bid will be determined as the sum of the products of the estimated quantity of each item and the unit price bid. The final Contract Price will be subject to adjustment according to final measured, used, or delivered quantities as provided in Article 9.07 of the General Conditions, and the unit prices in the Bid will apply to such final quantities except that unit prices will be subject to change by Change Order as stipulated in the General Conditions.

11.02 Contingency. The Contingency is to be added to the bid price and is to be used for minor change order items. If the Contingency is to be used, a scope of work and price would be negotiated. The Contingency is for the sole use of Owner. A change order will be issued to delete any unauthorized portion of the Contingency.

12. **SUBMISSION OF BIDS**. Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Invitation to Bid, or the modified time and place indicated by Addendum. Bids shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope or wrapping, addressed to:

The City of Concord
c/o Sue Hyde, PE, Director of Engineering
P.O. Box 308
Concord, North Carolina 28026-0308

Bids shall be marked with the name, license number, and address of the Bidder and shall be accompanied by the bid security and other required documents. If the Bid is sent through the mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate envelope with the notation "BID ENCLOSED" on the face of it.

Each Bid envelope shall be identified on the outside with the words **"Bid for the Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal – City Project # 2014-050."**

Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of Bids. Bids received after the time and date for receipt of Bids will be returned unopened.

One copy of the bound documents containing the Bid Form must be submitted with the Bid.

Oral, telephone, facsimile, or telegraph Bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

No Bidder may submit more than one Bid. Multiple Bids under different names will not be accepted from one firm or association.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted.

13. **MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by an appropriate document duly executed (in the manner that a Bid must be executed) and delivered to the place where Bids are to be submitted at any time prior to the opening of Bids.

    A request to withdraw a bid may be made to the Owner within 72 hours after Bids are opened in accordance with NCGS § 143-129.1. If approved by the Owner that Bidder may withdraw its Bid and the bid security will be returned. Thereafter, that Bidder will be disqualified from further bidding on the Work to be provided under the Contract Documents.

14. **OPENING OF BIDS.** Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. An abstract of the amounts of the Base Bids and major alternatives (if any) will be made available to Bidders after the opening of Bids.

    The procedure for opening bids will follow guidelines issued by the State Building Commission dated December 10, 1990, and endorsed by the Consulting Engineers Council of North Carolina.

15. **BIDS TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE**. All Bids will remain subject to acceptance for the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, but Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return the bid security prior to that date.

16. **AWARD OF CONTRACT**. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids, and will award to lowest responsible Bidder taking into consideration quality, performance, and time specified in Bid Form for performance of Work. Owner also reserves the right to waive informalities.

    In evaluating Bids, Owner will consider the qualifications of the Bidders, whether or not the Bids comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternatives, unit prices, and other data, as may be requested in the Bid Form or prior to the Notice of Award.

Owner may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations proposed for those portions of the Work for which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other persons and organizations must be submitted as provided in the Supplementary Conditions. Owner also may consider the operating costs, maintenance requirements, performance data, and guarantees of major items of materials and equipment proposed for incorporation in the Work when such data is required for submission prior to the Notice of Award.

If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will give the Successful Bidder a Notice of Award within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form.

The evaluation of Suppliers' or manufacturers' data submitted with the Bid, or submitted upon request prior to the Notice of Award, will include consideration of the following:

- Owner-required inventory of spare parts.
- Design changes that would be required to accommodate the proposed materials and equipment.
- Installation requirements and related engineering, training, and operating costs.
- Experience and performance record of the Supplier or the manufacturer.
- Maintenance and frequency of inspections required to assure reliable performance of the equipment.
- Suppliers' or manufacturers' service facilities and availability of qualified field service personnel.
- Efficiency and related operating expense during the anticipated useful life of the equipment.

17. **CONTRACT SECURITY**. The Construction Contract set forth Owner's requirements as to Performance and Payment Bonds. These Bonds shall be delivered to Owner with the executed Agreement.

18. **SIGNING OF AGREEMENT**. When Owner gives a Notice of Award to the Successful Bidder, it will be accompanied by four unsigned counterparts of the Agreement with all other written Contract Documents attached. Within the number of days set forth in the Bid Form, the Successful Bidder shall sign, leaving the dates blank, and deliver the required number of counterparts of the Agreement and attached documents to Owner with the required Bonds, completed W-9 form and power of attorney. Within 45 days thereafter, Owner shall execute all copies of the Agreement and other Contract Documents submitted by Contractor (Successful Bidder); shall insert the date of contract on the Agreement, Bonds, and power of attorney; and shall distribute signed copies as stipulated in the Agreement.
Should the Owner not execute the Contract within the period specified, the Successful Bidder may, by written notice, withdraw his signed Contract. Such notice or withdrawal shall be effective upon receipt of the notice by the Owner.

19. **SALES AND USE TAXES**. Provisions for sales and use taxes, if any, are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.

20. **RETAINAGE**. Provisions concerning retainage are set forth in the Construction Contract.

21. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS**. Modifications, if any, to the General Conditions concerning Laws and Regulations are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions. Additional provisions, if any, concerning Laws and Regulations are set forth in the Agreement.

21.01 Collusive Bidding. In accordance with US Code Title 23 Section 112(c) and NCGS § 75-5(b)(7), the Contractor (Bidder), by submission and execution of this bid, certifies that he has not entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with his bid on this project.

21.02 Contract Determination Debarment. Bidder shall complete and submit with the bid the certification pertaining to debarment included with the Bid Forms. Debarment certification requirements are set forth in the Supplementary Conditions.

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DEBARRED FIRMS CERTIFICATION FORM
[Please complete and submit with bid]

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City Project # 2014-050

The undersigned hereby certifies that the firm of _____ has not been suspended by the State of North Carolina or any agency or department thereof for conviction or indictment or any of the offenses enumerated in G.S. 133-27 nor will award subcontracts of any tier to firms that have been suspended for conviction or indictment of any of the offenses enumerated in G.S. 133-27.

_____
Name of Firm

ATTEST _____ (SEAL)

_____
Signature of Authorized Official

_____
Title

Sworn and subscribed before me this

_____ day of _____, 2015.

_____
Notary Public

EXHIBIT A - BID FORM

Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal
City Project # 2014-050

THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO:

W. Brian Hiatt, City Manager
c/o Sue Hyde, PE, Director of Engineering
City of Concord
P.O. Box 308
Concord, North Carolina 28026-0308

1. The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into an agreement with Owner in the form included in the Contract Documents to perform and furnish all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents within the specified time and for the amount indicated in this Bid and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

2. Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Invitation to Bid and the Instructions to Bidders, including without limitation those dealing with the disposition of bid security. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the day of bid opening. Bidder will sign and submit the Agreement with the Bonds and other documents required by the Bidding Documents within 10 days after the date of Owner's Notice of Award.

3. In submitting this Bid, Bidder represents that:

   a. Bidder has examined copies of all the Bidding Documents and of the following Addenda (receipt of all which is hereby acknowledged):

      No. _____ Dated_____

      No. _____ Dated_____

      No. _____ Dated_____

      No. _____ Dated_____

      No. _____ Dated_____

   b. Bidder has visited the site and become familiar with and satisfied itself as to the general, local, and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, and furnishing of the Work.

   c. Bidder is familiar with and has satisfied itself as to all Federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance, and furnishing of the Work.

d. Bidder has carefully studied all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the site (except underground facilities) which have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions and Special Conditions as provided in Paragraph 4.02 of the General Conditions. Bidder accepts the determination set forth in the Supplementary Conditions and Special Conditions of the extent of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings upon which Bidder is entitled to rely as provided in Paragraph 4.02 of the General Conditions. Bidder acknowledges that such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for Bidder's purposes. Bidder acknowledges that Owner and Engineer do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Bidding Documents with respect to underground facilities at or contiguous to the site. Bidder has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all such additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, and underground facilities) at or contiguous to the site or otherwise which may affect cost, progress, performance, or furnishing of the Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder and safety precautions and programs incident thereto. Bidder does not consider that any additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the determination of this Bid for performance and furnishing of the Work in accordance with the time, price, and other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

e. Bidder is aware of the general nature of Work to be performed by Owner and others at the site that relates to Work for which this Bid is submitted as indicated in the Contract Documents.

f. Bidder has correlated the information known to Bidder, information and observations obtained from visits to the site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Contract Documents.

g. Bidder has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Bidder has discovered in the Contract Documents and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Bidder, and the Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performing and furnishing the Work for which this Bid is submitted.

h. This Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization, or corporation; Bidder has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; Bidder has not solicited or induced any person, firm, or corporation to refrain from bidding; and Bidder has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over Owner.

4. Bidder will complete the Work for the following unit prices. Quantities indicated are estimated and not guaranteed; they are solely for comparing Bids and establishing the initial Contract Price. Final payment will be based on actual quantities.

UNIT PRICE SCHEDULE
Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal
City Project # 2014-050

		Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Amount
No.	Item Description				
1	Dewatered Sludge	7,600	TON		

BASE BID	$
10% CONTINGENCY	$
TOTAL BID	$

5. Bidder agrees that the Work will be substantially complete by **90 calendar days after the Notice to Proceed**, and completed and ready for final payment in accordance with Paragraph 14.7 of the General Conditions on or before **90 days after the Notice to Proceed**.

6. Communications concerning this Bid shall be sent to Bidder at the following address:

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

P.O. BOX:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:_____

ZIP CODE:_____

8. The terms used in this Bid, which are defined in the General Conditions of the WSACC specifications, have the meanings assigned to them in the General Conditions.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

Contractor's License Number _____

License Expiration Date_____

If an Individual

By_____

(signature of individual)

Doing business as _____

Business address _____

Phone No. _____

Date_____, 20___

ATTEST _____ TITLE _____

If a Partnership

By _____
(firm name)

By _____
(signature of individual)

Business address _____

Phone No. _____

Date_____, 20___

ATTEST _____ TITLE _____

If a Corporation

By_____
(corporation name)

By_____
(signature of authorized person) (title)

Business address _____

Phone No. _____

Date_____, 20___

ATTEST _____ TITLE _____

(Seal)

If a Joint Venture (Other party must sign below.)

Contractor's License Number _____

License Expiration Date _____

NOTICE OF AWARD

TO:

FROM: City of Concord City Council (OWNER)
P.O. Box 308
26 Union Street, South
Concord, North Carolina 28026-0308

PROJECT: **Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal**
City Project # 2014-050

You are hereby notified that the bid submitted by you for the above named project in response to the City of Concord's Invitation to Bid dated **January 28, 2015** in the amount of

_____ and _____/100 DOLLARS

($_____) has been accepted.

You are hereby required to execute the formal AGREEMENT with the City of Concord City Council and to furnish any and all Contractor's Bond(s), Certificate of Insurance and Power of Attorney(s) along with other documents pertaining to the work as designated by the City of Concord.

If you fail to execute said AGREEMENT and to furnish this and any other required documents pertaining to the work within ten (10) days from the date of delivery of this NOTICE OF AWARD, said Owner will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the Owner's acceptance of your bid as abandoned and to award the work covered by your proposal to another, or to re-bid the work or otherwise dispose thereof as the Owner may see fit.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2015

City of Concord, North Carolina

By: _____
Title: City Manager

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF AWARD

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged this the ____ day of _____, 2015__.

By: _____

Title: _____

NOTICE to PROCEED

TO:

FROM: City of Concord City Council (OWNER)
P.O. Box 308
26 Union Street, South
Concord, North Carolina 28026-0308

PROJECT: **Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant Lagoons Sludge Removal**
Contract No. 2014-050

Contract Amount: _____and____/100 DOLLARS

($_____).

You are hereby notified to commence work on or before the _____ day of ____, 2015, pending acceptance of your Certificate of Insurance and any other required documents, and are to fully complete the work by the _____ day of _____, 2014, as set forth in the above named project's schedule unless an extension is granted by the City of Concord Director of Engineering in writing.

City of Concord, North Carolina

By: _____
Title: City Manager

Dated this the ____ day of _____, 2015.

STANDARD FORM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This contract is made and entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 20____, by the City of CONCORD ("City") and _____ ("Contractor"), (x) a corporation, ( ) a professional corporation, ( ) a professional association, ( ) a limited partnership, ( ) a sole proprietorship, or ( ) a general partnership; organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____.

Sec. 1. Background and Purpose. The purpose of this project is to dewater and clean out the sludge ponds at the Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant.

Sec. 2. Services and Scope to be Performed. The Contractor shall provide _____ at the charges set forth either in this paragraph or in Exhibit "A". Additional Exhibits may be used to further define this Agreement when the Contractor and City so agree. Any additional exhibits shall be designated as exhibits to the Agreement with capitalized, sequential letters of the alphabet, shall be attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if the same were fully recited, and shall become terms of this Agreement upon execution by both parties.
In this contract, "services" means the services that the Contractor is required to perform pursuant to this contract and all of the Contractor's duties to the City that arise out of this contract. Any amendments, corrections, or change orders by either party must be made in writing signed in the same manner as the original. (This form may be used for amendments and change orders.) The City reserves the right to refuse payment for any work outside that authorized herein or pursuant to a duly approved amendment or change order.

Sec. 3. Complete Work without Extra Cost. Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall obtain and provide, without additional cost to the City, all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, facilities, services, permits, and licenses necessary to perform the Work.

Sec. 4. Compensation. The City shall pay the Contractor for the Work as described in this paragraph below OR as described in Exhibit A attached. In the event of a conflict, the provisions of this paragraph shall control. Any additional expenses or charges shall only be paid after both the City and the Contractor agree to and execute a written change order. The City shall not be obligated to pay the Contractor any fees, payments, expenses or compensation other than those authorized in this contract or in a duly-approved change order.

Sec. 4a. Retainage. The City shall withhold no retainage on Contracts having a "total project cost" of less than $100,000.00. The City may withhold retainage on contracts having a total project cost between $100,000 and $200,000. The City shall withhold retainage on contracts whose total project cost exceeds $300,000.
When withheld, retainage shall equal no more than five percent of each progress payment. When the project is fifty per cent complete, the City shall not retain anything from future project payments provided that (i) the surety concurs in writing, (ii) the Contractor continues to perform satisfactorily, (iii) any non-conforming work identified in writing by the architect, engineer(s) or City has been corrected by the Contractor and accepted by the architect, engineer(s) or City. However, if the City determines that the Contractor's performance is unsatisfactory, the City may withhold up to five percent retainage from each project payment. The City may withhold additional amounts above five percent for unsatisfactory job

progress, defective construction not remedied, disputed work, third party claims filed against the owner or reasonable evidence that a third-party claim will be filed.

Sec. 4b. Liquidated Damages. The contractor shall complete all work within 105 days from notice to proceed. If this deadline is missed, the City will charge liquidated damages to the contractor. Liquidated damages for failure to meet the deadline as described in this section shall be $200.00 per calendar day.

Definitions:

"Total Project Cost": Total value of the Contract and any approved change orders or amendments.

"Project Fifty Percent Complete": When the Contractor's gross project invoices (excluding the value of the materials stored off-site) equal or exceed fifty percent of the value of the contract, except that the value of materials stored on-site shall not exceed twenty percent of the Contractor's gross project invoices for the purpose of determining whether the project is fifty percent complete.

Sec. 5. Term. The Contractor shall commence work within ten (_10_) days of the date of its receipt of written Notice to Proceed from the City. The date that is ten (_10__) days from the date of the Contractor's receipt of the Notice to Proceed shall be the "Commencement Date." All work as set forth in the Scope of Services in Exhibit "A" shall be completed within ninety (__90__) calendar days of the Commencement Date. The date that is ninety (_90__) calendar days from the Commencement Date shall be the "Completion Date." Time is of the essence with regard to this Project. If Contractor's obligations are not completed by the Completion Date, the City reserves the right to nullify this Agreement, order the Contractor to immediately cease all work under this Agreement and vacate the premises, and to seek professional services equivalent to those outlined in Exhibit "A." The Contractor shall be held accountable for all damages incurred by the City as a consequence of the missed Completion Date. The exercise of any of these rights by the City shall not be interpreted to prejudice any other rights the City may have in law or equity. This Contract shall not be automatically extended unless agreed to in writing by the City or as provided in Exhibit "A".

Sec. 6. Contractor's Billings to City. Payments will be made in accordance with the schedule found in this section below OR attached at Exhibit A. Contractor shall submit an original pay request (invoice) to the City Purchasing Agent by the first of each month in order to expedite payment. Upon receipt of the request the City Purchasing Agent shall verify the amounts and if correct forward the request to the Accounts Receivable Division of the Finance Dept. Final payment on the contract shall be made in 45 days, except in the case of retainage. Within 60 days after the submission of the final pay request, the City (with the written consent of the surety) shall release to the Contractor all retainage payments IF the City receives a certificate of substantial completion from the architect, engineer or designer-in-charge of the project OR the City receives beneficial occupancy and use of the project. In either case, the City may retain up to 2.5 times the estimated value of the work to be completed or corrected.

Sec. 7. Insurance. Contractor shall maintain and cause all sub-contractors to maintain insurance policies at all times with minimum limits as follows:

Coverage	**Minimum Limits**
Workers' Compensation	$100,000 each accident, $100,000 bodily injury by

		disease, $500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit
General Liability	☐	$500,000 per occurrence if contract does not exceed 30 days and does not exceed $25,000; otherwise,
	☒	$1,000,000 per occurrence/$2,000,000 aggregate
Automobile Liability	☒	$500,000 per occurrence if contract does not exceed 180 days and does not exceed $500,000; otherwise,
	☐	$1,000,000 per occurrence
Umbrella	☒	$1,000,000 per occurrence if contract does not exceed 180 days and does not exceed $500,000; otherwise,
	☐	$2,000,000
Environmental/Pollution Liability	☒	$5,000,000 aggregate

Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the City listing the City as an additional insured. Such Certificate shall be in a form acceptable to the City.

Sec. 8. <u>Documentation Requirements:</u>

A. Contractor shall provide the City with a **Certificate of Insurance** for review prior to the issuance of any contract or Purchase Order. All Certificates of Insurance will require written notice by the insurer or contractor's agent in the event of cancellation, reduction or other modifications of coverage by the insurer. Such notice shall be not less than 30 days for nonrenewal by the insurer, not less than 10 days for cancellation due to nonpayment of the premium and as soon as possible for all other types of modifications. In addition to the notice requirement above, Contractor shall provide the City with written notice of cancellation, reduction, or other modification of coverage of insurance whether instigated by the insurer or by the Contractor immediately upon Contractor's receipt of knowledge of such modifications. Upon failure of the Contractor to provide such notice, Contractor assumes sole responsibility for all loses incurred by the City for which insurance would have provided coverage. The insurance certificate shall be for the insured period in which the initial contract period begins and shall be renewed by the contractor for each subsequent renewal period of the insurance for so long as the contract remains in effect.

The City shall be named as an **additional insured** on all policies except Workers' Compensation and it is required that coverage be placed with "A" rated insurance companies acceptable to the City. Statement should read, "City of Concord is added as an additional insured as evidenced by an endorsement attached to this certificate." Failure to maintain the required insurance in force may be cause for termination of this Agreement. In the event that the contractor fails to maintain and keep in force the insurance herein required, the City has the right to cancel and terminate the Agreement without notice.

B. All those doing business with the City must have a current **Privilege License** issued by the City of Concord if a privilege license is authorized by law.

C. Contractor shall provide a completed W-9 form to the City prior to execution by the City of this Agreement.

Sec. 9. <u>Performance of Work by Contractor.</u>

(a) The Contractor warrants that all work performed under this contract conforms to the contract requirements and is free of any defect in equipment, material, or design furnished, or workmanship performed by the Contractor or any subcontractor or supplier at any tier. This warranty shall continue for a period of 1 year from the date of issuance by the City of written final completion of the work.

(b) The Contractor shall remedy at the Contractor's expense any failure to conform, or any defect. In addition, the Contractor shall remedy at the Contractor's expense any damage to City - owned or controlled real or personal property, when that damage is the result of--

(1) The Contractor's failure to conform to contract requirements; or

(2) Any defect of equipment, material, workmanship, or design furnished.

(c) The Contractor shall restore any work damaged in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this clause. The Contractor's warranty with respect to work repaired or replaced will run for 1 year from the date of repair or replacement.

(d) The City shall notify the Contractor, in writing, within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days, after the discovery of any failure, defect, or damage.

(e) If the Contractor fails to remedy any failure, defect, or damage within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days unless otherwise agreed in writing and signed by the City Manager or his designee, after receipt of notice, the City shall have the right to replace repair, or otherwise remedy the failure, defect, or damage at the Contractor s expense.

(f) With respect to all warranties, express or implied, from subcontractors, manufacturers, or suppliers for work performed and materials furnished under this contract, the Contractor shall--

(1) Obtain all warranties that would be given in normal commercial practice,

(2) Require all warranties to be executed, in writing, for the benefit of the City, if directed to do so by the City; and

(3) Enforce all warranties for the benefit of the City, if directed to do so by the City

(g) In the event the Contractor’s warranty has expired, the City may bring suit at its expense to enforce a subcontractor's, manufacturer's, or supplier's warranty.

(h) Unless a defect is caused by the negligence of the Contractor or subcontractor or supplier at any tier, the Contractor shall not be liable for the repair of any defects of material or design furnished by the City nor for the repair of any damage that results from any defect in City-furnished material or design.

Sec. 10. Performance of Work by City. If the Contractor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the schedule referred to in Exhibit "A", the City may, in its discretion, perform or cause to be performed some or all of the Work, and doing so shall not waive any of the City's rights and remedies. Before doing so, the City shall give the Contractor reasonable notice of its intention. The Contractor shall reimburse the City for all costs incurred by the City in exercising its right to perform or cause to be performed some or all of the Work pursuant to this section.

Sec. 11. Attachments. The following attachments are made a part of this contract and incorporated herein by reference: **Exhibit A- Bid Form, Exhibit B – Project Special Conditions, Exhibit C – General Conditions.**

In case of conflict between an attachment and the text of this contract excluding the attachment, the text of this contract shall control. Any attachment that materially alters the standard terms contained herein must be reviewed by the City Attorney and approved by the City in writing.

Sec. 12. Notice. (a) All notices and other communications required or permitted by this contract shall be in writing and shall be given either by personal delivery, fax, or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To the City:		To the Contractor:
Sue Hyde, Director of Engineering	VaLerie Kolczynski, Esq.	
City of Concord	City Attorney	
P.O. Box 308	PO Box 308	
Concord, NC 28026	Concord, NC 28026	
Fax Number: (704) 786-4521	Fax Number: (704) 784-1791	

(b) **Change of Address, Date Notice Deemed Given**: A change of address, fax number, or person to receive notice may be made by either party by notice given to the other party. Any notice or other communication under this contract shall be deemed given at the time of actual delivery, if it is personally delivered or sent by fax. If the notice or other communication is sent by US Mail, it shall be deemed given upon the third calendar day following the day on which such notice or other communication is deposited with the US Postal Service or upon actual delivery, whichever first occurs.

Sec. 13. Indemnification. To the maximum extent allowed by law, the Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the City of Concord, its agents, officers, and employees, from and against all charges that arise in any manner from, in connection with, or out of this contract as a result of the acts or omissions of the Contractor or subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable except for damage or injury caused solely by the negligence of the City its agents, officers, or employees. In performing its duties under this section, the Contractor shall at its sole expense defend the City of Concord, its agents, officers, and employees with legal counsel reasonably acceptable to City. As used in this subsection – "Charges" means claims, judgments, costs, damages, losses, demands, liabilities, duties, obligations, fines, penalties, royalties, settlements, expenses, interest, reasonable attorney's fees, and amounts for alleged violations of sedimentation pollution, erosion control, pollution, or other environmental laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, or orders. Nothing in this section shall affect any warranties in favor of the City that are otherwise

provided in or arise out of this contract. This section is in addition to and shall be construed separately from any other indemnification provisions that may be in this contract. This section shall remain in force despite termination of this contract (whether by expiration of the term or otherwise) and termination of the services of the Contract under this contract.

Sec. 14. Corporate Status. If the Contractor is dissolved or suspended and the Contractor does not notify the City of such dissolution within three (3) business days from date of dissolution or suspension, and/or the corporate status is not reinstated within thirty (30) days, this contract, at the sole option of the City, shall be declared null and void or the Contractor shall execute a new contract showing the Contractor's correct legal entity.

Sec. 15. Miscellaneous.

(a) Choice of Law and Forum. This contract shall be deemed made in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of North Carolina. The exclusive forum and venue for all actions arising out of this contract shall be the appropriate division of the North Carolina General Court of Justice, in Cabarrus County. Such actions shall neither be commenced in nor removed to federal court. This section shall not apply to subsequent actions to enforce a judgment entered in actions heard pursuant to this section.

(b) Waiver. No action or failure to act by the City shall constitute a waiver of any of its rights or remedies that arise out this contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

(c) Performance of Government Functions. Nothing contained in this contract shall be deemed or construed so as to in any way estop, limit, or impair the City from exercising or performing any regulatory, policing, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this contract shall be unenforceable, the remainder of this contract shall be enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

(e) Assignment, Successors and Assigns. Without the City's written consent, the Contractor shall not assign (which includes to delegate) any of its rights (including the right to payment) or duties that arise out this contract. Unless the City otherwise agrees in writing, the Contractor and all assigns shall be subject to all of the City's defenses and shall be liable for all of the Contractor's duties that arise out of this contract and all of the City's claims that arise out of this contract. Without granting the Contractor the right to assign, it is agreed that the duties of the Contractor that arise out of this contract shall be binding upon it and its heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

(f) Compliance with Law. In performing all of the Work, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable law.

(g) City Policy. THE CITY OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE AND SEX AND URGES ALL OF ITS CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR WORK FORCE AND AS SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS UNDER CITY CONTRACTS.

(h) EEO Provisions. During the performance of this Contract the Contractor agrees as follows: (1) The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated equally during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap. The Contractor shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth these EEO provisions. (2) The Contractor in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state all qualified

applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap.

(i) No Third Party Right Created. This contract is intended for the benefit of the City and the Contractor and not any other person.

(j) Principles of Interpretation. In this contract, unless the context requires otherwise the singular includes the plural and the plural the singular. The pronouns "it" and "its" include the masculine and feminine. Reference to statutes or regulations include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, or replacing the statute or regulation. References to contracts and agreements shall be deemed to include all amendments to them. The word "person" includes natural persons, firms, companies associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations, governmental agencies and units, and any other legal entities.

(k) Modifications, Entire Agreement. A modification of this contract is not valid unless signed by both parties and otherwise in accordance with requirements of law. Further, a modification is not enforceable against the City unless the City Manager or other duly authorized official signs it for the City. This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this contract. With respect to that subject matter, there are no promises, agreements, conditions, inducements, warranties, or understandings, written or oral, expressed or implied, between the parties, other than as set forth or referenced in this contract.

(The following section applies to construction contracts only if amount is over $50,000)

Sec. 16. Bonding. Both performance and payment bonds for the full amount of this Contract are required to be attached. Instead of bonds, you may submit a letter from your banker or stockbroker stating that cash, certified checks or government securities in the amount of this Contract will be submitted. The performance bond shall have a value equal to 100% of this Contract. This bond shall be conditioned upon faithful performance of the contract in accordance with the plans, specifications and conditions of the contract. The performance bond shall be solely for the protection of the City. The payment bond shall be in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract, and conditioned upon the prompt payment for all labor or materials for which a contractor or subcontractor is liable. The payment bond shall be solely for the protection of the persons furnishing materials or performance labor for which a contractor or subcontractor is liable.

Sec. 17. Dispute Resolution. It is understood and agreed that NCGS 143-128(f1-g) requires that disputes arising under an agreement for the erection, construction, alteration or repair of a building be subject to a dispute resolution process specified by the City. The amount in controversy shall be at least $15,000.00 before this dispute resolution procedure may be used. In compliance with this statutory provision, the City specifies this Section as the dispute resolution process to be used on this Project. It is further understood and agreed that this dispute resolution process is based on non-binding mediation and will only be effective to the extent that the Parties to any mediated dispute participate in the mediation in good faith. It is also understood and agreed that the City is under no obligation under any circumstance to secure or enforce the participation of any other Party in the mediation of any dispute subject to this Section and NCGS 143-128(f1-g).

This Section 17 does not apply to:

(a) The purchase and erection of prefabricated or relocatable buildings or portions of such buildings, except that portion of the work that must be performed at the construction site; or

(b) The erection, construction alteration or repair of a building when the cost of such building is $300,000 or less.

17.1 Any dispute arising between or among the Parties listed in Section 17.3 that arises from an agreement to construct the Project, including without limitation a breach of such agreement, shall be subject to non-binding mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Construction Industry Mediation Rules ("Rules"), except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Section. To the extent any provision of the Rules is inconsistent with the provisions of this Section, the provisions of this Section shall control. The mediation provided in this Section shall be used pursuant to this Agreement and NCGS 143-128(F1-g) and is in lieu of any dispute resolution process adopted by the North Carolina State Building Commission, which process shall not apply to this Project.

17.2 For purposes of this Section the following definitions shall apply:

a. *Agreement to construct the Project* means an agreement to construct the Project that is subject to the requirements of NCGS 143-128 and does not include any agreement related to the Project that is not subject to said statute.
b. *Construct* or *construction* refers to and includes the erection, construction, alteration or repair of the Project.
c. *Party* or *Parties* refers to the parties listed in Section 16.4.
d. *Project* means the building to be erected, constructed, altered or repaired pursuant to this Agreement.

17.3 The City and any Party contracting with the City or with any first-tier or lower-tier subcontractor for the construction of the Project agree to participate in good faith in any mediation of a dispute subject to this Section and NCGS 143-128(f1-g), including without limitation the following Parties (if any): architect(s), engineer(s), surveyor(s), construction manager, construction manager at risk, prime contractor(s), surety(ies), subcontractor(s), and supplier(s).

17.4 In order to facilitate compliance with NCGS 143-128(f1-g), the Contractor and all other Parties shall include this Section in every agreement to which it (any of them) is a Party for the construction of the Project without variation or exception. Failure to do so will constitute a breach of this Agreement, and the Contractor or other Party failing to include this Section in any agreement required by this Section shall indemnify and hold harmless the remaining Parties from and against any and all claims, including without limitation reasonable attorney fees and other costs of litigation, arising in any manner from such breach. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, it is expressly understood and agreed that the Parties are intended to be and shall be third-party beneficiaries of the provisions of this Section and can enforce the provisions hereof.

17.5 The following disputes are not subject to mediation: (i) a dispute seeking a non-monetary recovery; and (ii) a dispute seeking a monetary recovery of $15,000 or less.

17.6 A dispute seeking the extension of any time limit set forth in an agreement to construct the Project shall be subject to mediation pursuant to this Section and NCGS 143-128(f1-g), but only if the damages which would be suffered by the Party seeking the extension would exceed $15,000 if the disputed extension is denied. To the extent that liquidated damages are set forth in such agreement as the measurement of damages for failure by such Party to meet such time limit, such liquidated damages shall

be the exclusive standard for determining the amount of damages associated with such dispute.

17.7 For purposes of this Section, a dispute is limited to the recovery of monetary damages from the same transaction or occurrence against a single Party or two or more Parties alleged to be liable jointly, severally or in the alternative. Two or more disputes may not be consolidated or otherwise combined without the consent of all Parties to such disputes.

17.8 In addition to such matters as are required by the Rules, a request for mediation shall include the amount of the monetary relief requested.

17.9 Prior to requesting mediation, a Party must form a good faith belief that it is entitled under applicable law to recover the monetary amount to be included in the request from one or more of the remaining Parties. Such belief must be based on a reasonable and prudent investigation into the dispute that is the subject of the request. The request for mediation must be based on such investigation and may not include any amount or the name of any remaining Party, unless supported by such investigation and good faith belief by the Party requesting the mediation.

17.10 If a Party breaches any provision of Section 17.9, it shall indemnify and hold harmless all other Parties from any costs, including reasonable attorney fees and other costs of litigation, and damages incurred by such other Parties that arise from such breach.

17.11 All expenses incurred by a Party to a dispute in preparing and presenting any claim or defense at the mediation shall be paid by the Party. Such expenses include without limitation preparation and production of witnesses and exhibits and attorney fees. All other expenses of the mediation, including filing fees and required traveling and other expenses of the mediator, shall be borne as follows: one half by the Party requesting the mediation, with the remaining parties paying equal shares of the remaining expenses and costs; provided that, if the City is named as a party to the mediation, the City shall pay at least one-third of the mediation expenses and costs divided among the Parties. If more than one Party to a dispute requests a mediation, the mediation expenses and costs to be divided among the Parties shall be borne equally by the Parties to the dispute; provided that, if the City is named as a Party to the mediation, the City shall pay at least one-third of the mediation expenses and costs divided among the Parties.

17.12 The mediation shall be held at a location agreeable to the mediator and all of the Parties; provided that, if no agreement can be reached, the mediation will be held at such location in Cabarrus County as the mediator shall determine.

17.13 The provisions of this Section are subject to any other provision of this Agreement concerning the submission, documentation and/or proof of any claim or dispute. Such other provisions shall apply in full force and shall be satisfied as a condition precedent to mediation pursuant to this Section.

17.14 The Parties understand and agree that mediation in accordance with this Section shall be a condition precedent to institution of any legal or equitable proceeding seeking monetary recovery based on any dispute that is subject to mediation pursuant to this Section.

Sec. 18. Breach. In the event of a violation of any material term of this Agreement, the non-violating party may terminate the Agreement upon written notice. Such notice shall state the violation with specificity and shall give ten (10) days to cure the violation. The cure period shall be measured as ten (10)

days from the date of receipt of notice by the violating party, or, if the date is not known, then thirteen (13) days from the date the notice is placed in the United States Post. If the violation remains uncorrected at the end of the cure period, the Agreement shall be terminated without any further action by the non-violating party. Any remaining disputes shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedure set forth above, if applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Concord and the Contractor have caused this contract to be executed under seal by their respective duly authorized agents or officers.

CITY OF CONCORD:

By: _____
City Manager

ATTEST BY:

_____
City Clerk
SEAL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Attorney for the City of Concord

(Typed or Printed Legal Name of Contractor)

By: _____
Signature of President/Vice President/Manager/Partner

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Signature of Vice President, Secretary, or other officer

Printed Name: _____

Title _____

SEAL

APPROVAL BY CITY FINANCE OFFICER

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

_____
Signature

EXHIBIT B
PROJECT SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Project Availability – The Project will be available as soon as the contract is awarded by City Council and all contract documents are executed.

2. Erosion Control Provisions - All construction should be staged in a sequence that is most effective in preventing erosion and sedimentation damage.

3. The material to be dewatered and disposed is Alum-type sludge.

4. There is not a boat available on site at the treatment facility.

5. The Contractor will need to provide their own power supply at the site.

6. There is space available at the site for equipment staging near the lagoons. Contractor will utilize all necessary measures to prevent erosion as stated in the Bid Documents herein and shall restore the site upon project completion to that similar to its original condition or better.

7. Project and Payment Details - Sludge shall be removed from Lagoon #1 and Lagoon #2 at Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant. Each lagoon has a volume of approximately 3 million gallons. Contractor shall use whatever non-destructive means he/she finds appropriate to remove water from the sludge in order to meet the specifications set forth by Allied Landfill. The dewatered sludge shall be transported to Allied Landfill. The sludge must be delivered at 19-21% solids to Allied Landfill. The City of Concord will only pay for the dewatered sludge accepted by the landfill, passing said paint filter test (approximately 19-21% solids). Pay will be based on the weight tickets provided by the landfill. Weight tickets shall be presented to The City of Concord for payment. The City of Concord will contract directly with Allied for the disposal fee. Any sludge delivered to Allied's landfill that does not pass the paint filter test shall be returned to the Coddle Creek Water Treatment Plant and further processed at the sole cost of the Contractor. Allied Landfill will accept the sludge on Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

8. The contractor shall provide any and all equipment, materials, pumps, presses, chemicals, machinery, labor, incidentals, and taxes needed to perform this operation. The contractor shall be responsible for any and all damage incurred by the equipment used in this operation. Trucks and/or trailers used for transporting sludge must be able to allow a quick discharge as well as prevent leakage in route. The contractor is responsible for any and shall repair all damage done to site.

9. The City of Concord does not warrant quantities expressed in the bid form. The contractor shall verify the actual % solids to their satisfaction prior to bid.

10. Please note this contract may be extended upon mutual agreement and execution of a Contract Amendment signed by both parties.