

STANDARD AGREEMENT

(Version 9-22-2023)

This AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered by and between **Texas Materials Group, Inc., dba Gulf Coast** ("Contractor"), located at **1320 Arrow Point Drive, Suite 600, Cedar Park, Tx 78613** and the **City of League City** ("City"), a home-rule municipality, located at 300 W. Walker St., League City, Texas 77573 on the date set forth below.

Terms:

- 1. Scope of Services: Contractor will perform the services and/or provide the products as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated herein, and which can be generally described as Crushed Limestone Material. If there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and Exhibit A, the terms of this Agreement will prevail.
- 2. Term and Termination: This Agreement shall commence on July 24, 2024 and shall expire on July 23, 2025 The period from commencement to expiration is the Contract Term. City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement for convenience upon seven (7) days written notice to Contractor. Upon such termination, City shall pay Contractor, at the rate set out in Exhibit A, for services satisfactorily performed or products satisfactorily provided up through the date of termination. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, City will not be required to pay or reimburse Contractor for any services performed or for expenses incurred by Contractor after the date of the termination notice that could have been avoided or mitigated by Contractor.
- 3. **Compensation:** Contractor shall be paid for the services/products as set forth in **Exhibit A**. In no event shall the total compensation exceed \$62,500.00 during the term of this Agreement. City shall tender payment (including progress/partial payments) for services/goods only after such services are completed or goods are delivered and are deemed to be acceptable under this Agreement, in the sole reasonable discretion of City. Contractor must submit to City invoices for all goods delivered and services provided, which invoices must include details and dates of service or delivery. Payment by City shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice, except for any portion of the invoiced amount that City disapproves as not compliant under this Agreement, in the sole reasonable discretion of City. If City disapproves any amount submitted for payment by Contractor, City shall give Contractor specific reasons for disapproval in writing.
- 4. **Insurance:** Contractor **is** required during the Contract Term to maintain insurance as follows: (a) Comprehensive General Commercial Liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage, with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate; (b) If Contractor will provide City "professional services," as that term is used in Chapter 252 of the Texas Local Government Code, Professional Liability (errors and omissions/malpractice) insurance with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$2,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) If at any point during the Contract Term it is foreseeable that Contractor will enter upon City premises: (i) Worker's Compensation coverage with statutory limits for the State of Texas, and (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and (ii) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage with minimum coverage limits—exclusive of defense costs—of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and

\$2,000,000 aggregate. All policies must contain a waiver of subrogation against City. Comprehensive General Liability and Commercial Automobile Liability policies must name the City as Additional Insured. Contractor shall pay all insurance deductibles and deductibles must not exceed \$10,000 unless approved in advance by City. Contractor shall provide City Certificates of Insurance evidencing these insurance requirements prior to the start of work.

- 5. Liquidated Damages: Liquidated damages are applicable to this transaction. Contractor acknowledges that time is of the essence in performing this Agreement. City and Contractor (collectively, the "Parties") agree that if Contractor is late in performing any obligation of this Agreement, City will suffer loss, damages, or other harm from Contractor's delay. The Parties agree that the amount of loss, damages, or harm likely to be incurred is incapable or difficult to precisely estimate, and therefore Contractor agrees to pay City liquidated damages for delay at a daily rate equal to the total compensation allowed under the Agreement divided by the number of days in the Contract Term. The Parties further agree that: (i) the liquidated damages specified herein are not a penalty but rather bear a reasonable relationship to, and is not plainly or grossly disproportionate to, the probable loss likely to be incurred by City as a result of Contractor's delay; (ii) one of the reasons for City and Contractor to agree to such amounts is the uncertainty and cost of litigation regarding the question of actual damages; and (iii) City and Contractor are sophisticated business parties and negotiated this Agreement at arm's length.
- 6. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an employee, partner, joint venture, or agent of City. Contractor understands and agrees that he/she will not be entitled to any benefits generally available to City employees. Contractor shall be responsible for all expenses necessary to carry out the services under this Agreement and shall not be reimbursed by City for such expenses except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.
- 7. Intellectual Property: This Agreement shall be an Agreement for services and the parties intend and consider any work created as a result of this Agreement, including any and all documentation, images, products or results, to be a work (the "Work") for hire under federal copyright law. Ownership of the Work shall belong to and remain the exclusive property of City. The Work may be edited at any time within City's discretion. If the Work would not be considered a work-forhire under applicable law, Contractor hereby assigns, transfers, and conveys any and all rights, title and interest to City, including without limitation all copyrights, patents, rights of reproduction, rights to ownership, and right to secure registrations, renewals, reissues and extensions thereof. As the sole copyright holder of the Work, City maintains and asserts the rights to use, reproduce, make derivative works from, and/or edit the Work in any form of medium, expression or technology now known or hereafter developed, at any time within City's discretion. Contractor shall not sell, disclose or obtain any other compensation for the services provided herein or the Work. If the Work is one to which the provisions of 17 U.S.C. § 106A apply, Contractor hereby waives and appoints City to assert on Contractor's behalf Contractor's moral rights or any equivalent rights regarding the form or extent of any alteration to the Work (including, without limitation, removal or destruction) or the making of any derivative works based on the Work, including, without limitation, photographs, drawings or other visual reproductions of the work, in any medium, for City's purposes.
- 8. **Confidentiality:** During the course of the services to be provided under this Agreement, Contractor may become privy to confidential information of City. Contractor agrees to treat as confidential the information or knowledge that becomes known to Contractor during performance of this Agreement and to not use, copy, or disclose such information to any third party unless authorized in writing by City. This provision does not restrict the disclosure of any

information that is required to be disclosed under applicable law. Contractor shall promptly notify City of any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of City's confidential information and upon expiration of this Agreement shall return to City all confidential information in Contractor's possession or control. Contractor shall further comply with all information security policies of City that may apply and shall not make any press releases, public statements or advertisement referring to the services provided under this Agreement or the engagement of Contractor without the prior written approval of City.

- 9. Warranties and Representations: Contractor warrants and agrees that Contractor shall perform its services and conduct all operations in conformity with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. For any service performed on premises owned or controlled by City, Contractor warrants and agrees that Contractor will perform said services in compliance with all City rules, including but not limited to, prohibitions related to tobacco use, alcohol, and other drugs.
- 10. Licenses/Certifications: Contractor represents and warrants that it will obtain and maintain in effect, and pay the cost of, all licenses, permits or certifications that may be necessary for Contractor's performance of this Agreement. If Contractor is a business entity, Contractor warrants, represents, covenants, and agrees that it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its formation; and is duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas, that it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and deliver the Agreement and is authorized to execute this Agreement according to its terms on behalf of Contractor.
- 11. **Performance/Qualifications:** Contractor agrees and represents that Contractor has the personnel, experience, and knowledge necessary to qualify Contractor for the particular duties to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor warrants that all services performed under this Agreement shall be performed consistent with generally prevailing professional or industry standards.
- 12. **Conflict of Interest:** Contractor warrants, represents, and agrees that Contractor presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with Contractor's performance of the services hereunder. Contractor further warrants and affirms that no relationship or affiliation exists between Contractor and City that could be construed as a conflict of interest with regard to this Agreement.
- 13. **INDEMNIFICATION:** CONTRACTOR SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CITY, AND EACH OF ITS OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, SUITS, DEMANDS, PROCEEDINGS, COSTS, DAMAGES AND LIABILITIES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REASONABLE LITIGATION COSTS, ARISING OUT OF, CONNECTED WITH, OR **RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CONTRACTOR** OR ANY AGENT, EMPLOYEE, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR SUPPLIER OF **CONTRACTOR IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THIS** CONTRACT, TO THE EXTENT THE CLAIM ARISES FROM

NEGLIGENCE, WILLFUL ACT, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR VIOLATION OF LAW.

- 14. Force Majeure: Neither City nor Contractor shall be liable for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, nor for any other breach, nor for any loss or damage arising solely from uncontrollable forces such as fire, theft, storm, war, or any other force majeure that could not have been reasonably avoided by the exercise of due diligence.
- 15. **Notices:** Any notice given under this Agreement by either party to the other may be affected either by personal delivery in writing or by mail, registered or certified postage prepaid with return receipt requested. Mailed notices shall be addressed to the addresses of the Parties as they appear in the contract. Notices delivered personally shall be deemed communicated at the time of actual receipt. Mailed notices shall be deemed communicated three (3) days after mailing.
- 16. **Texas Family Code Child Support Certification:** Pursuant to Section 231.006 of the Texas Family Code, Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the award of or payments under the Agreement and acknowledges that the Agreement may be terminated, and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
- 17. State and/or City Auditor: Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under the Agreement constitutes acceptance of the authority of the Texas State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency or the City's internal auditor (collectively, the "Auditor"), to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including without limitation providing all records requested. Contractor will include this provision in all contracts with permitted subcontractors.
- 18. Jurisdiction: Any disputes under this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Galveston, Texas and governed by Texas law.
- 19. Alternative Dispute Resolution: To the extent that Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, is applicable to this Contract and is not preempted by other applicable law, the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General Pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by City and Contractor to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Contractor that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The Director of Finance of City shall examine Contractor's claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with Contractor in an effort to resolve such claims. This provision shall not be construed as a waiver by City of its right to seek redress in the courts.
- 20. Entire Agreement: This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements, and understanding, oral or written between the Parties relating to this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified except by mutual written agreement of the Parties executed subsequent to this Agreement.
- 21. Eligibility to Receive Payment: Contractor certifies that, as a matter of state law, it is not ineligible to receive the Agreement and payments pursuant to the Agreement and acknowledges that the Agreement may be terminated, and payment withheld if this representation is inaccurate.
- 22. **Payment of Debt/Delinquency to State:** Contractor certifies that it is not indebted to the City of League City and is current on all taxes owed to the City of League City. Contractor agrees that any payments owing to Contractor under the Agreement may be applied directly toward any debt

or delinquency that Contractor owes the City of League City regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.

- 23. **Products and Materials Produced in Texas:** If Contractor will provide services under the Agreement, Contractor covenants and agrees that in performing its duties and obligations under the Agreement, it will purchase products and materials produced in Texas when such products and materials are available at a price and delivery time comparable to products and materials produced outside of Texas.
- 24. **Risk of Loss:** If applicable, all work performed by Contractor pursuant to the Agreement will be at Contractor's exclusive risk until final and complete acceptance of the work by City. In the case of any loss or damage to the work prior to City's acceptance, bearing such loss or damage will be Contractor's responsibility.
- 25. **Publicity:** Contractor shall not use City's name, logo or likeness in any press release, marketing materials or other public announcement without receiving City's prior written approval.
- 26. Legal Construction/Severability: In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions had never been contained in it. To this end, the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable. The Parties may mutually agree to renegotiate the Agreement to cure such illegality/invalidity or unconstitutionality if such may be reasonably accomplished.
- 27. Limitations: The Parties are aware that there are constitutional and statutory limitations on the authority of City to enter into certain terms and conditions of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, those terms and conditions relating to liens on City's property; disclaimers and limitations of warranties; disclaimers and limitations of liability for damages; waivers, disclaimers and limitations of legal rights, remedies, requirements and processes; limitations of periods to bring legal action; granting control of litigation or settlement to another party; liability for acts or omissions of third parties; payment of attorneys' fees; dispute resolution; indemnities; and confidentiality (collectively, the "Limitations"). Any terms and conditions related to the Limitations will not be binding on City except to the extent authorized by the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas.
- 28. **Sovereign Immunity:** The Parties agree that neither the execution of the Agreement by City nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any City representative relating to the Agreement constitutes a waiver of sovereign immunity by City. The Parties also agree that this Agreement constitutes a governmental function and is not a proprietary function.
- 29. Authority: The Parties stipulate that in entering into this Agreement, the City is performing a solely governmental function and not a proprietary function. Contractor warrants and represents that Contractor has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and to make the grant of rights contained herein. The person signing on behalf of City represents that he/she has authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of City.
- 30. **Non-Waiver:** The Parties specifically agree that neither the occurrence of an event giving rise to a breach of contract claim nor the pendency of a claim constitute grounds for the suspension of performance by Contractor. No covenant or condition of this Agreement may be waived except

by written consent of the waiving party. Forbearance or indulgence by one party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant or condition to be performed by the other party.

31. **Prohibitions Pursuant to Texas Government Code:** By executing this Agreement Contractor verifies that Contractor (1) does not boycott Israel and will not during the term of this Agreement per Section 2274.002; (2) is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or any company on the list referenced in Section 2252.152; (3) does not boycott energy companies and will not during the term of this Agreement per 2274.002; and (4) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive of this Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and will not during the term of this Agreement per 2274.002.

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Executed on

TEXAS MATERIALS GROUP, INC. DBA GULF COAST - "Contractor"

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CITY OF LEAGUE CITY - "City"

John Baumgartner, City Manager

Attest:

Diana Stapp, City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Office of the City Attorney

Exhibit A

Scope of Services/Description of Products/Payment Schedule

(There are 9 pages for Exhibit A, including this page)

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THE COUNTY OF GALVESTON

RUFUS G. CROWDER, CPPO CPPB

PURCHASING AGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE 722 Moody (21st Street) Fifth (5th) Floor GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 TEXAS MATERIALS GROUP INC. GULF COAST PO Box 20779 BEAUMONT, TX 77720

RE: SOLICITATION NAME: Crushed Limestone Materials Contract # CM23179 / Bid # B232015

Good day,

The resultant contract listed below is eligible for the first extension period and requires a response from your company to initiate the next contractual period.

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•	Bid Number:	B232015
	Solicitation Name:	Crushed Limestone Materials
	1st Extension Period:	07/24/2024 - 07/23/2025

This signed letter is required by the County to be completed and returned to the Galveston County Purchasing Agent prior to any contract extension request to be placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda for consideration. This contract extension is subject to these requirements.

Please contact the Purchasing Department with any questions regarding this matter including the proposed date that this item may be placed on the Commissioners' Court agenda. Your attendance is not required.

Sincerely, Melissa Fleming Contract Administrator Galveston County

ACCEPTED BY (signature)

VP / GM

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DATE 04/17/2024

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Contract

This Contract is entered into between the County of Galveston, a political subdivision of the State of Texas and the Contractor named below pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 262, Subchapter C and the referenced invitation to bid.

Contract Number: <u>CM23179</u>

Invitation to Bid Number: Bid #B232015 Crushed Limestone Materials

Term of Contract: One (1) year with two (2) one (1) year extensions

Initial term (Services): Beginning date of the Contract will be <u>July 24, 2023</u>. The Contract will terminate on <u>July 23, 2024</u>.

Term of Completion (Construction or other time-specific contracts): The Contractor shall complete the work within N/A Calendar Days of the issuance of the notice to proceed. The time set forth for completion of the work is an essential element of the job.

Renewal Options: (if applicable):

Year One:	Yes (X) No ()
Year Two:	Yes (X) No ()
Year Three:	Yes () No (X)
Year Four:	Yes () No (X)

Contractor: Texas Materials Group, Inc dba Gulf Coast

Awarded as to addendum(s) (if applicable):

Addendum No. 1: () yes () no () n.a. Addendum No. 2: () yes () no () n.a. Addendum No. 3: () yes () no () n.a.

Payment Bond Required: () yes (X)no

Performance Bond Required: () yes (X) no

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Notice to be Given to:

Galveston County:

County Purchasing Agent Galveston County 722 Moody Fifth (5th) Floor Galveston, Texas 77550

Contractor:

Texas Materials Group, Inc.

County and Contractor agree as follows:

1. Parts of Contract: Sections I (Invitation to Bid; Instructions to Bidders), II (Bid Proposal; Contract Award), III (Special Terms and Conditions, including Specifications, Drawings and Addenda, if any), and IV (General Terms and Conditions) attached to this Contract Award are all made a part of this Contract and collectively evidence and constitute the entire contract.

2. Contractor Responsibilities: Contractor will obtain all required permits or licenses, if any; furnish all of the required materials, equipment, and supplies; perform all of the work specified in the bid package; and do everything called for therein. All work shall be performed in a good and workmanlike manner and at minimal interruption of daily County activities.

3. **Payment for Services**: The County, upon satisfactory work by Contractor and receipt of approved invoice, will pay Contractor according to prices and payment schedule listed in the bid sheets contained in Contractor's Bid Proposal.

4. Independent Contractor: None of the provisions of this contract for services are intended to create, nor shall be deemed to create, any relationship between Galveston County and Contractor other than that of independent entities contracting with each other solely for the purpose of effecting the provisions of this Contract. In the performance of work, duties and obligations under this agreement, Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor with complete control over the means, manner, and method by which services are rendered. Contractor is not an agent or employee of the County for any purpose. Contractor and his employees are not eligible for nor will be permitted to participate in any employee benefit plans which are normally provided to employees of the County, including vacation and sick leave, retirement plans, disability and worker's compensation. County assumes no liability to any third party for any actions, inactions or deeds taken in the performance of services by Contractor, its agents, employees or representatives.

5. Employment Taxes: Contractor shall be solely responsible for all IRS tax reporting and quarterly payments of estimated tax, FICA payments, and any other tax withholding required by the State or Federal governments.

6. Initial Term and Options to Renew: The initial term of the Contract will be as stated above. Contractor hereby grants to County the unilateral right to exercise an option to renew this Contract for such periods of time as specified above. Such option to renew shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions, except for the contract period being extended and pricing indicated on bid sheets, remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Each option is to be executed in the form of a letter from the County Purchasing Agent advising the Contractor of the election of the option. Each option is to be issued not sooner than Ninety (90) Days prior to expiration of this contract or each renewal period, nor later than the final day of the contract period or each renewal period. Each option to renew may not cover more than one (1) year. The total period of this contract, including all extensions as a result of exercising this option, may not exceed the maximum combined period specified above.

7. Cancellation: County may cancel the Contract, with or without cause, or solely for its convenience upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Contractor.

8. Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Contractor warrants that no persons or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or continent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to immediately terminate this Contract without liability to Contractor, or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price for consideration, or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

9. Subcontracting or Assignment: Contractor may not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Contract in whole or in part without prior written permission of the County. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the contract. Failure to request consent shall be grounds for termination.

10. Novation and Change of Name Agreements: Contractor is responsible for the performance of this Contract. In the event a change of name or novation agreement (change of ownership) is required pursuant to action initiated by the Contractor, the County Purchasing Agent shall be notified immediately. No change in the obligation of the Contractor will be recognized until such change is approved by Commissioners' Court.

11. Force Majeure: In the event that the performance by the County of any of its obligations or undertakings hereunder shall be interrupted or delayed by any occurrence not occasioned by its own conduct, whether such occurrence by an act of God or the common enemy or the result of war, riot, civil commotion, sovereign conduct, or the act or conduct of any person or persons not a party or privy hereto, then it shall be excused from such performance for such period of time as is reasonably necessary after such occurrence to remedy the effects thereof.

12. Entirety of Agreement and Modification: This Contract contains the entire agreement of the parties. Any prior agreement, promise, negotiation, or representation not expressly set forth in this Contract has no force or effect. This Contract may be amended or changed only by the written consent of each party hereto duly executed by the authorized representative of each party.

13. Severability. If a provision contained in this contract is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the contract that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Contract are severable.

14. Validity/Enforceability: If any current or future legal limitations affect the validity or enforceability of a provision of this Contract, then the legal limitations are made a part of this Contract and shall operate to amend this contract to the minimum extent necessary to bring this contract into conformity with the requirements of the limitation, and as so modified, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

15. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and all obligations of the parties are performable in Galveston, Texas. Venue shall lie exclusively in Galveston, Texas.

16. **Benefit**: This contract is intended to inure only to the benefit of County and Contractor. This contract is not intended to create, nor shall be deemed or construed to create, any rights in third parties.

17. Authority to Bind: The person or persons executing and signing this Contract on behalf of each party guarantee that the person or persons are fully authorized to execute the contract and to legally bind the party to all terms and provisions of this contract, and that this contract constitutes the legal, valid, and binding agreement of each party hereto.

18. Immunity Retained: The County does not waive or relinquish any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officer, employees, and agents as a result of its execution of this contract and performance of the covenants contained herein. The County specifically reserves any claim it may have to sovereign, qualified, or official immunity as a defense to any action arising in conjunction with this contract.

19. Meaning of Words: Except as provided otherwise, words shall be given their ordinary meaning. If a word is connected with and used with reference to a particular trade or subject matter or is used as a word of art, the word shall have the meaning given by experts in the particular trade, subject matter, or art. Words in the present or past tense include the future tense. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular unless expressly provided otherwise.

20. **Public Information Act**: the parties agree that the County is a governmental body for purposes of the Public Information Act, codified as Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and as such is required to release information in accordance with the Public Information Act.

21. Headings: The headings at the beginning of the various provisions of this agreement have been included only in order to make it easier to locate the subject covered by each provision and are not to be used in construing this agreement.

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22. Conflict of Provisions: In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between provision of this Contract and any part of the Contract listed in Paragraph One above, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.

Executed on this the <u>lst</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2023.

Contractor:

Texas Materiasl Group, Inc dba Gulf Coast

By: - Ritter - Date:

4/05/2023

Galveston County

By:

Date:

Mark A. Henry, County Judge

May 1, 2023

Attes llivan, County Clerk

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