

RESOLUTION NO: 2018 - 403

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ASSIGN THE CONTRACT WITH VET-US ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, UNDER BID NO. 14-80; HAZARDOUS BIOMEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES TO TRILOGY MEDWASTE, INC.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to assign the existing contract with Vet-US Environmental, LLC under Bid No. 14-80: Hazardous Biomedical Waste Collection Services to Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 2018, the County received a letter from Trilogy Medwaste, Inc., stating that Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC in its entirety has merged with Trilogy Medwaste, Inc. in August, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC has changed its name to Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the assignment shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the contract awarded to Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC under Bid No. 14-80; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract is being funded by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has reviewed the terms, provisions, conditions and requirements of the proposed contract (attached hereto, an incorporated herein) and finds that entering into the contract serves a public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, as follows:

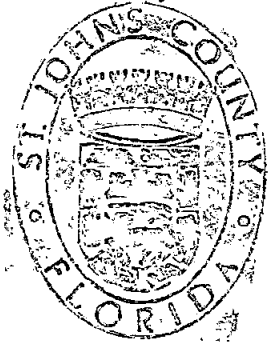
Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as finds of fact.

Section 2. The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to assign the contract with Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC under Bid No. 14-80 to Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.

Section 3. The County Administrator, or designee, is further authorized to execute an assignment agreement in substantially the same form and format as attached hereto to Trilogy Medwaste, Inc., on behalf of the County for Hazardous Biomedical Waste Collection Services as specifically provided in the Contract Documents associated with Bid No. 14-80.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 20 day of November, 2018.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Paul M. Waldron  
Paul M. Waldron, Chairman

**ATTEST:** Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk  
Jam Waltherman  
Deputy Clerk

**RENDITION DATE** 11/21/18

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT  
RFP No. 14-80: Hazardous Biomedical Waste Collection Services  
Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446

This Consent to Assignment Agreement ("Assignment Agreement") is entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by and between St. Johns County ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and Trilogy Medwaste, Inc., a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, ("Assignee"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in that certain Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446, dated as of September 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, Contractor and Assignee wish to transfer and assign to the Assignee all of the Contractor's rights and interests in and to, and obligations under Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446, and the Assignee wishes to be the assignee and transferee of such rights, interests and obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XV of Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446, the Contractor may not assign any of its rights, interests or obligations under such agreement, directly or indirectly (by operation of law or otherwise), without the prior written approval of the County; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2018, the County received a letter from Trilogy Medwaste, Inc., stating that Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC in its entirety has merged with Trilogy Medwaste, Inc. in August, 2018 (*see* Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, as a result, Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC has changed its name to Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XV of Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446, the County approves assignment of the Contractor's rights, interests and obligations under such agreement, subject to the following terms and conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

1. **Assignment and Assumption.**  
The County hereby approves assignment of Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446 to the Assignee, who shall acquire all of the Contractor's rights, interests, obligations and duties as set forth in such agreement. By execution of this Assignment Agreement, the Assignee hereby assumes and agrees to perform all obligations, duties, liabilities and commitments of the Contractor as provided in Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446.
2. **Incorporation of Terms and Conditions.**  
Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446 is hereby incorporated into and made part of this Assignment Agreement. With the exception to the assignment of rights, interests, obligations and duties as set forth herein, all terms, conditions and provision contained in Master Contract 14-MCC-VET-05446 shall remain in full force and effect.
3. **Effectiveness.**  
This Assignment Agreement shall be effective as of the date first set forth above.
4. **Governing Law and Venue.**  
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any administrative or legal action arising under this Assignment Agreement shall be in St. Johns County, Florida.
5. **Counterparts.**  
This Assignment Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, including facsimile counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy of this Assignment Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of such counterparts by facsimile or electronic mail (in PDF or .tiff format) shall be deemed effective as manual delivery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Assignee have executed this Assignment Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

**COUNTY:**

St. Johns County, FL  
Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – County Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name – County Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title – County Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

**ASSIGNEE:**

Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.  
Full Legal Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature – Assignee Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name – Assignee Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title – Assignee Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

**ATTEST:**  
**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL**  
**CLERK OF COURT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LEGALLY SUFFICIENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy County Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Execution

Exhibit A

VetUS Environmental Services  
830-13 A1A North Suite 119  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082  
(904)217-4451  
info@vetenvironmental.com  
www.vetenvironmental.com

# Invoice



# VetUS

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

*A Veteran Owned and Operated Company*

BILL TO  
SJC Medical Examiner  
ATTN: Kelly Boulos  
4501 Avenue A  
St. Augustine, FL 32095

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
6816	08/31/2018	\$0.00	Due on receipt	

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
07/31/2018	Balance Forward	\$155.04
08/31/2018	Payments and credits already applied to this invoice	-310.08
	Other payments and credits between 07/31/2018 and 08/31/2018	-155.04
	New charges (details below)	310.08
	Total Amount Due	\$0.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
08/03/2018	SJC Medical Waste Transport and Disposal	4	38.76	155.04
08/31/2018	SJC Medical Waste Transport and Disposal	4	38.76	155.04

Did you know that VETUS donates 2% of every dollar spent on services to military and local charities...Thank you for allowing us to do this by being the greatest customers around.

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES  
BALANCE DUE

310.08  
**\$0.00**

Vet-US Environmental Services  
830 A1A N. Suite 13-119  
Ponte Vedra Beach FL 32082  
904-217-4451



## Billing Announcement

To our Valued Customers,

In early August, we informed you that Vet US and Trilogy Medwaste had merged to become one company. Because of the merger, we have been diligently working toward integrating the operational and billing systems of the two operations. This letter is to inform you that our systems are now integrated and that in the month of September you will be receiving two separate invoices, one from each company as follows:

- The first invoice, which covers service from September 1, 2018 through September 23, 2018, will come from Vet US under their legacy format.
- The second invoice covers service from September 24, 2018 through the end of the month and will come from Trilogy Medwaste on our letterhead.

Please review both invoices carefully and contact us immediately if there are questions or concerns, as we want to ensure that the transition of your services have been handled accurately. Over the coming weeks, one of our representatives will be contacting you to verify your customer information and make changes on your account if necessary, or feel free to call us with any concerns or changes.

For the month of October, you will receive one monthly invoice from Trilogy Medwaste.

If you prefer invoices by email, or if the mailing address we have for you is incorrect, please contact us.

Trilogy Medwaste phone: (713) 300-1880

Trilogy Medwaste email: [billing@Trilogymedwaste.com](mailto:billing@Trilogymedwaste.com)

Trilogy Medwaste mailing address to remit your payment:

Trilogy Medwaste, Inc.  
PO Box 550569  
Houston, TX 77255

Our goal is to continuously improve our services and provide you with a comprehensive set of products, services, and resources in a safe and efficient manner – all for the benefit of our customers, our employees, and our environment.

Welcome aboard!

The Trilogy Medwaste Team



**CONTRACT AGREEMENT**  
**BID NO: 14-80; HAZARDOUS BIOMEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**  
**Master Contract #: 14-MCC-VET-05446**

This Contract Agreement is made as of this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014, by and between St. Johns County, FL, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, with principal offices located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY", and Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR", with mailing address 830-13 A1A North, Suite 119, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 whose Phone: (904) 217-4451 and Fax: (844) 803-7292 and email: garrett@vetenvironmental.com.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1 – DURATION and RENEWAL**

This Contract Agreement shall become effective upon the date of execution by all parties, shall be in effect for an initial contract term of one (1) calendar year, and may be renewed for up to a maximum of four (4) one (1) year periods, upon satisfactory performance by the CONTRACTOR, mutual agreement by both parties, and the availability of funds. While this Contract Agreement may be renewed as stated in this Article, it is expressly noted that the COUNTY is under no obligation to renew or extend this Contract Agreement. It is further expressly understood that the option of renewal is exercisable only by the COUNTY, and only upon the COUNTY's determination that the CONTRACTOR has satisfactorily performed the Services noted in the Contract Documents.

**ARTICLE 2 - ENUMERATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

The term "Contract Documents" shall include all Bid Documents and any addenda/exhibits thereto; all Specifications; this Contract Agreement, any duly executed amendments, addenda, and/or exhibits hereto; and any and all duly executed Change Orders.

**ARTICLE 3 - SERVICES**

The CONTRACTOR's responsibility under this Contract Agreement is to provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to perform hazardous biomedical waste collection services in accordance with Bid No: 14-80 and as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

Services provided by the CONTRACTOR shall be under the general direction of the authorized COUNTY designee(s) in each respective department, who shall act as the COUNTY'S representative during the performance of this Contract Agreement.

**ARTICLE 4 – SCHEDULE**

The CONTRACTOR shall perform the required services as specified in the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR shall be required to comply with the schedule set forth in the specifications throughout the duration of the contract. No changes to said schedule shall be made without prior written authorization from the COUNTY'S representative.

**ARTICLE 5 – COMPENSATION/BILLING/INVOICES**

- A. The COUNTY shall compensate the CONTRACTOR based upon the **Unit Price per pickup of thirty eight dollars (\$38.00)** as submitted in the bid proposal and accepted by the COUNTY. The maximum amount available as compensation to CONTRACTOR under this Contract Agreement shall not exceed the annual amount budgeted by the St. Johns County Utility Department for services satisfactorily performed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- B. It is strictly understood that CONTRACTOR is not entitled to the above-referenced amount of compensation. Rather, the CONTRACTOR's compensation shall be based upon the CONTRACTOR's adhering to the Scope of Services, detailed in the Contract Documents. As such, the CONTRACTOR's compensation is dependent upon satisfactory completion of services stated in the Specifications, and included by reference in this Contract Agreement.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall bill the COUNTY at the end of each month, for Services satisfactorily performed. The COUNTY reserves the right to pro-rate or refuse payment of any submitted invoice where services were not satisfactorily performed.
- D. Though there is no billing form or format pre-approved by either the COUNTY, or the CONTRACTOR,

bills/invoices submitted by the CONTRACTOR shall include a detailed written report of the Work accomplished in connection with the Scope of Services. The COUNTY may return a bill/invoice from the CONTRACTOR, and request additional documentation/information when necessary to validate payment. Under such circumstances, the timeframe for payment will be extended by the time necessary to receive a verified bill/invoice.

E. Unless otherwise notified, bills/invoices should be delivered to:

SJC Fire Service Admin ATTN: Jeff Prevatt 3657 Gaines Road St. Augustine, FL 32084	SJC Utility Dept ATTN: Frank Kenton 1205 State Road 16 St. Augustine, FL 32084	SJC Medical Examiner ATTN: Kelly Boulos 4501 Avenue A St. Augustine, FL 32084	SJC FMD @ Jail ATTN: Matt Falcey 2416 Dobbs Road St. Augustine, FL 32086
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SJC Health & Human Svcs  
ATTN: Mark Kees  
1955 US 1 South, Suite 150  
St. Augustine, FL 32086

F. **FINAL INVOICE:** In order for the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR to reconcile/close their books and records, the CONTRACTOR shall clearly indicate "final invoice" on the CONTRACTOR's final bill/invoice to the COUNTY. Such indication establishes that all Services have been satisfactorily performed and that all charges and costs have been invoiced to the COUNTY and that there is no further Work to be performed under this Contract Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 6 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE**

The signing of this Contract by the CONTRACTOR shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates and cost used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract.

The said rates and costs shall be reduced to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or non-current wage rate, or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside subcontractors. The COUNTY may exercise its rights under this Article 4 within eighteen (18) months following final payment.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – TERMINATION**

- A. This Contract may be terminated by the COUNTY without cause upon at least thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination without cause.
- B. This Contract may be terminated by the COUNTY with cause upon at least fourteen (14) calendar days advanced written notice of such termination with cause. Such written notice shall indicate the exact cause for termination.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – NOTICE OF DEFAULT/RIGHT TO CURE**

- A. Should the CONTRACTOR fail to perform (default) under the terms of this Contract, then the COUNTY shall provide written notice to the CONTRACTOR, which such notice shall include a timeframe of no fewer than five (5) consecutive calendar days in which to cure the default. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to cure the default, or take acceptable corrective action within the timeframe provided in the notice of default (or any such amount of time as mutually agreed to by the parties in writing), shall constitute cause for termination of this Contract.
- B. It is expressly noted that, should the COUNTY issue more than one notice of default to the CONTRACTOR during the term of this Contract, such action shall constitute cause for termination of this Contract.
- C. Consistent with other provisions in this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services authorized and satisfactorily performed under this Contract up to the effective date of termination.
- D. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall:
  - 1. Stop work on the date to the extent specified.
  - 2. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
  - 3. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other material related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
  - 4. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

## **ARTICLE 9 – PERSONNEL**

The CONTRACTOR represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the Services as noted in the Contract Documents. It is expressly understood that such personnel shall not be employees of, or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the Services required hereunder shall be performed by the CONTRACTOR, or under its supervision. All personnel engaged in performing the Services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under federal, state and local law to perform such Services.

Any changes or substitutions in the CONTRACTOR's key personnel must be made known to the COUNTY's representative and written approval granted by the COUNTY before said change or substitution can become effective.

The CONTRACTOR warrants that all Services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

## **ARTICLE 10 – SUBCONTRACTING**

The COUNTY reserves the right to approve the use of any subcontractor, or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor, and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform the Work described in the Contract Documents. The CONTRACTOR is encouraged to seek minority and women business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities.

If a subcontractor fails to satisfactorily perform in accordance with the Contract Documents, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the Work in a timely fashion, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly do so, subject to approval by the COUNTY.

The COUNTY reserves the right to disqualify any subcontractor, vendor, or material supplier based upon prior unsatisfactory performance.

## **ARTICLE 11 – FEDERAL AND STATE TAX**

In accordance with Local, State, and Federal law, the COUNTY is exempt from the payment of Sales and Use Taxes. The COUNTY shall execute a tax exemption certificate submitted by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR shall not be exempt from the payment of all applicable taxes in its performance under this Contract Agreement. It is expressly understood by the COUNTY and by the CONTRACTOR that the CONTRACTOR shall not be authorized to use the COUNTY's Tax Exemption status in any manner.

The CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the payment and accounting of any and all applicable taxes and/or withholdings including but not limited to Social Security payroll taxes (FICA), associated with or stemming from CONTRACTOR's performance under this Contract Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 12 – AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

The COUNTY's obligations under this Contract Agreement are subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated funds. While the COUNTY will make all reasonable efforts, in order to provide funds needed to perform under this Contract Agreement, the COUNTY makes no express commitment to provide such funds in any given COUNTY Fiscal Year. Moreover, it is expressly noted that the CONTRACTOR cannot demand that the COUNTY provide any such funds in any given COUNTY Fiscal Year.

## **ARTICLE 13 - INSURANCE**

The CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Contract until he/she has obtained all insurance required under this section and such insurance has been approved by the COUNTY. All insurance policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish proof of Insurance to the COUNTY prior to the commencement of operations. The Certificate(s) shall clearly indicate the CONTRACTOR has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classification as required by contract and that no material change or cancellation of the insurance shall be effective without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the COUNTY. Certificates shall specifically include the COUNTY as Additional Insured for all lines of coverage except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. A copy of the endorsement must accompany the certificate. Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of its liability and obligations under this Contract.



Certificate Holder Address: St. Johns County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, Fl 32084

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain during the life of this Contract, Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily injury, including wrongful death, as well as from claims of property damages which may arise from any operations under this contract, whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly employed by or contracting with the CONTRACTOR.

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain during the life of this Contract, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance with minimum limits of \$300,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage liability to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily injury, including the ownership, use, or maintenance of owned and non-owned automobiles, including rented/hired automobiles whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the CONTRACTOR.

The Contractor shall Automobile Liability insurance as specified by Insurance Services Office, form number CA 0001 Symbol 1 (any auto), with an MCS 90 endorsement and a CA 9948 endorsement (or equivalent) attached if "pollutants" as defined in exclusion 11 of the commercial auto policy are to be transported. Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage, \$5,000,000 if "pollutants", as defined in CA 0001 exclusion 11, are to be transported.

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain during the life of this Contract, adequate Workers' Compensation Insurance in at least such amounts as is required by the law for all of its employees per Florida Statute 440.02.

In the event of unusual circumstances, the County Administrator or his designee may adjust these insurance requirements.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - INDEMNIFICATION**

The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY, and its officers, and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, intentional/unintentional conduct or omission of the CONTRACTOR and other persons employed or utilized by the CONTRACTOR.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Contract Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract Agreement. Except as above, neither the COUNTY nor the CONTRACTOR shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the COUNTY, which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - REMEDIES**

No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive, or any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or nor or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party or any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

In any action brought by either party for the enforcement of the obligations of the other party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder. The CONTRACTOR further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The CONTRACTOR shall promptly notify the COUNTY in writing by certified mail of all potential conflicts of interest for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance, which may influence or appear to influence the

CONTRACTOR'S judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the CONSULTANT may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY, whether such association, interest, or circumstance constitutes a conflict of interest if entered into by the CONTRACTOR.

The COUNTY agrees to notify the CONTRACTOR of its opinion by certified mail within 30 days of receipt of notification by the CONTRACTOR. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the CONTRACTOR, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the CONTRACTOR shall, at his/her option enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Contract Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 18 - EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The CONTRACTOR shall not be considered in default by reason of any delay in performance if such delay arises out of causes reasonably beyond the CONTRACTOR'S control and without its fault or negligence. Such cases may include, but are not limited to: acts of God; the COUNTY'S ommissive and commissive failures; natural or public health emergencies; freight embargoes; and severe weather conditions.

If delay is caused by the failure of the CONTRACTOR'S subcontractor(s) to perform or make progress, and if such delay arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractor(s) and is without the fault or negligence of either of them, the CONTRACTOR shall not be deemed to be in default.

Upon the CONTRACTOR'S request, the COUNTY shall consider the facts and extent of any delay in performing the work and, if the CONTRACTOR'S failure to perform was without its fault or negligence, the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract Agreement shall be revised accordingly; subject to the COUNTY'S right to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the Work at any time.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - ARREARS**

The CONTRACTOR shall not pledge the COUNTY'S credit, or make it a guarantor of payment, or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The CONTRACTOR further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

The CONTRACTOR shall deliver to the COUNTY for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the COUNTY under this Contract Agreement.

All written and oral information not in the public domain, or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the COUNTY, or at its expense, shall be kept confidential by the CONTRACTOR and shall not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the COUNTY'S prior written consent, unless required by a lawful order. All drawings, maps, sketches, and other data developed, or purchased under this Contract Agreement, or at the COUNTY'S expense, shall be and remains the COUNTY'S property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY.

The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law).

All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to, any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Contract Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

#### **ARTICLE 21 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The CONTRACTOR is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract Agreement shall at all times and in all places be subject to

the CONTRACTOR'S sole direction, supervision, and control.

The CONTRACTOR shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the CONTRACTOR'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY. The CONTRACTOR does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 22 - CONTINGENT FEES**

The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR to solicit or secure this Contract Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 23 - ACCESS AND AUDITS**

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion of this Contract Agreement. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the COUNTY'S cost, upon five (5) days written notice.

#### **ARTICLE 24 - NONDISCRIMINATION**

The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, physical handicap, sex, age or national origin.

#### **ARTICLE 25 - ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR agree that this Contract Agreement, signed by both parties sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein, or are incorporated by reference into this Contract Agreement. None of the provisions, terms, conditions, requirements, or responsibilities noted in this Contract Agreement may be amended, revised, deleted, altered, or otherwise changed, modified, or superseded, except by written instrument, duly executed by authorized representatives of both the COUNTY, and the CONTRACTOR.

#### **ARTICLE 26 - ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Contract Agreement, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Contract Agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all reasonable expenses even if not taxable as court costs (including, without limitation, all such reasonable fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceedings, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

#### **ARTICLE 27 - AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE**

The CONTRACTOR hereby represents and warrants that it has and shall continue to maintain all license and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it shall at all times, conduct its business activities in a reputable manner.

#### **ARTICLE 28 - SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Contract Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract Agreement, or the application of such items or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected and every other term and provision of this Contract Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE 29 - AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

No amendments or modifications of this Contract Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by each of the parties.

The COUNTY reserves the right to make changes in the work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the CONTRACTOR of the COUNTY'S notification of a contemplated change, the CONTRACTOR shall: (1) if requested by the COUNTY, provide an estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change; (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change in the completion date; and (3) advise the COUNTY in writing if the contemplated change shall effect the CONTRACTOR'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract Agreement. If the COUNTY instructs in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall suspend work on that portion of the project, pending the COUNTY'S decision to proceed with the change. If the COUNTY elects to make the change, the COUNTY shall issue a Change Order for changes, or a contract change order, if the original contract is be changed or amended the CONTRACTOR shall not commence work on any such change until such written change order has been issued and signed by each of the parties.

**ARTICLE 30 - FLORIDA LAW & VENUE**

This Contract Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce the Contract shall be held in St. Johns County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 31 - ARBITRATION**

The Owner shall not be obligated to arbitrate or permit any arbitration binding on the Owner under any of the Contract Documents or in connection with the project in any manner whatsoever.

**ARTICLE 32 - NOTICES**

All notices required in this Contract Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the COUNTY shall be mailed to:

St. Johns COUNTY Purchasing Department  
**Attn: Jaime Locklear, CPPB, Contract Coordinator**  
500 San Sebastian View  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

and if sent to the CONTRACTOR shall be mailed to:

Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC  
**Attn: Mr. Garrett Luebker, President**  
830-13 A1A North, Suite 119  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

**ARTICLE 33 - HEADINGS**

The heading preceding the articles and sections herein are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Contract Agreement, or affect its meaning, construction or effect.

**ARTICLE 34 – PUBLIC RECORDS**

- A. The cost of reproduction, access to, disclosure, non-disclosure, or exemption of records, data, documents, and/or materials, associated with this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Florida Public Records Law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), and other applicable State and Federal provisions. Access to such public records, may not be blocked, thwarted, and/or hindered by placing the public records in the possession of a third party, or an unaffiliated party.
- B. In accordance with Florida law, to the extent that Contractor's performance under this Agreement constitutes an act on behalf of the County, Contractor shall provide access to all public records made or received by Contractor in conjunction with this Agreement. Specifically, if Contractor is expressly authorized, and acts on behalf of the County under this Agreement, Contractor shall:
  - (1) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the County in order to perform the services described herein;
  - (2) Provide the public with access to public records related to this Agreement on the same terms and conditions that the County would provide the records, and at a cost that does not exceed the costs provided in Chapter 119, Florida States, or as otherwise provided by applicable law;

- (3) Ensure that public records related to this Agreement that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public disclosure are not disclosed except as authorized by applicable law; and
  - (4) Meet all requirements for retaining public records, and transfer at Contractor's sole cost and expense, all public records in the possession of Contractor upon termination of this Agreement. Contractor shall destroy any duplicate records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public disclosure requirements in accordance with applicable State and Federal provisions. Any public records stored electronically must be provided to the County in a format that is compatible with information technology systems maintained by the County.
- C. Failure by Contractor to grant such public access shall be grounds for immediate, unilateral termination of this Agreement by the County. Contractor shall promptly provide the County notice of any request to inspect or copy public records related to this Agreement in Contractor's possession and shall promptly provide the County a copy of Contractor's response to each such request.

**ARTICLE 35 – NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

Both the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR explicitly agree, and this Contract explicitly states that no third party beneficiary status or interest is conferred to, or inferred to, any other person or entity.

**ARTICLE 36 – USE OF COUNTY LOGO**

Pursuant to, and consistent with, COUNTY Ordinance 92-2 and COUNTY Administrative Policy 101.3, the CONTRACTOR may not manufacture, use, display, or otherwise use any facsimile or reproduction of the COUNTY Seal/Logo without express written approval of the Board of COUNTY Commissioners of St. Johns COUNTY, Florida.

**ARTICLE 37 – SURVIVAL**

It is explicitly noted that the following provisions of this Contract Agreement, to the extent necessary, shall survive any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal of this Contract Agreement, and therefore shall be both applicable and enforceable beyond any suspension, termination, cancellation, revocation, and/or non-renewal: (1) Truth-in-Negotiation; (2) Federal and State Taxes; (3) Insurance; (4) Indemnification; (5) Access and Audits; (6) Enforcement Costs; and (7) Access to Records.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR have executed three (3) original copies this Contract Agreement on the date and year below noted.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL:**

*Dawn Cardenas*  
Dawn Cardenas, Purchasing Manager

6/23/14  
Date

**LEGALLY SUFFICIENT:**

*[Signature]*  
Assistant County Attorney

6/10/14  
Date of Execution

**ATTEST:  
CLERK OF COURT**

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Clerk

6/23/14  
Date

**CONTRACTOR:**

Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC  
Company Name

GARRETT LUEBKER  
Name (Type or Print)

*[Signature]*  
Signature

President  
Title

June 19, 2014  
Date



**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**BID NO: 14-80; HAZARDOUS BIOMEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**  
**BASIS OF COMPENSATION**

Basis of compensation shall be made in accordance with the unit price per pickup as submitted on the bid proposal and approved by the COUNTY. The Unit Price shall include all direct costs, indirect costs, and reimbursable expenses necessary to complete the scope of work. Requests for additional services or additional line items shall be submitted in writing and approved by St. Johns COUNTY *prior* to any work being implemented and shall be added to the applicable Contract Amendment.

Pricing adjustments will be considered on an annual basis at the time of contract renewal and must be mutually accepted by both the Contractor and the Owner. Price adjustment requests shall be based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in affect at the time of renewal. All accepted and approved price adjustments shall become effective on the first day of the applicable renewal period.

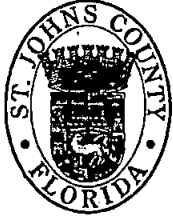
**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**BID NO: 14-80; HAZARDOUS BIOMEDICAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**  
**CONTRACT SCHEDULE**

The Contract Period for this scope of work shall be as follows:

***Initial Contract*** – Shall become effective on September 1, 2014, and shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year, or until funds may become exhausted.

***Contract Renewal/s*** – The contract may be renewed for four (4), one (1) year terms upon satisfactory performance by the CONTRACTOR, mutual agreement by all parties, the availability of funds and the continued need of the COUNTY for services.





**St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners**

Purchasing Division

June 23, 2014

Mr. Garrett Luebker, President  
Vet-US Environmental Services, LLC  
830-13 A1A North, Suite 119  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

**RE: Bid No.: 14-80 – Hazardous Biomedical Waste Collection Services  
Master Contract No: 14-MCC-VET-05446**

Dear Mr.Luebker:

Enclosed, please find a fully executed original copy of the above referenced Contract Agreement for your files.

If you have any questions regarding this contract, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information provided below.

Thank you for doing business with St. Johns County.

Sincerely,  
*St. Johns County*  
*Purchasing Department*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaime T. Locklear".

Jaime T. Locklear, CPPB  
Contract Coordinator  
904.209.0158 – Direct  
904.209.0159 – Fax  
[jlocklear@sjcfl.us](mailto:jlocklear@sjcfl.us)

CC: SJC Minutes & Records (Copy taken when attested)  
SJC Purchasing Bid No: 14-80 Master Contract File