AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this 30th day of August, 2005, by and between LEON COUNTY FLORIDA, a charter county and a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and NORTH FLORIDA ASPHALT, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor."

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Leon County, Florida, that the County be able to utilize the services of private persons when such services cannot be reasonably provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be better to contract for these services than to hire the necessary personnel to satisfy the needs of the County: and

WHEREAS, in order to secure the lowest cost for these services, the County has sought and received competitive bids from contractor for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The Contractor hereby agrees to provide Roadway and Drainage improvements for Okeeheepkee Basin Roadway and Drainage Improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications for Leon County Bid# **BC-07-14-05-60**, said bid being incorporated into this agreement as if fully set out herein, to the extent that it is not inconsistent with this agreement.

2. WORK

Any work to be performed shall be upon the written request of the County Administrator or his representative, which request shall set forth the commencing date of such work and the time within which such work shall be completed.

The performance of Leon County of any of its obligations under the purchase order or agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds lawfully expendable for the purposes of the purchase order or agreement for the current and any future periods provided for within the bid specifications.

3. TIME AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The work to be performed under this agreement shall be commenced within fifteen (15) days of the Notice to Proceed. All work to be performed under this Agreement shall be completed within One Hundred Forty (140) consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. If the work to be performed under this Agreement is not completed within the time set forth above, or within such extra time as may be granted by the County, the Contractor shall be deemed to be in default. For each day the Contractor is in default, the Contractor or its Surety shall pay to the County, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, the sum of $ 1,216.00.

Permitting the Contractor to continue and finish the work or any part of it after the expiration of the contract time allowed, including extensions, if any, shall in no way act as a waiver on the part of County of the liquidated damages due under the agreement.

4. CONTRACT SUM

The Contractor agrees that for the performance of the services as outlined above, it shall be remunerated by the County: according to the payment schedules contained in the Contractor's bid proposal for a total sum of $1,293,574.65 on completion of the work and acceptance of it as satisfactory.

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5. PAYMENTS

The County will make such payments within thirty (30) days of submission and approval of invoice for services.

6. STATUS

The contractor at all times relevant to this Agreement shall be an independent contractor and in no event shall the Contractor nor any employees or sub-contractors under it be considered to be employees of Leon County.

7. INSURANCE

Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Contractor's bid.

A. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than:

1. General Liability: $1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

2. Automobile Liability: $1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage. (Non-owned, Hired Car).

3. Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability: Insurance covering all employees meeting Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and Employer's Liability with a limit of $500,000 per accident, $500,000 disease policy limit, $500,000 disease each employee. Waiver of Subrogation in lieu of Additional Insured will suffice.

B. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. At the option of the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

C. Other Insurance Provisions The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages (County is to be named as Additional Insured).

a. The County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as insureds as respects; liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, including the insured's general supervision of the Contractor; products and completed operations of the Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by the Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protections afforded the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

b. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, it officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance of self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

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c. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the county, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.

d. The Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claims is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

2. All Coverages

Each insurance policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the County.

D. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a Best's rating of no less than A:VII.

E. Verification of Coverage. Contractor shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

F. Subcontractors. Contractors shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

8. PERMITS

The Contractor shall pay for all necessary permits as required by law. However, the Contractor shall be exempt from Leon County Building Permits.

9. LICENSES

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining his city or county occupational license and any licenses required pursuant to the laws of Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, or the State of Florida. Should the Contractor, by reason of revocation, failure to renew, or any other reason, fail to maintain his license to operate, the contractor shall be in default as of the date such license is lost.

10. ASSIGNMENTS

This Agreement shall not be assigned or sublet as a whole or in part without the written consent of the County nor shall the contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him hereunder without the previous written consent of the County.

11. PERFORMANCE BOND

A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the estimated project cost shall be supplied by the Contractor prior to agreement execution. Also, a payment and material bond for the agreement amount shall be supplied by the Contractor at the same time.

"Performance and Payment and Material Bonds shall provide that, in the event of non-performance on the part of the Contractor the bond can be presented for honor and acceptance at an authorized representative or institution located in Tallahassee, Florida. The performance bond **must** contain a clause stating the following:

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In the event of non-performance on the part of the contractor this performance / payment and materials bond can be presented for honor and acceptance at _____(address)_____, which is located in Tallahassee, Florida. "

12. HOLD HARMLESS

The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County from all claims, damages, liabilities, or suits of any nature whatsoever arising out of, because of, or due to the breach of this agreement by the Contractor, its delegates, agents or employees, or due to any act or occurrence of omission or commission of the Contractor, including but not limited to costs and a reasonable attorney's fee. The County may, at its sole option, defend itself or allow the Contractor to provide the defense. The Contractor acknowledges that ten dollars ($10.00) of the amount paid to the Contractor is sufficient consideration for the Contractor's indemnification of the County.

13. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE)PARTICIPATION

The Contractor shall meet or exceed the M/WBE participation levels stated in the M/WBE Participation Statement included as part of the bid response for this project, except when the County Good Faith Committee approves an exception.

Any "Good Faith Statement" provided by a Contractor shall follow the requirements of the Florida Statutes, and must demonstrate through documentation that every reasonable effort has been made to achieve the requested percentage.

For those M/WBE firms listed in their bid, Contractors shall be responsible for securing proof of their M/WBE certification and providing copies to the County M/WBE Office.

Also required is a monthly reporting system of the work done by and payments made to certified minority business enterprises as a part of this project. The reports shall detail each invoice submitted to the County and a break down of payments to all subcontractors therein by M/WBE classification.

14. AUDITS, RECORDS, AND RECORDS RETENTION

The Contractor agrees:

a. To establish and maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of funds provided by the County under this agreement.

b. To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this agreement for a period of five (5) years after termination of the agreement, or if an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of five (5) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this agreement.

c. Upon completion or termination of the agreement and at the request of the County, the Contractor will cooperate with the County to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any said records or documents during the required retention period as specified in paragraph 1 above.

d. To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, or audit by Federal, state, or other personnel duly authorized by the County.

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e. Persons duly authorized by the County and Federal auditors, pursuant to 45 CFR, Part 92.36(I)(10), shall have full access to and the right to examine any of provider's agreement and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept, at all reasonable times for as long as records are retained.

f. To include these aforementioned audit and record keeping requirements in all approved subcontracts and assignments.

15. MONITORING

To permit persons duly authorized by the County to inspect any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods, and services of the provider which are relevant to this agreement, and interview any clients and employees of the provider to assure the County of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Following such evaluation, the County will deliver to the provider a written report of its findings and will include written recommendations with regard to the provider's performance of the terms and conditions of this agreement. The provider will correct all noted deficiencies identified by the County within the specified period of time set forth in the recommendations. The provider's failure to correct noted deficiencies may, at the sole and exclusive discretion of the County, result in any one or any combination of the following: (1) the provider being deemed in breach or default of this agreement; (2) the withholding of payments to the provider by the County; and (3) the termination of this agreement for cause.

16. FINAL INSPECTION

The Contractor shall maintain all work in first-class condition until it has been completed as a whole and been accepted by Leon County. Upon seven (7) days notice from the Contractor of completion of this project, the Director of Engineering Services will set up a semi-final inspection with the Contractor, the Chief of Construction Management, the Chief of Engineering, the Project Engineer, and himself.

If, at the semi-final inspection, all construction provided for and contemplated by the agreement is found completed to the County's satisfaction, such inspection shall constitute the final inspection. If, however, at any semi-final inspection any work is found unsatisfactory, in whole or in part, the Contractor shall be given the necessary instructions as to the replacement of material and performance or re-performance, of work necessary and prerequisite as to final completion and acceptance, and the Contractor forthwith shall comply and execute such instructions. When all materials have been furnished, all work performed and all construction contemplated by the agreement satisfactorily completed, a written notice of final acceptance will be given to the Contractor.

17. GUARANTEE OF WORK

Except as otherwise specified, all work shall be guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from the use of inferior materials, equipment or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance in writing by the Public Works Director. No express warranty or guarantee contained herein shall in any way limit, avoid, displace, or modify any implied warranties or guarantees owed by the Contractor to the County.

If within the guarantee period, repairs or changes are required in connection with the guaranteed work, which in the opinion of the Public Works Director is rendered necessary as the result of the use of materials, equipment or workmanship which are defective, or inferior, or not in accordance with the terms of the agreement, the Contractor shall promptly upon receipt of notice from the County, and without expense to the County:

a. Place in satisfactory condition in every particular all of such guaranteed work, correct all defects therein.

b. Make good all damage to the structure or site, or equipment or contents thereof, which in the opinion of the Public Works Director is a result of the use of materials, equipment or workmanship which are inferior, defective or not in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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c. Make good any work or materials, or the equipment and contents or structures or site disturbed in fulfilling any such guarantee.

In any case where, in fulfilling the requirements of the agreement or of any guarantee, embraced in or required thereby, the Contractor disturbs any work guaranteed under agreement, he shall restore such disturbed work to conditions satisfactory to the Public Works Director and guarantee such restored work to the same extent as it was guaranteed under the original agreement.

If the Contractor, after notice, fails to proceed within ten (10) working days to comply with the terms of the guarantee, the County may have the defects corrected and the Contractor and his surety shall be liable for all expenses incurred.

All special guarantees applicable to definite parts of the work which may be stipulated in the specifications or other papers forming a part of the agreement shall be subject to the terms of this paragraph during the first two (2) years of the life of such special guarantee. The Contractor hereby understands and agrees that none of the guaranties or warranties as to defects in materials, equipment, or workmanship set forth herein shall in any way limit or shorten the statutory limitations period during which the County can bring an action in law or equity against the Contractor for breach of this agreement. The Contractor further agrees that the limitations period for any action in law or equity which the County might bring against the Contractor for breach of this agreement shall not begin to run until the time at which the breach is actually discovered by the County.

18. TERMINATION

Leon County may terminate this Agreement without cause, by giving the Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause by giving the other party hereto thirty (30) days written notice of termination. The County shall not be required to give Contractor such thirty (30) day written notice if, in the opinion of the County, the Contractor is unable to perform its obligations hereunder, or if in the County's opinion, the services being provided are not satisfactory. In such case, the County may immediately terminate the Agreement by mailing a notice of termination to the Contractor.

19. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, Contractor hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief neither Contractor nor his affiliates has been convicted of a public entity crime. Contractor and his affiliates shall provide the County with a completed public entity crime statement form no later than January 15 of each year this agreement is in effect. Violation of this section by the Contractor shall be grounds for cancellation of this agreement by Leon County.

20. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional, as applicable) engineer warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or other) to solicit or secure this agreement and that he or she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working for the architect any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement.

21. NON-WAIVER

Failure by the County to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or failure to give notice or declare this Agreement terminated shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of the same, or of any other terms, conditions or acts; but the same shall be and remain at all times in full force and effect.

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22. REVISIONS

In any case where, in fulfilling the requirements of this agreement or of any guarantee, embraced in or required thereby it is necessary for the Contractor to deviate from the requirements of the bid, Contractor shall obtain the prior written consent of the County.

23. VENUE

Venue for all actions arising under this agreement shall lie in Leon County, Florida.

24. CONSTRUCTION

The validity, construction, and effect of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

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WHERETO, the parties have set their hands and seals effective the date whereon the last party executives this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR

WITNESS:_____ BY:_____
President

WITNESS:_____ DATE_____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____day of_____, 20___.

By _____, of _____,
(Name of officer or agent, title of officer or agent) (Name of corporation acknowledging)

a _____ corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He/she is personally
(State or place of incorporation)

known to me or has produced _____as identification.
(type of identification)

_____
Signature of Notary

_____
Print, Type or Stamp Name of Notary

_____
Title or Rank

_____
Serial Number, If Any

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LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:_____
Cliff Thaell, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

DATE:_____

ATTEST:
BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
LEON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By:_____
Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney