

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditures	\$453,476	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Additional Match (Cty)	\$ 36,079	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
External Revenues (FDOT)	<\$239,555>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Program Income (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
In-Kind Match (County)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$250,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Budget Acct No.: Fund 320 Dept. 361 Unit 1134 Object 6505
 Program

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Transportation Improvement Fund
 Forest Hill Blvd & Congress Ave Intersection Imp

Consultant Services - Basic Services	\$185,588.75
- Reimbursables	\$ 33,701.49
- Optional Services	\$ 93,435.07
Total Authorization	\$312,725.31
Contingency	\$ 15,640.69
Staff Costs-Roadway	\$ 62,550.00
-ROW	\$ 15,640.00
-Eng Services	\$ 15,640.00
-Traffic	\$ 31,280.00
Project Costs	\$453,476.00
Funding Available (FDOT)	<\$239,555.00>
Additional Funding Required	\$213,921.00
Complete County Match Requirement	\$ 36,079.00
Fiscal Impact	\$250,000.00

Funding for this project comes from a \$250,000 FDOT County Incentive Grant Program which was approved by the Board on May 1, 2007. As noted at that time, the County's 50% match would come from Intersection Reserves at the time of awarding the design contract. This has been done with this item by means of a \$250,000 non-board transfer from FY 2006 Road Program allocation for intersections.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: *[Signature]*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

A. White 5.5.08
 OFMB
5/5/08 CN 4/28/08

Jim J. Jacob 5/16/08
 Contract Dev. and Control
E. Tom 5/5/08

B. Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Paul F. L. 5/17/08
 Assistant County Attorney

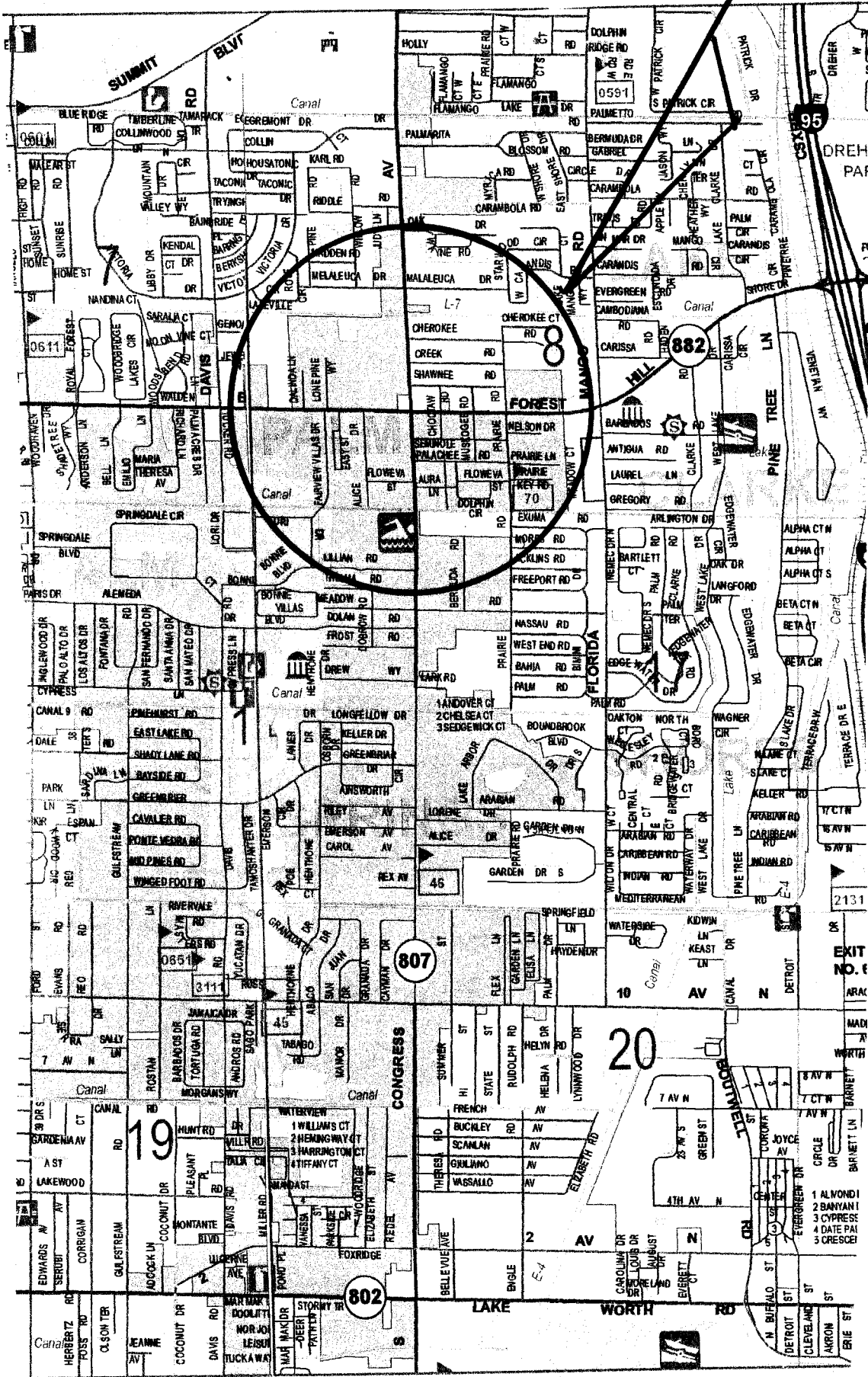
This Contract complies with our contract review requirements.

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

FOREST HILL BOULEVARD AND CONGRESS AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PALM BEACH COUNTY PROJECT NO. 2004102



LOCATION SKETCH

ATTACHMENT 2

**STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PALM BEACH COUNTY AND CONSULTANT
FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

This is an **Agreement** made as of _____, 2008 between **Palm Beach County, Florida (COUNTY)** and **R. J. Behar & Company, Inc. (CONSULTANT)**, an engineering firm having an office and a place of business at 12008 South Shore Boulevard, Suite 207, Wellington, Florida 33414, and having Federal Tax I.D. #65-0954070. The **COUNTY** intends to construct intersection improvements at **Forest Hill Boulevard and Congress Avenue Intersection, Project No. 2004102** (hereinafter called the **PROJECT**).

The **COUNTY** and **CONSULTANT** in consideration of their mutual covenants herein agree in respect of the performance of professional engineering services by **CONSULTANT** and the payment for those services by **COUNTY** as set forth below.

SECTION 1 - BASIC SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

1.1 General

1.1.1 The **CONSULTANT** shall perform professional design services in connection with the **PROJECT** as hereinafter stated which shall include normal civil engineering services, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (Scope of Services).

1.1.2 The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare all plans in accordance with Palm Beach County Thoroughfare Design Procedures, current standards adopted by AASHTO, and the Florida Department of Transportation Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards, and all other applicable professional and technical standards. Plans shall be based on the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) 1990 Adjustment and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). They shall be accurate, legible, complete in design, drawn to scale, and shall be suitable for bidding purposes, unless otherwise stated in Exhibit "A".

1.1.3. The **CONSULTANT** has, during the selection and negotiation process which has preceded this agreement, represented to the **COUNTY** that the **CONSULTANT** is possessed of that level of skill, knowledge, experience and expertise that is commensurate with engineering firms of national repute in the areas of practice required for this project. The **CONSULTANT** acknowledges that the **COUNTY** has relied on the **CONSULTANT'S** representations of skill, knowledge, experience and expertise. By executing this contract, the **CONSULTANT** agrees that the **CONSULTANT** will exercise that degree of care, knowledge, skill and ability as other engineering firms possessing the degree of skill, knowledge, experience and expertise which the **CONSULTANT** has claimed. The **CONSULTANT** shall perform such duties as may be assigned without neglect. The **CONSULTANT** accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established by this Agreement, and covenants with the **COUNTY** to cooperate with the **COUNTY** and to utilize the **CONSULTANT'S** skill, efforts and judgment commensurate with engineering firms of national repute in the areas of practice required for this project. The **CONSULTANT** agrees to perform each assignment in an efficient and economical manner consistent with the **COUNTY'S** interests and consistent with the **COUNTY'S** stated objectives and recognized professional engineering standards.

The **CONSULTANT** further contracts with the **COUNTY** to furnish its professional skill and judgment with due care in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations as amended and supplemented which are in effect on the date of this Agreement first written. It is specifically understood that the

Accessibility provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) shall be complied with and incorporated into the project.

1.1.4 Prior to commencement of design, the **CONSULTANT** shall become familiar with the needs of **COUNTY** Microstation standards, obtain any seed or Microstation files, CADD standards, and standard sheets so that Microstation deliverables can be utilized by the **COUNTY**. **CONSULTANT** shall submit electronic files (in Microstation compatible format and Adobe PDF format) of the design, survey, and any related data used for the project, with the final document(s) submittal, or when otherwise directed by **COUNTY**.

1.1.5 The **CONSULTANT** shall provide to the **COUNTY** all cost summaries/estimates and "Summary of Pay Items" on disk and/or electronic file (as requested). The **CONSULTANT** shall apply descriptions to the pay items as called out in the **COUNTY'S** "Standard Nomenclature" listing, which is available from Roadway Production.

SECTION 2 - ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

2.1 Services Requiring Authorization in Advance

If authorized in writing by the **COUNTY'S** authorized representative, the **CONSULTANT** shall furnish or obtain from others Additional Services of the types listed in paragraphs 2.1.1 through 2.1.9 inclusive. These services are not included as part of Basic Services except to the extent provided otherwise in the Fee Summary, Exhibit "B". These will be paid for by the **COUNTY**, only when specifically authorized and in accordance with Section 5.

2.1.1. Preparation of applications and supporting documents for governmental grants, loans or advances in connection with the **PROJECT**.

2.1.2. Services to make measured drawings of or to investigate existing conditions or facilities, or to verify the accuracy of drawings or other information furnished by the **COUNTY**.

2.1.3. Services resulting from significant changes in the general scope, extent or character of the **PROJECT** or its design including, but not limited to, changes in size, complexity, the **COUNTY'S** schedule, character of construction or method of financing; and revising previously accepted studies, reports, design documents or contract documents when such revisions are required by changes in laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or orders enacted subsequent to the preparation of such studies, reports or documents, or are due to any other causes beyond the **CONSULTANT'S** control.

2.1.4. Preparing documents for alternate bids requested by the **COUNTY** for contractor(s) work which is not executed or documents for out-of-sequence work.

2.1.5. Furnishing the services of special consultants for other than the services included in Exhibit "A".

2.1.6. Services during out-of-town travel required of the **CONSULTANT** other than visits to the site or the **COUNTY'S** office as required by Section 1.

2.1.7. Assistance in connection with bid protests, rebidding or renegotiating contracts for construction, materials, equipment or services.

2.1.8. Preparing to serve or serving as a consultant or witness for the **COUNTY** in any litigation or other legal proceeding involving the **PROJECT**.

2.1.9. Additional services in connection with the **PROJECT**, including services which are to be furnished by the **COUNTY** in accordance with Article 3, and services not otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

SECTION 3 - COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY

The **COUNTY** shall do the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the services of the **CONSULTANT**.

- 3.1. Designate in writing a person to act as the **COUNTY'S** representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this Agreement. Such person shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define the **COUNTY** policies and decisions with respect to the **CONSULTANT'S** services for the **PROJECT**.
- 3.2. Provide all criteria and full information as to the **COUNTY'S** requirements for the **PROJECT**, including design objectives and constraints, space, capacity and performance requirements, flexibility and expendability, and any budgetary limitations; and furnish copies of all design and construction standards which the **COUNTY** will require to be included in the drawings and specifications.
- 3.3. Assist the **CONSULTANT** by placing at the **CONSULTANT'S** disposal all available information pertinent to the **PROJECT** including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the **PROJECT**.
- 3.4. Furnish to the **CONSULTANT** the items listed in Exhibit "A".
- 3.5. Arrange for access to and make all provisions for the **CONSULTANT** to enter upon public and private property as reasonably required for the **CONSULTANT** to perform services under this Agreement.
- 3.6. Examine all studies, reports, sketches, drawings, specifications, proposals and other documents presented by the **CONSULTANT**, obtain advice of an attorney, insurance counselor and other consultants as the **COUNTY** deems appropriate for such examination and render in writing decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the **CONSULTANT**.
- 3.7. Furnish approvals and permits from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the **PROJECT** and such approvals and consents from others as may be necessary for completion of the **PROJECT**.
- 3.8. Providing such legal, accounting, independent cost estimating and insurance counseling services as may be required for the **PROJECT**, and such auditing service as **COUNTY** may require to ascertain how or for what purpose any contractor has used the monies paid to him.
- 3.9. Attend the pre-bid conference, bid opening, preconstruction conferences, construction progress and other job related meetings and substantial completion inspections and final payment inspections.
- 3.10. Give prompt written notice to the **CONSULTANT** whenever the **COUNTY** observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the **CONSULTANT'S** services, or any defect or non-conformance in the work of any contractor.
- 3.11. Furnish, or direct the **CONSULTANT** to provide, Additional Services as stipulated in paragraph 2.1 of this Agreement or other services as required.
- 3.12. Bear all costs incident to compliance with the requirements of this Section 3.

SECTION 4 - PERIODS OF SERVICE

4.1. The COUNTY will issue a written "NOTICE TO PROCEED" to the CONSULTANT within sixty (60) days of contract execution by the COUNTY. The CONSULTANT will immediately commence work on the PROJECT and all schedule dates shall be determined from the date of the "NOTICE TO PROCEED". Final completion of all work under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the schedule, or as otherwise approved in writing by the COUNTY.

SECTION 5 - PAYMENTS TO CONSULTANT

5.1. Methods of Payment for Services and Expenses of the CONSULTANT.

5.1.1. Basic Services: The COUNTY will pay the CONSULTANT the lump sum of **\$185,588.75** for completion of the Basic Services set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B".

5.1.2. Additional Services: To the extent that additional services under Section 2 hereof are specifically authorized in writing by the COUNTY'S representative, the COUNTY will pay for such additional services in accordance with the following:

5.1.2.1. Actual Salary costs times a factor of 2.93 for services rendered by principals and employees assigned to the PROJECT plus all reimbursable expenses.

5.1.2.2. For services rendered by the CONSULTANT'S principals and employees as consultants or witnesses in any litigation, arbitration or other legal or administrative proceeding in accordance with Paragraph 2.1.8. at the rate of **\$800.00** per day or any portion thereof (but compensation for time spent in preparing to appear in any such litigation, arbitration or proceeding will be on the basis provided in Paragraph 5.1.2.1).

5.1.3. Reimbursable Expenses: The COUNTY will pay the CONSULTANT the actual costs of all reimbursable expenses incurred in the provision of these services when authorized in writing by the COUNTY. These expenses will not exceed **\$33,701.49** without additional authorization from the COUNTY.

5.1.4. Optional Services: The COUNTY will pay the CONSULTANT for completion of the Optional Services set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B" when the provision of each service is specifically authorized in writing by the COUNTY. These expenses will not exceed **\$93,435.07** without additional authorization from the COUNTY.

5.1.5. The terms "Salary Costs" and "Reimbursable Expenses" have the meanings assigned to them in Paragraph 5.4.

5.1.6. Additional services and reimbursable expenses authorizations shall be issued in accordance with Board policy per Resolution Number R-89-633 adopted April 4, 1989.

5.2. Payments

5.2.1. Progress payments to the CONSULTANT shall be due and payable monthly in proportion to the percentage of engineering services approved and accepted by the COUNTY based on said lump sum fee until 90% of the project is completed. There will be no additional payments for Basic Services until all services are completed and accepted by the COUNTY (including permits).

5.2.2. Final payment shall be due and payable to the CONSULTANT upon satisfactory completion of the services described in this Agreement and approval and acceptance of the plans by the COUNTY.

5.3. **Other Provisions Concerning Payments**

5.3.1. If this Agreement is terminated prior to its completion other than due to default on the part of the **CONSULTANT**, the **CONSULTANT** shall be paid for Basic Services called for under Section 1 an amount equal to the percentage complete at the time of termination, times the lump sum fee stated in Section 5. Further, the **CONSULTANT** shall be paid for the completed portion of additional services authorized under Section 2, in accordance with Paragraph 5.1.2.

5.3.2. Records of the **CONSULTANT'S** Salary Costs pertinent to the **CONSULTANT'S** compensation under this Agreement will be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Copies will be made available to the **COUNTY** on request prior to final payment for the **CONSULTANT'S** services.

5.4. **Definitions**

5.4.1. The Salary Costs used as a basis for payment shall mean the actual salaries and wages paid to principals and employees engaged on the **PROJECT**. Time spent on this **PROJECT** by stenographers, typists and clerk skills shall not be charged to the **PROJECT** nor shall any fringe benefits such as social security contributions, unemployment, excise and payroll taxes, workman's compensation, etc., be included in the Salary Costs.

5.4.2. Reimbursable Expenses shall mean the actual expenses of soils testing, printing and similar **PROJECT** related items when authorized by the **COUNTY**.

SECTION 6 - CONSTRUCTION COST AND OPINIONS OF COST

6.1. **Opinions of Cost**

Since **CONSULTANT** has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the contractor(s)' methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, the **CONSULTANT'S** opinions of probable construction cost provided for herein are to be made on the basis of the **CONSULTANT'S** experience and qualifications and represent the **CONSULTANT'S** best judgment as an experienced and qualified professional engineer, familiar with the construction industry; but the **CONSULTANT** cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual construction costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by the **CONSULTANT**. If prior to the Bidding or Negotiating Phase, the **COUNTY** wishes greater assurance as to construction costs, the **COUNTY** shall employ an independent cost estimator.

SECTION 7 - GENERAL CONSIDERATION

7.1. **Termination**

This Agreement may be canceled by the **CONSULTANT** upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the **COUNTY** if, through no fault of the **CONSULTANT**, the **COUNTY** fails to cure any material default by the **COUNTY** in its performance of the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the **COUNTY**, with or without cause, immediately upon written notice to the **CONSULTANT**. Unless the **CONSULTANT** is in breach of this Agreement, the **CONSULTANT** shall be paid for services rendered to the **COUNTY'S** satisfaction through the date of cancellation or termination. In the event of cancellation by the **CONSULTANT** or termination by the **COUNTY**, **CONSULTANT** agrees to waive and make no claim for lost profits or other consequential damages. After receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the **COUNTY**, the **CONSULTANT** shall:

- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.

- C. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

Should a termination for breach later be declared wrongful, said termination shall be considered and treated as a termination without cause.

7.2. DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

7.2.1. Upon completion and acceptance of the final work, the **CONSULTANT** shall furnish to the **COUNTY** the original drawings, field notes and all documents and materials prepared by and for the **COUNTY** under this Agreement. The **CONSULTANT** may keep a reproducible set of the original drawings and shall keep all other data collected during the provision of the services. The **COUNTY** may, at its expense, obtain copies of any data which the **CONSULTANT** has accumulated in the process of providing the services on this project tasks. Any reuse without written verification or adaptation by the **CONSULTANT** for the specific purpose intended will be at the **COUNTY'S** sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to the **CONSULTANT**.

7.2.2. 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 will be kept confidential by the **CONSULTANT** and will 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, programs, data base, reports and other data developed or purchased under this Agreement at the **COUNTY'S** expense shall be, and remain, the **COUNTY'S** property, and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the **COUNTY**.

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

7.2.4. 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 Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

7.3 Reuse of Documents

Notwithstanding any breach of this Agreement by either party nor the status of payment to the **CONSULTANT**, nor the **COUNTY'S** exercise of its rights of termination, it is hereby agreed between the parties that copies of any and all property, work product, documentation, reports, computer systems and software, schedules, graphs, outlines, books, manuals, logs, files, deliverables, photographs, videos, tape recordings or data relating to this Project which have been created as a part of the **CONSULTANT'S** services, or authorized by the **COUNTY** as a reimbursable expense, whether generated directly by the **CONSULTANT**, or by or in conjunction or consultation with any other party whether or not a party to this Agreement, whether or not in privity of contract with the **COUNTY** or **CONSULTANT**, and wherever located shall be the property of the **COUNTY**.

7.4. Insurance

CONSULTANT shall, at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements), as described herein. **CONSULTANT** shall agree to provide the **COUNTY** with at least ten (10) day prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverages. The requirements contained herein, as well as **COUNTY'S** review or acceptance of insurance maintained by **CONSULTANT** are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by **CONSULTANT** under the contract.

7.4.1 **Commercial General Liability**

CONSULTANT shall maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$1,000,000** Each Occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement excluding Contractual Liability or Cross Liability unless granted in writing by County's Risk Management Department. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

7.4.2. **Business Automobile Liability**

CONSULTANT shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$1,000,000** Each Accident for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event CONSULTANT doesn't own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing CONSULTANT to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto coverage form. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

7.4.3. **Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability**

CONSULTANT shall maintain Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

7.4.4. **Professional Liability**

CONSULTANT shall maintain Professional Liability, or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than **\$1,000,000** Each Claim. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds **\$40,000**, COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of CONSULTANT'S most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, CONSULTANT shall maintain a Retroactive Date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Contract. The Certificate of Insurance providing evidence of the purchase of this coverage shall clearly indicate whether coverage is provided on an "occurrence" or "claims - made" form. If coverage is provided on a "claims - made" form the Certificate of Insurance must also clearly indicate the "retroactive date" of coverage. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced, or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplement Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Contract, CONSULTANT shall purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than 3 years. CONSULTANT shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

7.4.5. **Additional Insured**

CONSULTANT shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured endorsement shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents." CONSULTANT shall provide the Additional Insured endorsements coverage on a primary basis.

7.4.6. **Waiver of Subrogation**

CONSULTANT hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then CONSULTANT shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which a condition to the policy specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or voids coverage should CONSULTANT enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

7.4.7. **Certificate(s) of Insurance**

Prior to execution of this Contract, **CONSULTANT** shall deliver to the **COUNTY** a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverages required by this Contract have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Such Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a minimum ten (10) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. The certificate of insurance shall be issued to

Palm Beach County
c/o Department of Engineering & Public Works
2300 N. Jog Road, 3rd Floor
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-2745

7.4.8 **Umbrella or Excess Liability**

If necessary, **CONSULTANT** may satisfy the minimum limits required above for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employer's Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employer's Liability. The **COUNTY** shall be specifically endorsed as an "Additional Insured" on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance notes the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a "Follow-Form" basis.

7.4.9 **Right to Review**

COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the contracting/monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Contract. **COUNTY** reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

7.5. **Indemnification**

CONSULTANT 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, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the **CONSULTANT** and other persons employed or utilized by the **CONSULTANT** in the performance of the contract.

7.6. **Controlling Law and Venue**

This Agreement is to be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. The parties agree that venue for any action which in any way arises out of this Agreement shall only be in a state court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida.

7.7. **Successors and Assigns**

7.7.1. The **COUNTY** and the **CONSULTANT** each binds itself and the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the **COUNTY** nor the **CONSULTANT** shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the prior 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**, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the **COUNTY** and the **CONSULTANT**.