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11701 SW County Road 249  
Jasper, Florida 32052

May 26, 2021

Mrs. Lee Wetherington-Zamora  
Superintendent  
Hamilton County School District  
5683 US Highway 129 South, Ste 1  
Jasper, FL 32052

**RE: One-Year Renewal of Contract No. HCSB 2020-010R**

Dear Mrs. Wetherington-Zamora:

This letter is to verify my intent to exercise the 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>) option to renew the contract referenced above for the 2021-2022 school year. I do not wish to make any changes to the terms, prices, or conditions (modify as appropriate). I look forward to working with you.

I have included an updated certificate of insurance along with this letter.

Sincerely,



Vendor Authorized Representative Name/Signature



District Authorized Signature

APPROVED BY HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD

ON

06/08/21

  
SUPERINTENDENT

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2022, between The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, whose address is 5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1, Jasper, FL 32052 (hereinafter referred to as the "SCHOOL BOARD"), and Cason H. Burnett, M.Ed.CCC-SLP, whose address is 210 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Jasper, Florida 32052 (hereinafter referred to as the "PROFESSIONAL").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to the parties to this Agreement, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Services:** The PROFESSIONAL shall perform the following services:

1. **Services As Relating To Or Affecting The Provision of Speech and/or Language Services To The School Aged Population As Required By The School Board:**
  - A. Conduct speech and/or language therapy sessions for students, individual and/or groups, not to exceed eight (8) children with similar problems, in pull-out and/or classroom based therapy.
  - B. Conduct evaluations, screenings, and interpretation of data for students, individual and/or groups, using tests accepted and provided by School Board within a time period of less than 60 days following the date of consent for screening and/or evaluation and receipt of the consent by the Professional.
  - C. Complete all paperwork, logs and documentations, i.e., assessment protocols, individual educational plans (IEP), Medicaid reimbursement reporting, data reporting, lesson plans and provide interpretation and explanation, as appropriate.
  - D. Attend meetings and consultations, i.e., IEP, interdisciplinary, problem solving/RtI.
  - E. Provide services for no more than 28.0 hours per week.
  - F. At request of ESE Coordinator, participate in professional development activities at a fee amount of \$23.61 per hour for professional development hours only, excluding lunch/travel expenses.

Nothing herein shall limit the SCHOOL BOARD's right to obtain proposals or services from other professionals for similar projects.

2. **Insurance:** The PROFESSIONAL shall maintain throughout this Agreement insurance in the types and amounts provided in Appendix A which is attached and made a part of this agreement. Further:

- A. "The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida and its members, officers and employees" shall be an additional named insured on all those coverages/policies listed in Appendix A except Workers' Compensation Insurance and Professional Liability Insurance.

B. The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the PROFESSIONAL.

C. The PROFESSIONAL shall ensure that all insurance policies required by this section are issued by companies with either of the following qualifications:

(i). The company must be (1) authorized by existing certificates of authority by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida or (2) an eligible surplus lines insurer under Florida Statutes. In addition, the insurer must have a Best's Rating of "B+" or better according to the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, published by A.M. Best Company; or

(ii). With respect only to the Workers' Compensation Insurance, the company must be (1) authorized as a group self-insurer pursuant to Florida Statutes or (2) authorized as a commercial self-insurance fund pursuant to Florida Statutes.

D. The PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance remains in force for the duration of this Agreement, including any and all option years that may be granted to the PROFESSIONAL. The certificate of insurance shall contain the provision that the SCHOOL BOARD be given no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation. If the insurance is scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed certificates of insurance to the SCHOOL BOARD at a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of such expiration.

E. Unless otherwise notified, the certificate of insurance shall be delivered to:

Hamilton County Schools  
Attn: Business Services Department  
5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1  
Jasper, Florida 32052

F. The name and address of the Certificate Holder on the certificate of insurance must be:

The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida  
5683 US Highway 129 South – Suite 1  
Jasper, Florida 32052

G. In the event that PROFESSIONAL fails to maintain insurance as described in Section 2 and Appendix A of this Agreement, such failure will constitute a material breach of this Agreement and will be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. If such a breach occurs, then PROFESSIONAL agrees that SCHOOL BOARD may take any action necessary at law or in equity to preserve and protect SCHOOL BOARD'S rights.

3. **Indemnification:** The PROFESSIONAL agrees to make payment of all proper charges for labor required in the aforementioned work and PROFESSIONAL shall indemnify SCHOOL BOARD and hold it harmless from and against any loss or damage, claim or cause of action, and any attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of: any unpaid bills for labor, services or materials furnished to this project; any failure of performance of PROFESSIONAL under this Agreement; or the negligence of the PROFESSIONAL in the performance of its duties under this Agreement, or any act or omission on the part of the PROFESSIONAL, his agents, employees, or servants. PROFESSIONAL shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the SCHOOL BOARD or any of their officers, agents, or servants and each and every one of them against and from all claims, suits, and costs of every kind and description, including attorney's fees, and from all damages to which the SCHOOL BOARD or any of their officers, agents, or servants may be put by reason of injury to the persons or property of others resulting from the performance of PROFESSIONAL'S duties under this Agreement, or through the negligence of the PROFESSIONAL in the performance of its duties under this Agreement, or through any act or omission on the part of the PROFESSIONAL, his agents, employees, or servants.
4. **Codes, Laws, and Regulations:** PROFESSIONAL will comply with all applicable codes, laws, regulations, standards, and ordinances in force during the term of this Agreement.
5. **Permits, Licenses, and Fees:** PROFESSIONAL will obtain and pay for all permits and licenses required by law that are associated with the PROFESSIONAL'S performance of the Scope of Services.
6. **Access to Records:** PROFESSIONAL will maintain accounting records, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, to substantiate all invoiced amounts. PROFESSIONAL shall ensure that such records are available for examination by the SCHOOL BOARD during PROFESSIONAL'S normal business hours. PROFESSIONAL shall maintain such records for a period of three (3) years after the date of the final invoice.
7. **Payment:** SCHOOL BOARD shall compensate PROFESSIONAL for their services in the following manner:

**The rate of \$55.00 per hour for all work actually performed and completed within 30 days after receipt of a statement for services rendered. Provide services for no more than 28.0 hours per week. PROFESSIONAL will not be paid or reimbursed for travel or travel time.**

Invoices for hourly rate services shall be submitted on a monthly basis and shall include the following detail for each separate task performed:

- (a) The date the task was performed;
- (b) identification, by name or initials, of the person performing the task;
- (c) a description, with reasonable particularity, of the task;
- (d) the actual time expended to perform the task; provided, however, that the actual time may be rounded up to the nearest one-tenth of an hour;
- (e) the hourly rate applicable to the individual performing the task; and
- (f) the fee being charged for the task.

8. **Independent Contractor:** The PROFESSIONAL agrees that it is an independent contractor and not an agent, joint venturer, or employee of the SCHOOL BOARD, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status. None of the benefits provided by the SCHOOL BOARD to its employees, including but not limited to, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, or retirement benefits, are available from the SCHOOL BOARD to the PROFESSIONAL. PROFESSIONAL shall be responsible for paying its own Federal income tax and self-employment tax, or any other taxes applicable to the compensation paid under this agreement. The PROFESSIONAL shall be solely and entirely responsible for his or her acts during the performance of this Agreement.
9. **Assignment:** Neither party shall have the power to assign any of the duties or rights or any claim arising out of or related to the Agreement, whether arising in tort, contract, or otherwise, without the written consent of the other party. These conditions and the entire Agreement are binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of the parties hereto.
10. **No Third Party Beneficiaries:** This Agreement gives no rights or benefits to anyone other than the PROFESSIONAL and the SCHOOL BOARD.
11. **Jurisdiction:** The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity of this Agreement, its interpretation and performance, and any other claims related to it. In the event of any litigation arising under or construing this Agreement, venue shall lie only in the appropriate court of subject matter jurisdiction, in and for Hamilton County, Florida.
12. **Term and Termination:** The term of this Agreement shall be for an initial term, up through and including one (1) year **from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020**. All or part of this Agreement may be terminated by the SCHOOL BOARD, for its convenience, upon no less than thirty (30) days written notice to the PROFESSIONAL of such intent to terminate. In such event, the PROFESSIONAL will be entitled to compensation for services competently performed up to the date of termination. The agreement may be renewed for an additional two (2) year periods upon the mutual written consent of both parties.
13. **Approval of Personnel:** The SCHOOL BOARD reserves the right to approve the contact person and the persons actually performing the PROFESSIONAL services on behalf of PROFESSIONAL pursuant to this Agreement. If SCHOOL BOARD, in its sole discretion, is dissatisfied with the contact person or the person or persons actually performing the services on behalf of PROFESSIONAL pursuant to this Agreement, SCHOOL BOARD may require that the PROFESSIONAL assign a different person or persons to be the contact person or to perform the PROFESSIONAL services hereunder.
14. **Disclosure of Conflict:** The PROFESSIONAL has an obligation to disclose to the SCHOOL BOARD any situation that, while acting pursuant to this Agreement, would create a potential conflict of interest between the PROFESSIONAL and its duties under this Agreement.
15. **Background Investigations:** The PROFESSIONAL represents and warrants to the SCHOOL BOARD that the PROFESSIONAL has read and is familiar with Florida Statute Sections 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467, and 1012.468 regarding background investigations. PROFESSIONAL covenants to comply with all requirements of the above-cited statutes and shall provide SCHOOL BOARD with proof of compliance upon request. PROFESSIONAL agrees to indemnify

and hold harmless the SCHOOL BOARD, its officers, agents and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from the PROFESSIONAL'S failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph or Florida Statute Sections 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468.

16. Modifications and Amendments: This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document signed by authorized representatives of the PROFESSIONAL and SCHOOL BOARD.
17. Subcontracts and Assignment: PROFESSIONAL shall not subcontract or assign any of the work contemplated under this Agreement without first obtaining written approval from the SCHOOL BOARD. Any subcontractor or assignee shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the fingerprinting, insurance and indemnification provisions.
18. Entire Agreement: This constitutes the entire agreement between SCHOOL BOARD and PROFESSIONAL and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the services contemplated herein.
19. Severability Clause: If any provision of this Agreement is held in whole or in part to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and/or the entire agreement shall be severable and remain in effect.
20. Authority: Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.
21. Maintenance and Public Access to Records. Appendix B is attached and made a part of this agreement.
22. Suspension and Debarment. Appendix C is attached and made a part of this agreement and must be completed and signed by the vendor before services may commence under this contract.
23. Non-Collusion Affidavit. Appendix D is attached and made a part of this agreement and must be signed by the vendor before services may commence under this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature.

"SCHOOL BOARD"

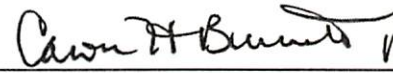
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Superintendent

Date: 6/17/19

"PROFESSIONAL"

Cason H Burnett

By:  msca-svp

Its: owner  
Corporate Officer

Date: 5-31-19

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PROFESSIONAL shall maintain the following insurance coverages in force and effect during the duration of the Agreement (check all that are applicable):

1. ☒ GENERAL LIABILITY
  - A. Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
  - B. If work performed under the contract will require contact with students' coverage must include sexual abuse and molestation.
  - C. The policy must name The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, its Officers, Employees, Volunteers and Agents as additional insured using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 26 or its equivalent.
  - D. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs available to The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida using ISO endorsement CG 20 01 or its equivalent.
2. ☒ AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY
  - A. Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury and property damage.
  - B. Coverage must include all owned, leased, hired, non-owned, and employee non-owned vehicles and, where applicable, provide personal injury protection.
3. NIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION/EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY
  - A. Contractor agrees to maintain workers' compensation coverage in accordance with Chapter 440, Florida Statutes as may be amended from time to time, including employer's liability insurance.
  - B. The minimum Employers' Liability limits required are \$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000.
  - C. Coverage will apply to all those persons rendering services to Contractor for The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida.
  - D. The policy will provide a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, its Officers, Employees, Volunteers and Agents.
4. ☒ PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
  - A. Contractor shall maintain professional liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate covering professional misconduct or lack of ordinary skill for those positions defined in the scope of services in the contract.



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- B. PROFESSIONAL must provide proof of coverage for up to two (2) years after the completion of the project.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COVERAGES**

1. The Contractor agrees to provide the Board with a certificate or certificates of insurance evidencing the required insurance. Compliance with the requirements of this paragraph shall not relieve the Contractor of its liability and obligations under this Agreement.

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:**

2. Each insurance policy required by the insurance provisions of this contract shall provide the required coverage and shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice has been given to The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida, and except when cancellation is for non-payment of premium; then ten (10) days' prior notice may be given.
3. Such notice shall be sent directly to The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida.
4. If any insurance company refuses to provide the required notice, the Contractor or its insurance broker shall notify The School Board of Hamilton County, Florida of any cancellation, suspension, or non-renewal of any insurance within seven (7) days of receipt of insurer's notification to that effect.

**APPENDIX B**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Agreement Rider Maintenance and Public Access to Records**

In compliance with Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes (2016) the Vendor shall:

- A. Keep and maintain public records that would ordinarily and necessarily be required by Board in order to perform the services provided by the Vendor. Any documents created by the Vendor related to this contract shall be considered a Public Record. This includes, without limitation, any and all financial, accounting, instructional, curriculum, testing, operational or service records or reports kept, generated or issued as a normal part of the services provided.
- B. Upon request from the Board's custodian of public records, provide the Board with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the Board.
- D. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the Board all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the Board to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the Board upon completion of the Agreement, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Board, upon request from the Board's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Board.
- E. If the Vendor does not comply with a public records request, the School Board shall be entitled to enforce these contract provisions by any legal or equitable means available, including, without limitation, damages, injunctive relief or both.

Failure of Vendor to abide by the terms of this provision shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement. This provision shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement. In the event a civil action is filed against the Vendor to compel production of public records where the Vendor has unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within the time required by law, the Plaintiff may be entitled to recover its reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney's fees from the Vendor as authorized by 119.0701, Fla. Stat.

**IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE VENDOR MUST CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA: Philip Pinello, Assistant Superintendent, The School District of Hamilton County, Florida , 5683 South US Highway 129, Suite 1, Jasper, Florida 32052, email address: philip.pinello@hamiltonfl.com. telephone number (386) 792-7802.**

**APPENDIX C****REGISTRATION AND USE OF E-VERIFY SYSTEM**

Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 448.095, effective January 1, 2021, PROFESSIONAL shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, <https://e-verify.uscis.gov/emp>, to verify the employment eligibility of all employees hired during the term of this Agreement.

- A. PROFESSIONAL must provide evidence of compliance with Fla. Stat. § 448.095 no later than the contract origination date. Evidence may consist of, but is not limited to, providing notice of Contractor's E-Verify number.
- B. Failure to comply with this provision is a material breach of the Agreement, and SCHOOL BOARD may choose to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion. PROFESSIONAL may be liable for all costs associated with School Board securing the same services, including, but not limited to, higher costs for the same services and rebidding costs (if necessary).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ADDENDUM the day and year written below.

**Professional:**

Cason Burnett  
 Name  
Cason Burnett  
 Signature

SUP/owner  
 Title  
5-26-21  
 Date

Contractor E-Verify Registration Number \*

**\* If applicable, required to be provided before contract is fully executed.**

**District:**

E-Verify is ☐ / is not ☒ applicable to this contract (N/A only to sole proprietors without employees). If applicable, do not sign until the E-Verify Registration Number has been provided.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

## CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY, AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION -- LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR Part 180.

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective primary participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name of Applicant: <u>Cason H Burnett LLC</u>	Contract #: <u>HCSB 2020-010R</u>
Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative: <u>Cason H Burnett, owner</u>	
Signature: <u>Cason H Burnett</u>	Date: <u>5-26-21</u>

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out above.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations (2 CFR Part 180).
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled A Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, and without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the ineligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

**SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a),  
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

This form must be signed and sworn to in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

1. This sworn statement is submitted

to School Board of Hamilton County, Florida

by Cason H. Burnett

for Cason H. Burnett, PLLC

Whose business address is: 11701 SW County Road 249, Jasper, FL 32052  
~~408 2nd Street, NW, Jasper, Florida 32052~~

(If applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is: 82-0997324

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the individual signing this sworn statement on the attached sheet.) Required as per IRS Form W-9.

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or with the United States, including but not limited to, and bid or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States, and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.
3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
4. I understand that "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes means:
- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime or;
  - b. An entity under the control of any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those offices, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of the affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person, or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the proceeding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.
5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(c), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter a binding contract and which bids or applies to bid on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of the entity.
6. Based on information and belief, the statement, which I have marked below, is true in relation to the entity submitting those sworn statements. *(Please indicate which statement applies.)*

☒ Neither the entity submitted this sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity nor affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.



☐ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of the officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity have been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

☐ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, member, or agents who are active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearing and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. (Attach a copy of the final order)

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT THIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO OR ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

Cason H. Burnett

(Signature)

5-26-21

(Date)

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Suwannee

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority,

Cason H. Burnett

(Name of individual signing)

who, after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided

above on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

Shelly L. Head

(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

SHELLY L. HEAD  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Comm. Expires 05/16/2023  
Commission No. GG332512