NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

TO: POSTON EQUIPMENT SALES, INC.
1430 O’DAY ROAD
PEARLAND, TEXAS 77581

DATE ISSUED: DECEMBER 26, 2013
CURRENT CONTRACT NO: 568-14
CONTRACT TITLE: GROUNDS & TURF EQUIPMENT

THIS IS A NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT AND NOT AN ORDER. NO WORK IS AUTHORIZED UNTIL THE VENDOR RECEIVES A VALID COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER ENCUMBERING CONTRACT FUNDS.

Your firm is awarded the above referenced contract. The contract term covered by this Notice of Award is effective IMMEDIATELY and expires on MAY 31, 2014.

The contract documents consist of HGAC Contract No. GR01-12 and any amendments thereto and this Notice of Award.

CONTRACT PRICING:
1. REFER TO HGAC CONTRACT FOR PRICING

ATTACHMENTS:
1. HGAC Contract HGAC GR01-12
2. RIDER AGREEMENT 568-14

EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT:
NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE SHALL RECEIVE ANY SHARE OR BENEFIT OF THIS CONTRACT NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION DISTRIBUTION:

Yvette Gonzalez, CPPR
Procurement Officer

Date 12/24/13 BID FOLDER: 1
ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT
2100 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, SUITE 500
ARLINGTON, VA 22201

AGREEMENT NO. 568-14

THIS RIDER AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is made, on the date of
its execution by the County, between Poston Equipment Sales, Inc.,
("Contractor"), a Texas Corporation authorized to transact business in
the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the County Board of Arlington County,
Virginia ("County"). The County and the Contractor, for the
consideration and quantity(ies) specified herein or specified in a
County Purchase Order referencing this Agreement, agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
The Contract Documents consist of this Agreement and Exhibit A
(Invitation to Bid GRO1-12), Exhibit B (Houston-Galveston Area Council
Contract No. GRO1-12), and Exhibit C (Letter from Poston Equipment
Sales, Inc.) together with any exhibits and amendments issued or
applicable thereto (Collectively, "Contract Documents" or "Contract").

This Agreement rides a competitive procurement process conducted by
Houston-Galveston Area Council ("H-GAC"). The Contractor desires to
extend to the County the same pricing as the Contractor's agreement
with H-GAC.

The Contract Documents set forth the entire agreement between the
County and the Contractor. The County and the Contractor agree that no
representative or agent of either of them has made any representation
or promise with respect to the parties' agreement which is not
contained in the Contract Documents.

2. SCOPE OF WORK
The Contractor agrees to perform the goods described in the Contract
Documents. The primary purpose of the Work is to provide Grounds & Turf
Equipment.

The Contract Documents set forth the minimum work estimated by the
County and the Contractor to be necessary to complete the work. It
shall be the Contractor's responsibility, at the Contractor's sole
cost, to provide the specific Work set forth in the Contract Documents
sufficient to fulfill the purposes of the Work. Nothing in the
Contract Documents shall be construed to limit the Contractor's
responsibility to manage the details and execution of the Work.

3. CONTRACT TERM
The Contractor's provision of goods for the County ("Work") shall
commence on the date of execution of this Agreement by the County and
shall be completed no later than December 31, 2014 ("Contract Term"),
subject to any modifications as provided for in the Contract Documents.

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However, if H-GAC Contract No. GR01-12 is not renewed; this Agreement shall automatically expire on the date of H-GAC Contract No. GR01-12 expiration date.

4. **CONTRACT PRICING**
The County will pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Payment paragraph below, at the unit prices set forth in Exhibit A for Work provided by the Contractor, as described and required in the Contract Documents, and accepted by the County.

5. **PAYMENT**
Payment will be made by the County to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt by the County Project Officer of an invoice detailing the Work provided by the Contractor to the County and accepted by the County. The Project Officer will either approve the invoice or require corrections. The number of the County Purchase Order pursuant to which authority goods or services have been performed or delivered shall appear on all invoices.

6. **PROJECT OFFICER**
The performance of the Contractor is subject to the review and approval of the County Project Officer ("Project Officer") who shall be appointed by the Director of the Arlington County department or agency requesting the work under this Contract. However, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to manage the details of the execution and performance of its work pursuant to the Contract Documents.

7. **PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS**
The Contractor is obligated to take one of the two following actions within seven (7) days after receipt of amounts paid to the Contractor by the County for work performed by any subcontractor under this Contract:

a. Pay the subcontractor for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the County attributable to the work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract; or

b. Notify the County and the subcontractor, in writing, of the Contractor's intention to withhold all or a part of the subcontractor's payment with the reason for nonpayment.

The Contractor is obligated to pay interest to the subcontractor on all amounts owed by the Contractor to the subcontractor that remain unpaid after seven (7) days following receipt by the Contractor of payment from the County for work performed by the subcontractor under this Contract, except for amounts withheld as allowed in subsection b., above. Unless otherwise provided under the terms of this Contract, interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.

The Contractor shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any are permitted, a provision requiring each subcontractor to include or otherwise be subject to the same payment and interest requirements with respect to each lower-tier subcontractor.
The Contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor pursuant to this section may not be construed to be an obligation of the County. A Contract modification may not be made for the purpose of providing reimbursement for such interest charge. A cost reimbursement claim may not include any amount for reimbursement for such interest charge.

6. NON-APPROPRIATION
All funds for payments by the County to the Contractor pursuant to this Contract are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia for the goods or services provided under this Contract or substitutes for such goods or services which are as advanced or more advanced in their technology, the County will terminate the Contract, without termination charge or other liability to the County, on the last day of the then current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for the then current year for the services covered by this Contract is spent, whichever event occurs first. If funds are not appropriated at any time for the continuation of this Contract, cancellation will be accepted by the Contractor on thirty (30) days prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and the County shall not be obligated under this Contract beyond the date of termination specified in the County's written notice.

9. REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT (ESTIMATED QUANTITIES)
During the Initial Contract Term or any Subsequent Contract Term, the Contractor will furnish all of the items or services described in the Contract Documents if so requested by the County. The Contractor understands and agrees that this is a requirements contract and the County will have no obligation to the Contractor if no, or fewer, items or services are required or requested by the County. Any quantities which are included in the Contract Documents are the present expectations of those who are planning for the County for the period of the Contract. The amount is only an estimate and the Contractor understands and agrees that the County is under no obligation to the Contractor to buy that amount, or any amount, as a result of having provided this estimate or of having had any normal or otherwise measurable requirement in the past. The Contractor further understands that the County may require goods and/or services in excess of the estimated annual contract amount and that such excess shall not give rise to any claim for compensation other than at the unit prices set forth in this Contract.

10. COUNTY PURCHASE ORDER REQUIREMENT
County purchases are authorized only if a County Purchase Order is issued in advance of the transaction, indicating that the ordering agency has sufficient funds available to pay for the purchase. Such a Purchase Order is to be provided to the Contractor by the ordering agency. The County will not be liable for payment for any purchases made by its employees without appropriate purchase authorization issued by the County Purchasing Agent. If the Contractor provides goods or services without a signed County Purchase Order, it does so at its own risk and expense.

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11. EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other basis prohibited by state law related to discrimination in employment except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

B. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

C. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

D. The Contractor will comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment and mandates their full participation in both publicly and privately provided services and activities.

E. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

12. EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS PROHIBITED

In accordance with §2.2-4311.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Contractor acknowledges that it does not, and shall not during the performance of this Contract for goods and/or services in the Commonwealth, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as that term is defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

13. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE TO BE MAINTAINED BY CONTRACTOR

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every
subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor by Arlington County in accordance with the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, the employees of which contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

14. SAFETY
The Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that the Contractor's employees and subcontractors comply with, all current applicable local, state and federal policies, regulations and standards relating to safety and health, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the standards of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program of the Department of Labor and Industry for General Industry and for the Construction Industry, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency standards and the applicable standards of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The Contractor shall provide, or cause to be provided, all technical expertise, qualified personnel, equipment, tools and material to safely accomplish the work specified to be performed by the Contractor and subcontractor(s).

The Contractor shall identify to the County Project Officer at least one (1) on-site person who is the Contractor's competent, qualified, and authorized person on the worksite and who is, by training or experience, familiar with and trained in policies, regulations and standards applicable to the work being performed. The competent, qualified and authorized person must be capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to employees, shall be capable of ensuring that applicable safety regulations are complied with, and shall have the authority and responsibility to take prompt corrective measures, which may include removal of the Contractor's personnel from the work site.

The Contractor shall provide to the County, at the County's request, a copy of the Contractor's written safety policies and safety procedures applicable to the scope of work. Failure to provide this information within seven (7) days of the County's request may result in cancellation of this Contract.

15. WARRANTY
The Contractor warrants to furnish the services described herein at the times and places and in the manner and subject to the conditions set forth. The Contractor shall enter upon and complete the performance of services with all due diligence and dispatch and shall exercise the highest degree of skill and competence.
16. UNSATISFACTORY WORK
If any of the work done, or material or equipment provided, by the Contractor is unsatisfactory to the County, the Contractor shall, on being notified by the County, immediately remove at the Contractor's expense such unsatisfactory work or material or equipment and replace the same with work or material or equipment satisfactory to the County and, in the event the Contractor fails within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice to remove improper or unsuitable work or material or equipment and replace it with suitable and satisfactory work or material or equipment, the County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove the rejected work or material or equipment and replace it with proper work or material or equipment at the expense of the Contractor. This paragraph applies during the Initial Contract Term, any Subsequent Contract Term, and during any warranty or guarantee period. The County shall be entitled to offset such expense against any sums owed by the County to the Contractor under this Contract. If the Project Officer and the County deem it expedient not to require correction or replacement of the work which has not been done in accordance with the Contract, an appropriate adjustment to the Contract Amount may be made therefore.

17. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BREACH AND DEFAULT; CURE
The Contract shall remain in force for the Initial Contract Term or any Subsequent Contract Term(s) and until the County determines that all of the following requirements and conditions have been satisfactorily met: the County has accepted the Work, and thereafter until the Contractor has met all requirements and conditions relating to the Work under the Contract Documents, including warranty and guarantee periods. However, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract sooner if the Contractor is in breach or default or has failed to perform satisfactorily the Work required, as determined by the County in its discretion.

If the County determines that the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily, then the County will give the Contractor written notice of such failure(s) and the opportunity to cure such failure(s) within at least fifteen (15) days before termination of the Contract takes effect ("Cure Period"). If the Contractor fails to cure within the Cure Period or as otherwise specified in the notice, the Contract may be terminated for the Contractor’s failure to provide satisfactory Contract performance. Upon such termination, the Contractor may apply for compensation for Contract services satisfactorily performed by the Contractor, allocable to the Contract and accepted by the County prior to such termination unless otherwise barred by the Contract ("Termination Costs"). In order to be considered, such request for Termination Costs, with all supporting documentation, must be submitted to the County Project Officer within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of the Cure Period. The County may accept or reject, in whole or in part, the application for Termination Costs and notify the Contractor of same within a reasonable time thereafter.

If the County terminates the Contract for default or breach of any Contract provision or condition, then the termination shall be
immediate after notice from the County to the Contractor (unless the County in its discretion provides for an opportunity to cure) and the Contractor shall not be permitted to seek Termination Costs.

Upon any termination pursuant to this section, the Contractor shall be liable to the County for all costs incurred by the County after the effective date of termination, including costs required to be expended by the County to complete the Work covered by the Contract, including costs of delay in completing the Work or the cost of repairing or correcting any unsatisfactory or non-compliant work performed or provided by the Contractor or its subcontractors. Such costs shall be either deducted from any amount due the Contractor or shall be promptly paid by the Contractor to the County upon demand by the County. Additionally, and notwithstanding any provision in this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor is liable to the County, and the County shall be entitled to recover, all damages to which the County is entitled by this Contract or by law, including, and without limitation, direct damages, indirect damages, consequential damages, delay damages, replacement costs, refund of all sums paid by the County to the Contractor under the Contract and all attorney fees and costs incurred by the County to enforce any provision of this Contract.

Except as otherwise directed by the County in the notice, the Contractor shall stop work on the date of receipt of notice of the termination or other date specified in the notice, place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities except as are necessary for the completion of such portion of the Work not terminated, and terminate all vendors and subcontracts and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims. Any purchases after the date of termination contained in the notice shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

In the event any termination for cause, default, or breach shall be found to be improper or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction then such termination shall be deemed to have been a termination for convenience.

18. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the County's Purchasing Agent in whole or in part whenever the Purchasing Agent shall determine that such termination is in the County's best interest. Any such termination shall be effected by the delivery to the Contractor of a written notice of termination at least fifteen (15) days before the date of termination, specifying the extent to which performance of the work under this Contract is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor will be entitled to receive compensation for all Contract services satisfactorily performed by the Contractor and allocable to the Contract and accepted by the County prior to such termination and any other reasonable termination costs as negotiated by the parties, but no amount shall be allowed for anticipatory profits.

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After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed, the Contractor shall stop all designated work on the date of receipt of the notice of termination or other date specified in the notice; place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services or facilities except as are necessary for the completion of such portion of the work not terminated; immediately transfer all documentation and paperwork for terminated work to the County; and terminate all vendors and subcontracts and settle all outstanding liabilities and claims.

19. **INDEMNIFICATION**
The Contractor covenants for itself, its employees, and subcontractors to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the County, and all of its elected and appointed officials, officers, current and former employees, agents, departments, agencies, boards, and commissions (collectively the "County" for purposes of this section) from and against any and all claims made by third parties or by the County for any and all losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, demands or exposure, however caused, resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the Contractor's acts or omissions, including the acts or omissions of its employees and/or subcontractors, in performance or nonperformance of the work called for by the Contract Documents. This duty to save, defend, hold harmless and indemnify shall survive the termination of this Contract. If, after notice by the County, the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor shall be liable for and reimburse the County for any and all expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys fees incurred and any settlements or payments made. The Contractor shall pay such expenses upon demand by the County and failure to do so may result in such amounts being withheld from any amounts due to Contractor under this Contract.

20. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION**
The Contractor warrants and guarantees that no intellectual property rights (including, but not limited to, copyright, patent, mask rights and trademark) of third parties are infringed or in any manner involved in or related to the services provided hereunder.

The Contractor further covenants for itself, its employees, and subcontractors to save, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the County, and all of its officers, officials, departments, agencies, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties, costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, liability, or exposure, however caused, for or on account of any trademark, copyright, patented or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of this Contract, including its use by the County. If the Contractor, or any of its employees or subcontractors, uses any design, device, work, or materials covered by letters patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood, without exception, that the Contract Amount includes all royalties, licensing fees, and any other costs arising from the use of such design, device, work, or materials in any way involved with the Work. This duty to save, defend, hold harmless

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and indemnify shall survive the termination of this Contract. If, after Notice by the County, the Contractor fails or refuses to fulfill its obligations contained in this section, the Contractor shall be liable for and reimburse the County for any and all expenses, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys fees incurred and any settlements or payments made. The Contractor shall pay such expenses upon demand by the County and failure to do so may result in such amounts being withheld from any amounts due to Contractor under this Contract.

21. OWNERSHIP AND RETURN OF RECORDS
This Contract confers no ownership rights to the Contractor nor any rights or interests to use or disclose the County’s data or inputs.

The Contractor agrees that all drawings, specifications, blueprints, data, information, findings, memoranda, correspondence, documents or records of any type, whether written or oral or electronic, and all documents generated by the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of the County's request for services under this Contract, are the exclusive property of the County ("Record" or "Records"), and all such Records shall be provided to and/or returned to County upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract. The Contractor shall not use, willingly allow, or cause such materials to be used for any other purpose other than performance of all obligations under the Contract without the written consent of the County. Additionally, the Contractor agrees that the Records are confidential records and neither the Records nor their contents shall be released by the Contractor, its subcontractors, or other third parties; nor shall their contents be disclosed to any person other than the Project Officer or his or her designee. The Contractor agrees that all oral or written inquiries from any person or entity regarding the status of any Record generated as a result of the existence of this Contract shall be referred to the Project Officer or his or her designee for response. At the County's request, the Contractor shall deliver all Records to the Project Officer, including "hard copies" of computer records, and at the County's request, shall destroy all computer records created as a result of the County's request for services pursuant to this Contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the provisions of this section as part of any contract or agreement the Contractor enters into with subcontractors or other third parties for work related to work pursuant to this Contract.

No termination of this Contract shall have the effect of rescinding, terminating or otherwise invalidating this section of the Contract.

22. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
The Contractor, and its employees, agents, and subcontractors, hereby agree to hold as confidential all County information obtained as a result of its Work under this Contract. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, nonpublic personal information, personally identifiable health information, social security numbers, addresses, dates of birth, other contact information or medical information about a person, information pertaining to products,
operations, systems, customers, prospective customers, techniques, intentions, processes, plans, expertise and any information entrusted to any affiliate of the parties. The Contractor shall take reasonable measures to ensure that all of its employees, agents, and subcontractors are informed of, and abide by, this requirement.

23. ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING
This Contract incorporates by reference Article 9 of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, as well as any state or federal law related to ethics, conflicts of interest, or bribery, including by way of illustration and not limitation, the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (Code of Virginia § 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (Code of Virginia § 18.2-498.1 et seq.), and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended (§ 18.2-438 et seq.). The Contractor certifies that its offer was made without collusion or fraud and that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other offeror, supplier, manufacturer, or subcontractor and that it has not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.

24. COUNTY EMPLOYEES
No employee of Arlington County, Virginia, shall be admitted to any share in any part of this Contract or to any benefit that may arise therefrom which is not available to the general public.

25. FORCE MAJEURE
The Contractor shall not be held responsible for failure to perform the duties and responsibilities imposed by this Contract if such failure is due to fires, riots, rebellions, natural disasters, wars, or an act of God beyond control of the Contractor, and outside and beyond the scope of the Contractor’s then current, by industry standards, disaster plan, that make performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the Contract.

The County shall not be held responsible for failure to perform its duties and responsibilities imposed by the Contract if such failure is due to fires, riots, rebellions, natural disasters, wars, or an act of God beyond control of the County that make performance impossible or illegal, unless otherwise specified in the Contract.

26. AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS
The Contractor shall pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-4311.2, be and remain authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia during the Initial Term and any Subsequent Contract Term(s) of this Contract. A contract entered into by a Contractor in violation of this requirement is voidable, without any cost or expense, at the sole option of the County.
27. RELATION TO COUNTY
The Contractor is an independent contractor and neither the Contractor nor its employees or subcontractors will, under any circumstances, be considered employees, servants or agents of the County. The County will not be legally responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by the Contractor, its employees, servants or agents. The County will not withhold payments to the Contractor for any federal or state unemployment taxes, federal or state income taxes, Social Security tax, or any other amounts for benefits to the Contractor. Furthermore, the County will not provide to the Contractor any insurance coverage or other benefits, including workers' compensation, normally provided by the County for its employees.

28. ANTITRUST
By entering into this Contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns and transfers to the County all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action the Contractor may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States or the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the goods or services purchased or acquired by the County under this Contract.

29. REPORT STANDARDS
Reports or written material prepared by the Contractor in response to the requirements of this Contract or a request of the Project Officer shall, unless otherwise provided for in the Contract, meet standards of professional writing established for the type of report or written material provided, shall be thoroughly researched for accuracy of content, shall be grammatically correct and not contain spelling errors, shall be submitted in a format approved in advance by the Project Officer, and shall be submitted for advance review and comment by the Project Officer. The cost of correcting grammatical errors, correcting report data, or other revisions required to bring the report or written material into compliance with these requirements shall be borne by the Contractor.

When submitting documents to the County, the Contractor shall comply with the following guidelines:

- All submittals and copies shall be printed on at least thirty percent (30%) recycled-content and/or tree-free paper;
- All copies shall be double-sided;
- Report covers or binders shall be recyclable, made from recycled materials, and/or easily removable to allow for recycling of report pages (reports with glued bindings that meet all other requirements are acceptable);
- The use of plastic covers or dividers should be avoided; and
- Unnecessary attachments or documents not specifically asked for should not be submitted, and superfluous use of paper (e.g. separate title sheets or chapter dividers) should be avoided.

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30. **AUDIT**
The Contractor agrees to retain all books, records and other documents related to this Contract for at least five (5) years after final payment. The County or its authorized agents shall have full access to and the right to examine any of the above documents during this period and during the Initial Contract Term and any Subsequent Contract Term. If the Contractor wishes to destroy or dispose of records (including confidential records to which the County does not have ready access) within five (5) years after final payment, the Contractor shall notify the County at least thirty (30) days prior to such disposal, and if the County objects, shall not dispose of the records.

31. **ASSIGNMENT**
The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any award, or any or all of its rights, obligations, or interests under this Contract, without the prior written consent of the County.

32. **AMENDMENTS**
This Contract shall not be amended except by written amendment executed by persons duly authorized to bind the Contractor and the County.

33. **ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION AND COUNTY POLICIES**
Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, no provision of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution or any applicable County policy is waived in whole or in part.

34. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
All disputes arising under this Agreement, or its interpretation, whether involving law or fact, or extra work, or extra compensation or time, and all claims for alleged breach of Contract shall be submitted to the Project Officer for decision at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based, whichever occurs first. Such claims shall state the facts surrounding it in sufficient detail to identify it together with its character and scope. In accordance with the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, claims denied by the Project Officer may be submitted to the County Manager in writing no later than 60 days after final payment. The time limit for final written decision by the County Manager in the event of a contractual dispute, as that term is defined in the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution, is thirty (30) days. Procedures for considering contractual claims, disputes, administrative appeals, and protests are contained in the Purchasing Resolution, incorporated herein by reference, and available upon request from the Office of the Purchasing Agent. The Contractor shall not cause a delay in the Work pending a decision of the Project Officer, County Manager, County Board, or a court.
35. **APPLICABLE LAW, FORUM, VENUE AND JURISDICTION**
This Contract and the work performed hereunder shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the jurisdiction, forum, and venue for any litigation with respect thereto shall be in the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, and in no other court. In performing the Work under this Contract, the Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

36. **ARBITRATION**
It is expressly agreed that nothing under the Contract shall be subject to arbitration, and any references to arbitration are expressly deleted from the Contract.

37. **NONEXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDIES**
All remedies available to the County under this Contract are cumulative, and no such remedy shall be exclusive of any other remedy available to the County at law or in equity.

38. **NO WAIVER**
The failure of either party to exercise in any respect a right provided for in this Contract shall not be deemed to be a subsequent waiver of the same right or any other right.

39. **SEVERABILITY**
The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Contract are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Contract shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Contract.

40. **NO WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**
Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, nothing in this Contract or any action taken by the County pursuant to this Contract shall constitute or be construed as a waiver of either the sovereign or governmental immunity of the County. The parties intend for this provision to be read as broadly as possible.

41. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS**
In addition to any numbered section in this Agreement which specifically state that the term or paragraph survives the expiration of termination of this Contract, the following sections if included in this Contract also survive: INDEMNIFICATION; RELATION TO COUNTY; OWNERSHIP AND RETURN OF RECORDS; AUDIT; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION; WARRANTY; AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

42. **HEADINGS**
The section headings in this Contract are inserted only for convenience and are not to be construed as part of this Contract or a limitation on the scope of the particular section to which the heading precedes.
43. AMBIGUITIES
Each party and its counsel have participated fully in the review and revision of this Agreement. Any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in interpreting this Agreement. The language in this Agreement shall be interpreted as to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against any party.

44. NOTICES
Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices and other communications required by this Contract shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and either (a) delivered in person, (b) delivered to an agent, such as an overnight or similar delivery service, or (c) deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, certified or registered, addressed as follows:

TO THE CONTRACTOR:
Poston Equipment Sales, Inc.
1430 O'Day Road,
Pearland, Texas 77581

TO THE COUNTY:
Adam R. Lehman, Project Officer
Arlington County, Virginia
Equipment Bureau Division
2701 South Taylor Street
Arlington, VA 22206

AND
Richard D. Warren, Jr., Purchasing Agent
Arlington County, Virginia
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500
Arlington, Virginia 22201

45. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE
Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.
WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON
COUNTY, VIRGINIA

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: [Signature]

NAME AND TITLE: RICHARD D. WARREN, JR.
PURCHASING AGENT

DATE: 12/18/13

POSTON EQUIPMENT SALES, INC.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: [Signature]

NAME AND TITLE: W.S. Poston

DATE: 12/17/2013
A CONTRACT BETWEEN
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
Houston, Texas
AND
POSTON EQUIPMENT SALES, INC.
Pearland, Texas

This Contract is made and entered into by the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, hereinafter referred to as H-GAC, having its principal place of business at 5555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027, AND, Poston Equipment Sales, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR, having its principal place of business at 1430 O'Day Road, Pearland, Texas 77581.

ARTICLE 1:
SCOPE OF SERVICES
The parties have entered into a Grounds & Turf Equipment Contract to become effective as of January 1, 2012, and to continue through December 31, 2014 (the "Contract"), subject to extension upon mutual agreement of the CONTRACTOR and H-GAC. H-GAC enters into the Contract as Agent for participating governmental agencies, each hereinafter referred to as END USER, for the purchase of Grounds & Turf Equipment offered by the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR agrees to sell Grounds & Turf Equipment through the H-GAC Contract to END USERS.

ARTICLE 2:
THE COMPLETE AGREEMENT
The Contract shall consist of the documents identified below in order of precedence:

1. The text of this Contract form, including but not limited to, Attachment A
2. General Terms and Conditions
3. Bid Specifications No: GR01-12, including any relevant suffixes
4. CONTRACTOR's Response to Bid No: GR01-12, including but not limited to, prices and options offered

All of which are either attached hereto or incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of this Contract, and shall constitute the complete agreement between the parties hereto. This Contract supersedes any and all oral or written agreements between the parties relating to matters herein. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Contract cannot be modified without the written consent of both parties.

ARTICLE 3:
LEGAL AUTHORITY
CONTRACTOR and H-GAC warrant and represent to each other that they have adequate legal counsel and authority to enter into this Contract. The governing bodies, where applicable, have authorized the signatory officials to enter into this Contract and bind the parties to the terms of this Contract and any subsequent amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 4:
APPLICABLE LAWS
The parties agree to conduct all activities under this Contract in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, directives, issuances, ordinances, and laws in effect or promulgated during the term of this Contract.

ARTICLE 5:
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
The execution of this Contract and the rendering of services prescribed by this Contract do not change the independent status of H-GAC or CONTRACTOR. No provision of this Contract or act of H-GAC in performance of this Contract shall be construed as making CONTRACTOR the agent, servant or employee of H-GAC, the State of Texas or the United States Government. Employees of CONTRACTOR are subject to the exclusive control and supervision of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR is solely responsible for employee payrolls and claims arising therefrom.

ARTICLE 6:
END USER AGREEMENTS
H-GAC acknowledges that the END USER may choose to enter into an End User Agreement with the CONTRACTOR through this Contract and that the term of said Agreement may exceed the term of the H-GAC Contract. However this acknowledgement is not to be construed as H-GAC’s endorsement or approval of the End User Agreement terms and conditions. CONTRACTOR agrees not to offer to, agree to or accept from END USER any terms or conditions that conflict with or contravene those in CONTRACTOR’s H-GAC contract. Further, termination of this Contract for any reason shall not result in the termination of the underlying End User Agreements entered into between CONTRACTOR and any END USER which shall, in each instance, continue pursuant to their stated terms and duration. The only effect of termination of this Contract is that CONTRACTOR will no longer be able to enter into any new End User Agreements with END USERS pursuant to this Contract. Applicable H-GAC order processing charges will be due and payable to H-GAC on any End User Agreements surviving termination of this Contract between H-GAC and CONTRACTOR.
ARTICLE 7:  
SUBCONTRACTS & ASSIGNMENTS
The CONTRACTOR agrees not to subcontract, assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this Contract or any right, title, obligation or interest it may have therein to any third party without prior written notice to H-GAC. H-GAC reserves the right to accept or reject any such change. CONTRACTOR shall continue to remain responsible for all performance under this Contract regardless of any subcontract or assignment. H-GAC shall be liable solely to CONTRACTOR and not to any of its Subcontractors or Assignees.

ARTICLE 8:  
EXAMINATION AND RETENTION OF CONTRACTOR'S RECORDS
The CONTRACTOR shall maintain during the course of its work, complete and accurate records of items that are chargeable to END USER under this Contract. H-GAC, through its staff or its designated public accounting firm, the State of Texas, or the United States Government shall have the right at any reasonable time to inspect copy and audit those records on or off the premises of CONTRACTOR. Failure to provide access to the records may be cause for termination of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records pertinent to this Contract for a period of not less than five (5) calendar years from the date of acceptance of the final contract closeout and until any outstanding litigation, audit or claim has been resolved. The right of access to the records is not limited to the required retention period, but shall last as long as the records are retained. CONTRACTOR further agrees to include in all subcontracts under this Contract, a provision to the effect that the subcontractor agrees that H-GAC’S duly authorized representatives, shall, until the expiration of five (5) calendar years after final payment under the subcontract or until all audit findings have been resolved, have access to, and the right to examine and copy any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, invoices and records of such subcontractor involving any transaction relating to the subcontract.

ARTICLE 9:  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
The CONTRACTOR agrees to submit reports or other documentation in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of the Bid Specifications. If CONTRACTOR fails to submit to H-GAC in a timely and satisfactory manner any such report or documentation, or otherwise fails to satisfactorily render performance hereunder, such failure may be considered cause for termination of this Contract.

ARTICLE 10:  
MOST FAVORED CUSTOMER CLAUSE
If CONTRACTOR, at any time during this Contract, routinely enters into agreements with other governmental customers within the State of Texas, and offers the same or substantially the same products/services offered to H-GAC on a basis that provides prices, warranties, benefits, and terms more favorable than those provided to H-GAC, CONTRACTOR shall notify H-GAC within ten (10) business days thereafter of that offering and this Contract shall be deemed to be automatically amended effective retroactively to the effective date of the most favorable contract, wherein CONTRACTOR shall provide the same prices, warranties, benefits, or terms to H-GAC and its END USER. H-GAC shall have the right and option at any time to decline to accept any such change, in which case the amendment shall be deemed null and void. If CONTRACTOR is of the opinion that any apparently more favorable price, warranty, benefit, or term charged and/or offered a customer during the term of this Contract is not in fact most favored treatment, CONTRACTOR shall within ten (10) business days notify H-GAC in writing, setting forth the detailed reasons CONTRACTOR believes aforesaid offer which has been deemed to be a most favored treatment, is not in fact most favored treatment. H-GAC, after due consideration of such written explanation, may decline to accept such explanation and thereupon this Contract between H-GAC and CONTRACTOR shall be automatically amended, effective retroactively, to the effective date of the most favored agreement, to provide the same prices, warranties, benefits, or terms to H-GAC.

The Parties accept the following definition of routine: A prescribed, detailed course of action to be followed regularly; a standard procedure. EXCEPTION: This clause shall not be applicable to prices and price adjustments offered by a bidder, or contractor, which are not within bidder's control (example: a manufacturer's bid concession), or to any prices offered to the Federal Government and its agencies.

ARTICLE 11:  
SEVERABILITY
All parties agree that should any provision of this Contract be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other term of this Contract, which shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 12:  
DISPUTES
Any and all disputes concerning questions of fact or of law arising under this Contract, which are not disposed of by agreement, shall be decided by the Executive Director of H-GAC or his designee, who shall reduce his decision to writing and provide notice thereof to CONTRACTOR. The decision of the Executive Director or his designee shall be final and conclusive unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR requests a rehearing from the Executive Director of H-GAC. In connection with any rehearing under this Article, CONTRACTOR shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and offer evidence in support of its position. The decision of the Executive Director after any such rehearing shall be final and conclusive. CONTRACTOR may, if it elects to do so, appeal the final and conclusive decision of the Executive Director to a court of competent jurisdiction. Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Contract and in accordance with H-GAC’S final decision.
ARTICLE 13: LIMITATION OF CONTRACTOR’S LIABILITY
ExCEPT as specified in any separate writing between the CONTRACTOR and an END USER, CONTRACTOR’s total liability under this Contract, whether for breach of contract, warranty, negligence, strict liability, in tort or otherwise, but excluding its obligation to indemnify
H-GAC described in Article 14, is limited to the price of the particular products/services sold hereunder, and CONTRACTOR agrees either to refund the purchase price or to repair or replace product(s) that are not as warranted. In no event will CONTRACTOR be liable for any loss of use, loss of time, inconvenience, commercial loss, lost profits or savings or other incidental, special or consequential damages to the full extent such use may be disclaimed by law. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that it shall be liable to repay and shall repay upon demand to END USER any amounts determined by H-GAC, its independent auditors, or any agency of State or Federal government to have been paid in violation of the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 14: LIMIT OF H-GAC’S LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION OF H-GAC
H-GAC’s liability under this Contract, whether for breach of contract, warranty, negligence, strict liability, in tort or otherwise, is limited to its order processing charge. In no event will H-GAC be liable for any loss of use, loss of time, inconvenience, commercial loss, lost profits or savings or other incidental, special or consequential damages to the full extent such use may be disclaimed by law. Contractor agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to defend and hold harmless H-GAC, its board members, officers, agents, officials, employees, and indemnitees from any and all claims, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorney fees), actions, causes of action, judgments, and liens arising as a result of CONTRACTOR’s negligent act or omission under this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall notify H-GAC of the threat of lawsuit or of any actual suit filed against CONTRACTOR relating to this Contract.

ARTICLE 15: TERMINATION FOR CAUSE
H-GAC may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided that H-GAC shall give CONTRACTOR written notice specifying CONTRACTOR’S failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall not have either corrected such failure, or thereafter proceed diligently to complete such correction, then H-GAC may, at its option, place CONTRACTOR in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. CONTRACTOR shall pay to H-GAC any order processing charges due from CONTRACTOR on that portion of the Contract actually performed by CONTRACTOR and for which compensation was received by CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 16: TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE
Either H-GAC or CONTRACTOR may cancel or terminate this Contract at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other. CONTRACTOR may be entitled to payment from END USER for services actually performed; to the extent said services are satisfactory to END USER. CONTRACTOR shall pay to H-GAC any order processing charges due from CONTRACTOR on that portion of the Contract actually performed by CONTRACTOR and for which compensation is received by CONTRACTOR.

ARTICLE 17: CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROVISIONS AND SANCTIONS
CONTRACTOR agrees that it will perform under this Contract in conformance with safeguards against fraud and abuse as set forth by H-GAC, the State of Texas, and the acts and regulations of any funding entity. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify H-GAC of any suspected fraud, abuse or other criminal activity related to this Contract through filing of a written report promptly after it becomes aware of such activity.

ARTICLE 18: GOVERNING LAW & VENUE
This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue and jurisdiction of any suit or cause of action arising under or in connection with this Contract shall lie exclusively in Harris County, Texas. Disputes between END USER and CONTRACTOR are to be resolved in accord with the law and venue rules of the state of purchase. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify H-GAC of such disputes.

ARTICLE 19: PAYMENT OF H-GAC ORDER PROCESSING CHARGE
CONTRACTOR agrees to sell its products to END USERS based on the pricing and other terms of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the payment of the applicable H-GAC order processing charge. On notification from an END USER that an order has been placed with CONTRACTOR, H-GAC will invoice CONTRACTOR for the applicable order processing charge. Upon delivery of any product/service by CONTRACTOR and acceptance by END USER, CONTRACTOR shall, within thirty (30) calendar days or ten (10) business days after receipt of payment, whichever is less, pay H-GAC the full amount of the applicable order processing charge, whether or not CONTRACTOR has received an invoice from H-GAC. For sales made by CONTRACTOR based on this contract, including sales to entities without Interlocal Contracts, CONTRACTOR shall pay the applicable order processing charges to H-GAC. Further, CONTRACTOR agrees to encourage entities who are not members of H-GAC’s Cooperative Purchasing Program to execute an H-GAC Interlocal Contract. H-GAC reserves the right to take appropriate actions including, but not limited to, contract termination if CONTRACTOR fails to promptly remit H-GAC’s order processing charge. In no event shall H-GAC have any liability to CONTRACTOR for any goods or services an END USER procures from CONTRACTOR.
ARTICLE 20: LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
Any liquidated damages terms will be determined between CONTRACTOR and END USER at the time END USER’s purchase order is placed.

ARTICLE 21: PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR INDIVIDUAL ORDERS
Except as described below for fire apparatus, CONTRACTOR agrees to provide a Performance Bond at the request of END USER within ten (10) days of receipt of END USER’s purchase order.

It shall be standard procedure for every order received for fire apparatus that a Performance Bond in the amount of the order be provided to the END USER. Failure of CONTRACTOR to provide such performance bond within ten (10) days of receipt of END USER’s order may constitute a total breach of contract and shall be cause for cancellation of the order at END USER’s sole discretion. END USER may choose to delete the requirement for a Performance Bond at END USER’s sole discretion. If the bond requirement is waived, END USER shall be entitled to a price reduction commensurate with the cost that would have been incurred by CONTRACTOR for the bond.

ARTICLE 22: CHANGE OF CONTRACTOR STATUS
CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify H-GAC, in writing, of ANY change in ownership, control, dealership/franchisee status, Motor Vehicle license status, or name, and shall also advise whether or not this Contract shall be affected in any way by such change. H-GAC shall have the right to determine whether or not such change is acceptable, and to determine what action shall be warranted, up to and including cancellation of Contract.

ARTICLE 23: LICENSING REQUIRED BY TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE BOARD [IF APPLICABLE]
CONTRACTOR will for the duration of this Contract maintain current licenses that are required by the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission Code. If at any time during this Contract period, any CONTRACTOR’S license is not renewed, or is denied or revoked, CONTRACTOR shall be deemed to be in default of this Contract unless the Motor Vehicle Board issues a stay or waiver. Contractor shall promptly provide copies of all current applicable Texas Motor Vehicle Board documentation to H-GAC upon request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Signed for Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, Texas:

[Signature]
Ned Steele, Executive Director

Attest for Houston-Galveston Area Council, Houston, Texas:

[Signature]
Dean Vick, Director of Public Services

Date: 11-17 2011

Signed for Poston Equipment Sales, Inc. Pearland, Texas:

[Signature]
W. S. Poston, President

Printed Name & Title: W. S. Poston, President

Attest for Poston Equipment Sales, Inc. Pearland, Texas:

[Signature]
Teresa Williams, Office Manager

Date: 11-17 2011
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