ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT
2100 CLARENDON BOULEVARD, SUITE 500
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22201

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

TO: MORTON SALT, INC.
123 N. WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, IL 60606

DATE ISSUED: 12/23/2014
CURRENT CONTRACT NO: 619-15

CONTRACT TITLE: DES - ROAD SALT

PRIOR CONTRACT NO: N/A

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 DECEMBER 31, 2015.

The contract documents consist of the terms and conditions of Agreement No. 619-15, including any exhibits, attachments, or amendments thereto.

ATTACHMENTS: AGREEMENT NO. 619-15

CONTRACT PRICING: REFER TO AGREEMENT 619-15

ALL PO'S COVERING WORK UNDER THIS CONTRACT MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY A PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:
PRIOR TO PLACING AN ORDER FOR GOODS OR SERVICES UNDER THIS CONTRACT, EMPLOYEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THEY NOT PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTRACT UNDER THE RULES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 9-103 OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY PURCHASING RESOLUTION.

VENDOR CONTACT: ANTHONY PATTON
TELEPHONE NO.: 312-807-2000

VENDOR PAYMENT TERMS: NET 30 DAYS
EMAIL ADDRESS: BIDS@MORTONSALT.COM

COUNTY CONTACT: CHRIS WHITE
TELEPHONE NO.: 703-228-6595
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CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

[Signature]
Richard D. Warren, Jr., CPPB
County Purchasing Agent

Date 12/23/14
ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
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AGREEMENT NO. 619-15

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement" or "Contract") is made, on the date of its execution by the County, between Morton Salt, Inc. 123 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606 ("Contractor"), a 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 quantities specified herein or specified in a County Purchase Order referencing this Agreement, agree as follows:

1. **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

   Where the terms and provisions of this Agreement vary from the terms and provisions of the other Contract Documents, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall prevail over the other Contract Documents and the remaining Contract Documents shall be complementary to each other and if there are any conflicts the most stringent terms or provisions shall prevail.

   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. The Contract Documents may be referred to herein below as the "Contract" or "Agreement".

2. **SCOPE OF WORK**
   The Contractor will provide road deicing salt to the County the ("Project") and all other work shown, described and required in the Contract Documents (hereinafter "the Work"). The Work shall be performed according to the standards established by the Contract Documents read together as a single specification. It shall be the obligation of the Contractor to obtain clarification from the Project Officer concerning any questions about or conflicts in the specifications, drawings and construction notes in a timely way so as not to delay the progress of the Work. 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 solely the Contractor's cost, to provide sufficient services 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 its Work.
3. **CONTRACT TERM**

The Contractor’s provision of goods ("Work") for the County will commence on the date of execution of this Agreement by the County and the Work shall be completed no later than December 31, 2015 ("Initial Contract Term"), subject to any written modifications as provided for in the Contract Documents. Upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor and with the concurrence of the Contractor, the County may, through issuance of a Notice of Award, authorize continued operations of the Contractor under the same contract unit prices for not more than three (3) additional twelve (12) month periods from December 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018 (Each such period shall be referred to as a "Subsequent Contract Term").

4. **CONTRACT PRICING WITH OPTIONAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT**

The Contract unit price(s) shall remain firm until **December 31, 2015** ("Price Adjustment Date"). To request a price adjustment, the Contractor or the County must submit a written request to the other party not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Price Adjustment Date. Requests for adjustment(s) to unit price(s) shall not exceed the percentage of escalation / de-escalation in the U.S. Department of Labor. **Producer Price Index (PPI), Series Id: WPU06130271** for the twelve (12) month period ending in **July** of each year of the Contract.

If the Contractor and the County do not agree on the requested adjustment using the procedure set forth above, by the thirtieth (30th) calendar day prior to the Price Adjustment Date, the County may in its sole discretion terminate the Contract. The contract unit price(s) that changed as a result of this procedure shall become effective the day after the Price Adjustment Date and shall be binding on both parties for 12 months following the adjustment which shall be considered the new Price Adjustment Date.

5. **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 the Contract Documents. 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.

6. **PROJECT STAFF**

The Project Officer will, throughout the Initial Contract Term and Subsequent Contract Term, have the right of reasonable rejection and approval of staff or subcontractors assigned to the project by the Contractor. If the Project officer reasonably rejects staff or subcontractors pursuant to this section, the Contractor must provide replacement staff or subcontractors satisfactory to the County in a timely manner and at no additional cost to the County. The day-to-day supervision and control of the Contractor’s employees, and employees of any of its subcontractors, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.
7. **PAYMENT TERMS**

Payment terms will be recorded by the County as Net thirty (30) days. The County will pay the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days after the date of receipt of a correct, as determined by the Project Officer, invoice approved by the Project Officer describing completed work which is reasonable and allocable to the Contract, or the date of receipt of the entire order, or the date of acceptance of the work which meets the Contract requirements, whichever is later. Payments will be made by the County for goods or services furnished, delivered, inspected, and accepted upon receipt of invoices submitted on the date of shipment or delivery of service, subject to applicable payment terms. The number of the County Purchase Order pursuant to which authority shipments have been made or services performed shall appear on all invoices. Invoices shall be submitted in duplicate. Unless otherwise specified herein, payment shall not be made prior to delivery and acceptance of the entire order by the County.

8. **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) calendar 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 as those contained herein 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.

9. **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.

10. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES/NON-EXCLUSIVITY OF CONTRACTOR
During the Contract Term, the Contractor will furnish all of the goods or services described in the Contract Documents, if so requested by the County. 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 and/or rates set forth in this Contract. Further, the items or services covered by this contract may be available or become available under other County contracts, and in analyzing its needs, the County may determine that it is in its best interest to procure the items or services through such another contract. Therefore, the County does not guarantee that the Contractor will be the exclusive provider of the goods or services covered by this contract.

11. 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 sole expense.

12. DELIVERY
All goods are purchased F.O.B. destination in Arlington County as designated in this Contract. All costs for handling and transportation charges to the designated point of delivery shall be borne by the Contractor. Transportation, handling and all related charges are included in the unit prices or discounts submitted by the Contractor with its bid.
13. **WARRANTY**

All goods and materials provided to the County shall be fully guaranteed by the Contractor against factory defects. Any defects which may occur as the result of either faulty material or workmanship by the manufacturer within the period of the manufacturer's standard warranty shall be corrected by the Contractor at no expense to Arlington County. The Contractor shall provide evidence of all manufacturers' warranties to the Project Officer at the time of delivery. All goods and materials are also guaranteed by the Contractor against defects resulting from the use of inferior or faulty materials or workmanship for one (1) year from the date of final acceptance by the County in addition to and irrespective of any manufacturer's or supplier's warranty. No date other than the date of final acceptance shall govern the effective date of the Warranty, unless that date is agreed upon by the County and the Contractor in advance and in a signed writing.

14. **INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE, TITLE, AND RISK OF LOSS**

Inspection and acceptance of goods or materials by the County will be at the delivery location in Arlington County, Virginia, and within ten (10) calendar days of delivery, unless otherwise provided for in the Contract. The County will not inspect, accept, or pay for any goods or materials stored or delivered off-site by the Contractor.

Title and risk of loss or damage to all goods shall be the responsibility of the Contractor until acceptance by the County. The County's right of inspection shall not be deemed to relieve the Contractor of its obligation to ensure that all articles, materials and supplies are consistent with specifications and instructions and are fit for their intended use. The County reserves the right to conduct any tests or inspections it may deem appropriate before acceptance.

No goods or materials shall be purchased by the Contractor or any subcontractor subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sale or other agreement by which an interest is retained by the seller. The Contractor warrants that it has good title to, and that it will require all subcontractors to warrant that they have good title to, all goods or materials for which the Contractor invoices for payment.

15. **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 federal or Virginia law related to discrimination in employment except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary or related 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 the 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 $10,000.00, so that these provisions will apply to each subcontractor or vendor.

16. **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, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as that term is defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

17. **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 marijuana or any other controlled substance 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 $10,000.00 relating to this Contract, 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, the employees of whom 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.

18. **FAILURE TO DELIVER**

In case of failure by the Contractor to deliver goods or services in accordance with the Contract Documents, the County, after written notice, may procure the same or similar goods or services from other sources and the Contractor shall be liable for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies which the County may have pursuant to this Contract or under law. At its discretion, the County shall be entitled to offset such costs against any sums owed by the County to the Contractor.
19. **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 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 Office 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 Project 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.

20. TERMINATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE COUNTY
The performance of Work under this Contract may be terminated by the County 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.

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.

21. 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.

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 Virginia or federal law related to ethics, conflicts of interest, or bribery, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, the Virginia 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 bidder, 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 the County 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 the control of the Contractor and outside 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 the 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 cost or expense, at the sole option of the County.

27. **RELATION TO THE 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 from payments to the Contractor any federal or state unemployment taxes, federal or state income taxes, Social Security tax, or any other amounts for benefits to the Contractor or its employees, servants or agents. 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 purchased or acquired by the County under this Contract.

29. **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.

30. **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.
31. **AMENDMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified herein, this Contract shall not be amended except by written amendment executed by persons duly authorized to bind the Contractor and the County.

32. **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.

33. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

All disputes arising under this Agreement, or its interpretation, whether involving law or fact, extra work or extra compensation or time, and all claims for alleged breach of Contract shall be submitted in writing 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. Any 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 sixty (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 fifteen (15) days. Procedures for considering contractual claims, disputes, administrative appeals, and protests are contained in the Purchasing Resolution, which is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Arlington County Purchasing Resolution is 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.

34. **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 hereto shall be in the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia, and in no other court. In performing its work under this Contract, the Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations.

35. **ARBITRATION**

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

36. **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.

37. **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.
38. **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.

39. **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.

40. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS**
In addition to the 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; AUDIT; WARRANTY; CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION; AND INSURANCE.

41. **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.

42. **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.

43. **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:**

Anthony T. Patton, Manager, US Government Bulk Ice Control Morton Salt, Inc.
123 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

**TO THE COUNTY:**

Chris White, Project Officer
Arlington County Warehouse
4200 28th Street S.
Arlington, VA 22206

AND

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

44. NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE
Arlington County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

45. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
The Contractor shall provide to the County Purchasing Agent a Certificate of Insurance indicating that the Contractor has in force the coverage below prior to the start of any Work under this Contract and upon any contract extension. The Contractor agrees to maintain such insurance until the completion of this Contract or as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents. All required insurance coverages must be acquired from insurers authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with a rating of "A-" or better and a financial size of "Class VII" or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best Co. Guides, and acceptable to the County. The minimum insurance coverage shall be:

a. Workers Compensation - Virginia Statutory Workers Compensation (W/C) coverage including Virginia benefits and employers liability with limits of $100,000/100,000/500,000. The County will not accept W/C coverage issued by the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund, Towson, MD.

b. Commercial General Liability - $1,000,000 combined single limit coverage with $2,000,000 general aggregate covering all premises and operations and including Personal Injury, Completed Operations, Contractual Liability, Independent Contractors, and Products Liability. The general aggregate limit shall apply to this Contract. Evidence of Contractual Liability coverage shall be typed on the certificate.

c. Business Automobile Liability - $1,000,000 Combined Single Limit (Owned, non-owned and hired).

d. The Contractor shall carry Errors and Omissions or Professional Liability insurance which will pay for injuries arising out of errors or omissions in the rendering, or failure to render services or perform Work under the contract, in the amount of $1,000,000.
e. Additional Insured - Arlington County, and its officers, elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents shall be named as an additional insureds on all policies except Workers Compensation and Auto and Professional Liability; and evidence of the Additional Insured endorsement shall be typed on the certificate.

f. Cancellation - All insurance policies required by this Contract shall be endorsed to include the following provision: "It is agreed that this policy is not subject to cancellation or non-renewal until thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to the Purchasing Agent, Arlington County, Virginia." If there is a material change or reduction in coverage the Contractor shall notify the Purchasing Agent immediately upon Contractor's notification from the insurer. Any policy on which the Contractor has received notification from an insurer that the policy has or will be cancelled or materially changed or reduced must be replaced with another policy consistent with the terms of this Contract, and the County notified of the replacement, in such a manner that there is no lapse in coverage. Not having the required insurance throughout the Contract Term is grounds for termination of the Contract.

g. Any insurance coverage that is placed as a "claims made" policy must remain valid and in force, or the Contractor must obtain an extended reporting endorsement consistent with the terms of this Contract, until the applicable statute of limitations has expired, such date as determined to begin running from the date of the Contractor's receipt of final payment.

h. Contract Identification - The insurance certificate shall state this Contract's number and title.

The Contractor must disclose the amount of any deductible or self-insurance component applicable to the General Liability, Automobile Liability, Professional Liability, Intellectual Property or any other policies required herein, if any. The County reserves the right to request additional information to determine if the Contractor has the financial capacity to meet its obligations under a deductible. Thereafter, at its option, the County may require a lower deductible, funds equal to the deductible be placed in escrow, a certificate of self-insurance, collateral, or other mechanism in the amount of the deductible to ensure protection for the County.

The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to maintain during the term of this Contract, Commercial General Liability insurance, Business Automobile Liability insurance, and Workers' Compensation insurance in the same form and manner as specified for the Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish subcontractors' certificates of insurance to the County immediately upon request by the County.
No acceptance or approval of any insurance by the County shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor from any liability or obligation imposed upon the Contractor by the provisions of the Contract Documents.

The Contractor shall be responsible for the work performed under the Contract Documents and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any description used in connection with the work. The Contractor assumes all risks for direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract, or in connection in any way whatsoever with the contracted work.

The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by it.

Notwithstanding any of the above, the Contractor may satisfy its obligations under this section by means of self-insurance for all or any part of the insurance required, provided that the Contractor can demonstrate financial capacity and the alternative coverages are submitted to and acceptable to the County. The Contractor must also provide its most recent actuarial report and provide a copy of its self-insurance resolution to determine the adequacy of the insurance funding.

WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

NAME AND RICHARD D. WARREN, JR.
TITLE: PURCHASING AGENT
DATE: 12/23/14

MORTON SALT, INC.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

NAME AND ANTHONY T. PATTON
TITLE: MGR. U.S. GOV. BULK DEICING SALES & MARKETING
DATE: 12/18/14

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