NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT

TO:        DHC CORPORATION
            5613 LEESBURG PIKE #27
            FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA 22041

DATE ISSUED:     JUNE 26, 2013
CURRENT CONTRACT NO:    643-13
CONTRACT TITLE:       DES - WATERMAIN CLEANING AND LINING

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.

The contract term covered by this Notice of Award is effective IMMEDIATELY and expires on NOVEMBER 30, 2016.

The contract documents consist of the terms and conditions of the standard form agreement including any exhibits, attached or amendments thereto.

CONTRACT PRICING:

REFER TO AGREEMENT NO. 643-13 (ATTACHED)

EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT:

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

VENDOR CONTACT: MUMAFAQ ALRADAIDEH
TELEPHONE NO.: 703-578-4484

VENDOR PAYMENT TERMS: NET 30 DAYS

COUNTY CONTACT: MARY STRAWN
TELEPHONE NO.: 703-228-6508

EMAIL: MSTRAWN@ARLINGTONVA.US

CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Elizabeth Dooley, CPPO, CPP, Date: 6/27/13
Assistant Purchasing Agent

DISTRIBUTION

VENDOR: 1
BID FOLDER: 1
AGREEMENT NO. 643-13

THIS AGREEMENT is made, on the date of execution by the County, between DHC Corporation, 5613 Leesburg Pike #27, Falls Church, Virginia 22041 ("Contractor") a Virginia Corporation authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia (County). The County and the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter specified, agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
The Contract Documents consist of:

- Agreement No. 643-13, and all modifications properly incorporated into the Agreement
- Exhibit A - The Drawings and Construction Notes of Arlington County Invitation to Bid No. 643-13
- Exhibit B - Arlington County Invitation to Bid No. 643-13, including General Conditions, Special Conditions, and Supplementary Specifications
- Exhibit C - The Arlington County Department of Environmental Services’ Standards and Specifications, Current Edition
- Exhibit D - Unit price bid of the Contractor

Where the terms and provisions of this Agreement vary from the terms and provisions of the other Contract Documents, the terms and provision of this Agreement shall prevail over the other Contract Documents.

Exhibits A, B, and C are considered complementary documents, what is in one shall be considered as in all; where the terms of these Contract Documents vary the most stringent shall apply; and Exhibits A, B, and C shall prevail over Exhibit D.

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 as the "Contract" or "Agreement."

2. PROJECT OFFICER
The performance of the Contractor is subject to the general control, review and approval of the County Project Officer, who shall be appointed by the Director of the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services or designee. The Contractor shall not comply with requests and/or orders issued by other than the Project Officer of designee. However, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to manage the details of the execution and performance of its Work under this Agreement. Where the term "Engineer" is
used in the Contract Documents, it shall be interpreted to mean "Project Officer".

3. **SCOPE OF WORK**
The Contractor will furnish all labor, materials, and equipment for cleaning and lining of various sized water mains throughout Arlington County (the “Project”). The work includes, but is not limited to, replacement of existing valves and insertions and fittings for water mains and fire hydrants; replacement of existing fire hydrants with new fire hydrants furnished by the county; installation of new six (6) inch water mains with all associated valves, insertions and fittings along with associated connection/relocation services, as well as removal and replacement of existing water mains and replacing them with new six (6) or eight (8) inch water mains with all associated work, 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.

4. **CONTRACT TERM**
The term of this Agreement will commence on the date of execution by the County, and shall be completed no later than November 30, 2016, subject to any written modifications as provided for in the Contract Documents. This period, subject to any such modifications, shall be the Contract Term. The Contractor agrees that the Contract Term shall govern unless specifically amended in writing by the County, and that no claims for early completion are allowed to be presented by the Contractor to the County, unless specifically provided for in the Contract Documents. No Work shall be deemed complete until the Release and Request for Final Payment has been approved by the Project Officer.

5. **CONTRACT AMOUNT WITH OPTIONAL PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**
The Contract unit prices shall remain firm for the projects that have started during the first twenty-four (24) months of the Contract Term. For projects started after May 31, 2015 the Contractor may request a price adjustment, and the County approve such an adjustment, in accordance with the following procedure:

A. The Contractor may submit a written request for price adjustment to the County not less than sixty (60) days prior to April 1 of any given year of the contract (“Anniversary Date”).

B. Requests for adjustment(s) to unit price(s) shall not exceed the percentage of escalation/de-escalation in the U.S. Department of Labor, Consumer Price Index, All Items, Unadjusted, Urban Areas (“CPI-U”) for the twelve (12) month period ending on October of each year of the Contract.

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Any adjustment(s) to unit price(s) approved by the County as a result of the procedure set forth in A and B above, shall become effective the day after the current Anniversary Date and shall be binding on both parties for the remainder of the Contract Term unless an adjustment is requested the Contractor and approved by the County in a subsequent year, as set forth above.

If the Contractor and the County do not agree on the requested adjustment using the procedure set forth in A and B above by the thirtieth (30th) calendar day prior to the Anniversary Date, the County may in its sole discretion terminate the Contract.

6. **PROGRESS PAYMENTS AND RETAINAGE**

The County will make monthly progress payments to the Contractor upon written application by the Contractor, on the basis of a written estimate of the work performed during the preceding calendar month as approved by the Project Officer. However, in making any progress payment, five percent (5%) of the amount of the estimate upon which the progress payment is based will be retained by the County until final completion and acceptance of all work covered by the Agreement.

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) 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 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 by the Contract Documents, 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) calendar 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. RELEASE AND REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT

Upon completion of the Project and before Final Acceptance, the Contractor will submit to the Project Officer a signed copy of the Arlington County Release and Request for Final Payment form per the General Conditions.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The County specifies that time is of the essence under this Contract. Time being of the essence, it is essential to the County that Contract work be completed within the Contract Term. The County and the Contractor agree that damages for failure to complete the work within the Contract Term are not susceptible to exact determination but that $1,000.00 per calendar day is in proportion to the actual loss that the County would suffer from such delay. Therefore, the Contractor will pay the County on demand $1,000.00 per day for each and every calendar day that the Contractor has not obtained Final Completion beyond the Contract Term as damages caused by such delay and not as a penalty. The County shall be entitled to deduct liquidated damages against any sums owed by the County to the Contractor under this Contract. The Contractor hereby waives any defense to the validity of any liquidated damages stated in this Agreement as they may appear on grounds that such liquidated damages are void as penalties or are not reasonably related to actual damages.

11. 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 services provided under this Contract or substitutes for such 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.
12. 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 services without a signed County Purchase Order, it does so at its own risk and expense.

13. LIEN

It is expressly agreed that after any payment has been made by the County either to the Contractor or to any subcontractor, laborer, or any other person for work done, or labor or material supplied under the Contract, the County will have a lien upon all material delivered to the site either by the Contractor or any subcontractor, or for the Contractor, which is to be used in the performance of the Contract.

14. 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.

15. 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 defined in the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

16. **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.

17. **PROJECT STAFF**

The County will, throughout the Contract Term and any renewal term, have the right of reasonable rejection and approval of staff or subcontractors assigned to the project by the Contractor. If the County reasonably rejects staff or subcontractors, 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 shall be solely the responsibility of the Contractor.

18. **FAILURE TO DELIVER**

In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the Contract terms and conditions, the County, after due oral or written notice, may procure the goods or services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs; provided, that if public necessity requires the use of materials or supplies not conforming to the specifications, they may be accepted and payment therefore shall be made at a reduction in price to be determined solely by the County. This remedy shall be in addition to any other remedies, which the County may have. The County shall be entitled to offset such costs against any sums owed by the County to the Contractor.

19. **UNSATISFACTORY WORK**

If any of the work done, or material, goods, 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, material, goods, or equipment and replace the same with work, material, goods, or equipment satisfactory to the County. In the event the Contractor fails within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of written notice to remove improper or unsuitable work, material, goods, or
equipment and replace it with suitable and satisfactory work, material, goods, or equipment, the County shall have the right, but not the obligation, to remove or replace the rejected work, material, goods, or equipment at the expense of the Contractor. This paragraph applies during the Contract term and during any warranty or guarantee period. At its discretion, 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 therefor.

20. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE, INCLUDING BREACH AND DEFAULT; CURE**

The County shall have the right to terminate this Contract prior to the end of the Contract Term 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) at least fifteen (15) calendar 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 and 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) calendar 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

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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.

21. 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) calendar 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.

22. 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 Agreement No. 643-13
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.

23. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INDEMNIFICATION

The Contractor warrants and guarantees that no intellectual property rights (including, but not limited to, copyright, patent, mask work 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, 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 hereunder. 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.

24. COPYRIGHT

The Contractor hereby irrevocably transfers, assigns, sets over and conveys to the County all right, title and interest, including the sole exclusive and complete copyright interest, in any and all copyrightable works created pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees to execute such documents as the County may request to effect such transfer or assignment.

Further, the Contractor agrees that the rights granted to the County by this paragraph are irrevocable. Notwithstanding anything else in this Contract, the Contractor's remedy in the event of termination of or dispute over the terms of this Contract shall not include any right to rescind, terminate or otherwise revoke or invalidate in any way the rights conferred pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. Similarly, no termination of this Contract shall have the effect of rescinding, terminating or otherwise invalidating the rights acquired pursuant to the provisions of this "Copyright" paragraph.

The use of subcontractors or third parties in developing or creating input into any copyrightable materials produced as a part of this Contract is
prohibited unless the County approves the use of such subcontractors or third parties in advance and such subcontractors or third parties agree to include the provisions of this paragraph as part of any contract they enter into with the Contractor for work related to work pursuant to this Contract.

25. **OWNERSHIP AND RETURN OF RECORDS**

This Contract confers no ownership rights to the Contractor nor any rights or interests to use or to 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.

26. **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.
27. **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 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.

28. **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.

29. **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.

30. **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.

31. **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.

32. **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 services purchased or acquired by the County under this Contract.

33. **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.

34. **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 or 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.

35. **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.
36. **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.

37. **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.

38. **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 thirty (30) days. Procedures for considering contractual claims, disputes, administrative appeals, and protests are contained in the Purchasing Resolution, which is 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 any decision of the Project Officer, County Manager, County Board, or a court of law.

39. **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.

40. **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.

41. **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.

42. **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.
43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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; AUDIT; COPYRIGHT; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
INDEMNIFICATION; WARRANTY; AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

46. 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.

47. 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.

48. 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 by 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:
Muwaffaq Alradaideh
DHC Corporation
5613 Leesburg Pike #27
Palls Church, Virginia 22041

TO THE COUNTY:
Mary Strawn, The County Project Officer
Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
Water, Sewer & Streets
4200 28th Street South
Arlington, Virginia 22206

AND

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Agreement No. 643-13
Richard D. Warren, Jr., Purchasing Agent
Arlington County, Virginia
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500
Arlington, Virginia 22201

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

50. INSURANCE, PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS
The Contractor shall maintain the required insurance coverage and payment and performance bonds through completion of the Contract, including all warranty and guarantee periods.

WITNESS these signatures:

THE COUNTY BOARD OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: 
NAME AND TITLE: RICHARD D. WARREN, JR.
DATE: 6/7/13

DHC CORPORATION

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: 
NAME AND TITLE: Munafq Al-Aradan
DATE: 6/16/2013