

AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

NORTH CAROLINA
[] COUNTY

DATE: [M/D/YYYY]

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT:

PROJECT NUMBERS:

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

TIP #: []

AND

WBS ELEMENTS: []

[OTHER PARTY NAME]

The purpose of this Agreement is to identify the participation in project costs, project delivery and/or maintenance, by the other party to this Agreement, as further defined in this Agreement.

SCOPE OF PROJECT ("Project"): [ENTER SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT]

ESTIMATED COST TO OTHER PARTY: \$[]

PAYMENT TERMS: The Department will invoice the [Other Party Name] upon completion of the Project.

MAINTENANCE: The [Other Party Name] is responsible for all utility maintenance.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF AGREEMENT:

START: Upon Full Execution of this Agreement

END: When work is complete and all terms are met.

This **Agreement** is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the **Department**, and the [Other Party Name], hereinafter referred to as the **Municipality**; and collectively referred to as the **Parties**.

The **Parties** to this Agreement, listed above, intend that this Agreement, together with all attachments, schedules, exhibits, and other documents that both are referenced in this Agreement and refer to this Agreement, represents the entire understanding between the **Parties** with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any previous communication or agreements that may exist.

I. WHEREAS STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made under the authority granted to the **Department** by the North Carolina General Assembly under General Statutes of North Carolina (NCGS), particularly Chapter 136-27.1 and 136 27.3; and,

WHEREAS, the **Department** has plans to make certain street and highway constructions and/or traffic control improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the **Municipality** has requested that the **Department** perform work or provide services; and,

WHEREAS, the **Parties** hereto wish to enter into an agreement for scoped work to be performed or provided by the **Department** (including construction, reviews, goods, or services) with reimbursement for the costs thereof by the **Municipality** as hereinafter set out; and,

WHEREAS, the **Department** and the **Municipality** have agreed that the jurisdictional limits of the **Parties**, as of the date of entering the agreement for the above-mentioned project, are to be used in determining the duties, responsibilities, rights, and legal obligations of the **Parties** hereto for the purposes of this Agreement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, this Agreement states the promises and undertakings of each party as herein provided, and the **Parties** do hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

II. RESPONSIBILITIES *[modify as needed]*

A. DEPARTMENT

The **Department** shall be responsible for all phases of project delivery to include utility relocation, and construction, and/or maintenance as shown in the **PROJECT DELIVERY** Provision.

B. MUNICIPALITY

The **Municipality** shall be responsible for maintenance as shown in the **PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS** Provision and payment as shown in the **COSTS AND FUNDING** Provision.

III. PROJECT DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

A. CONSTRUCTION

- i. At the request of the **Municipality**, the **Department** shall place provisions in the construction contract for Project [TIP#], for the contractor to adjust and relocate utility lines

and/or provide betterment. The work is described as follows: [(purpose of this Agreement)].

- ii. Said work shall be accomplished in accordance with plan sheets, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", cost estimate attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and project specific provisions, if applicable, attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

B. MAINTENANCE

- i. Upon the satisfactory completion of the relocations and adjustments of the utility lines covered under this Agreement, the **Municipality** shall assume normal maintenance operations to the said utility lines. Upon completion of the construction of the highway project, the **Municipality** shall release the **Department** from any and all claims for damages in connection with adjustments made to its utility lines; and, further, the **Municipality** shall release the **Department** of any future responsibility for the cost of maintenance to said utility lines. Said releases shall be deemed to be given by the **Municipality** upon completion of construction of the project and its acceptance by the **Department** from its contractor unless the **Municipality** notifies the **Department**, in writing, to the contrary prior to the **Department's** acceptance of the project.
- ii. The **Municipality** obligates itself to service and to maintain its facilities to be retained and installed over and along the highway within the **Department's** right-of-way limits in accordance with the mandate of the North Carolina General Statutes and such other laws, rules, and regulations as have been or may be validly enacted or adopted, now or hereafter.
- iii. If at any time the **Department** shall require the removal of or changes in the location of the encroaching facilities which are being relocated at the **Municipality's** expense, the **Municipality** binds itself, its successors and assigns, to promptly remove or alter said facilities, in order to conform to the said requirement (if applicable per G.S. 136-27.1), without any cost to the **Department**.

IV. COSTS AND FUNDING

A. PROJECT COSTS

- i. The **Municipality** shall be responsible for relocation, and/or betterment, costs for work as shown on the attached Exhibit "A". The estimated cost to the **Municipality** is \$[] as shown on the attached Exhibit "B".
- ii. It is understood by both **Parties** that this is an estimated cost and is subject to change.

B. PAYMENT BY THE MUNICIPALITY

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- i. Upon completion of the highway work, the **Department** shall submit an itemized invoice to the **Municipality** for costs incurred. Billing will be based upon the actual bid prices and actual quantities used and shall include charges due to the **Department** for administration and oversight of the work.
- ii. Reimbursement shall be made by the **Municipality** in one final payment within sixty (60) days of said invoice.
- iii. If the **Municipality** does not pay said invoice within sixty (60) days of the date of the invoice, the **Department** shall charge interest on any unpaid balance at a variable rate of the prime plus one percent (1%) in accordance with G.S. 136-27.3.
- iv. Any cost incurred due to additional utility work requested by the **Municipality** after award of the construction contract, shall be solely the responsibility of the **Municipality**. The **Municipality** shall reimburse the **Department** 100% of the additional utility cost.
- v. In the event the **Municipality** fails for any reason to pay the **Department** in accordance with the provisions for payment hereinabove provided, North Carolina General Statute 136-41.3 authorizes the **Department** to withhold so much of the **Municipality's** share of funds allocated to said **Municipality** by North Carolina General Statute, Section 136-41.1, until such time as the **Department** has received payment in full.

C. DOWN PAYMENT OR PRE-PAYMENT

At any time prior to final billing by the **Department**, the **Municipality** may prepay any portion of the estimated cost by sending payment in accordance with the attached "Remittance Guidance". The **Department** will provide a final billing based on the fixed cost, less any previous payments that have been made.

V. STANDARD PROVISIONS

A. AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS

Any modification to scope, funding, responsibilities, or time frame will be agreed upon by all **Parties** by means of a written Supplemental Agreement.

B. ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Department** must approve any assignment or transfer of the responsibilities of the **Municipality** set forth in this Agreement to other parties or entities.

C. AGREEMENT FOR IDENTIFIED PARTIES ONLY

This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the identified **Parties** to the Agreement and is not intended to give any rights, claims, or benefits to third parties or to the public at large.

D. OTHER AGREEMENTS

The **Municipality** is solely responsible for all agreements, contracts, and work orders entered into or issued by the **Municipality** to meet the terms of this Agreement. The **Department** is not responsible for any expenses or obligations incurred for the terms of this Agreement except those specifically eligible for the funds and obligations as approved by the **Department** under the terms of this Agreement.

E. TITLE VI

The other party to this Agreement shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 21) and related nondiscrimination authorities. Title VI and related authorities prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, gender, and age in all programs or activities of any recipient of Federal assistance.

F. FACSIMILE

A copy or facsimile copy of the signature of any party shall be deemed an original with each fully executed copy of the Agreement as binding as an original, and the **Parties** agree that this Agreement can be executed in counterparts, as duplicate originals, with facsimile signatures sufficient to evidence an agreement to be bound by the terms of the Agreement.

G. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE

The **Parties** hereby acknowledge that the individual executing this Agreement has read this Agreement, conferred with legal counsel, fully understands its contents, and is authorized to execute this Agreement and to bind the respective **Parties** to the terms contained herein.

H. DEBARMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the **Department** not to enter into any agreement with **Parties** that have been debarred by any government agency (Federal or State). By execution of this agreement, the **Municipality** certifies that neither it nor its agents or contractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State Agency or Department and that it will not enter into agreements with any entity that is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction.

I. INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent authorized by state and federal claims statutes, the **Municipality** shall be responsible for its actions under the terms of this agreement and save harmless the FHWA (if applicable), the **Department**, and the State of North Carolina, their respective officers, directors, principals, employees, agents, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claim for payment, damages and/or liabilities of any nature, asserted against the **Department** in connection with this Agreement. The **Department** shall not be liable and shall

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be held harmless from any and all third-party claims that might arise on account of the **Municipality's** negligence and/or responsibilities under the terms of this agreement.

J. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

All terms and conditions of this Agreement are dependent upon, and, subject to the allocation of funds for the purpose set forth in the Agreement and the Agreement shall automatically terminate if funds cease to be available.

K. DOCUSIGN

The **Department** and **Municipality** acknowledge and agree that the electronic signature application DocuSign may be used, at the sole election of the **Department** or the **Municipality**, to execute this Agreement. By selecting "I Agree", "I Accept", or other similar item, button, or icon via use of a keypad, mouse, or other device, as part of the DocuSign application, the **Department** and **Municipality** consent to be legally bound by the terms and conditions of Agreement and that such act constitutes **Department's** signature as if actually signed by the **Department** in writing or the **Municipality's** signature as if actually signed by the **Municipality** in writing. The **Department** and **Municipality** also agree that no certification authority or other third-party verification is necessary to validate its electronic signature and that the lack of such certification or third-party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of its electronic signature. The **Department** and **Municipality** acknowledge and agree that delivery of a copy of this Agreement or any other document contemplated hereby through the DocuSign application, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original written signature.

L. GIFT BAN

By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and NCGS 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e. Administration, Adult Corrections, Commerce, Environmental Quality, Health and Human Services, Information Technology, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural and Cultural Resources, Public Safety, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor).