



**FULTON  
COUNTY**

**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR**

**#21ITB1122B-EC**

**Prisoner Transportation Service**

**For**

**Fulton County Sheriff's Office**

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## CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Contractor: U.S. Corrections, LLC

Contract No.: # 21ITB1122B-EC, Prisoner Transportation Service

Address: 517 Hickory Hills Blvd.  
City, State Whites Cheek, TN 37189

Telephone: 615-352-9798 X156

Email: [dwarden@prisonertransport.net](mailto:dwarden@prisonertransport.net)

Contact: Joel Brasfield  
President/CEO

This Agreement made and entered into effective the 2nd day of March 2022 by and between **FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter referred to as "**County**", and **U.S. Corrections, LLC**, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**", authorized to transact business in the State of Georgia.

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County through its Fulton County Sheriff's Office hereinafter referred to as the "**Department**", desires to retain a qualified and experienced Contractor to provide national prisoner transportation services to the Sheriff's Office on an as, if and/or when requested basis, hereinafter, referred to as the "**Project**".

WHEREAS, Contractor has represented to County that it is experienced and has qualified and local staff available to commit to the Project and County has relied upon such representations.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, County and Contractor agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

County hereby engages Contractor, and Contractor hereby agrees, to perform the services hereinafter set forth in accordance with this Agreement, consisting of the following contract documents:

- I. Form of Agreement;
- II. Addenda;
- III. Exhibit A: General Conditions;
- IV. Exhibit B: Special Conditions; (non-applicable)
- V. Exhibit C: Scope of Work;
- VI. Exhibit D: Compensation;
- VII. Exhibit E: Purchasing Forms;
- VIII. Exhibit F: Contract Compliance Forms;
- IX. Exhibit G: Insurance and Risk Management Form and
- X. Exhibit H: Payment & Performance Bonds (non-applicable)

The foregoing documents constitute the entire Agreement of the parties pertaining to the Project hereof and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of promises, representations, discussions and agreements oral or otherwise that have been made in connection therewith. No modifications or amendment to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties unless the same is in writing, conforms to Fulton County Purchasing Code §102-420 governing change orders, is signed by the County's and the Contractor's duly authorized representatives, and entered upon the meeting minutes of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

If any portion of the Contract Documents shall be in conflict with any other portion, the various documents comprising the Contract Documents shall govern in the following order of precedence: 1) the Agreement, 2) the Bid document, 3) any Addenda, 4) change orders, 5) the exhibits, and 6) portions of Contractor's proposal that was accepted by the County and made a part of the Contract Documents.

The Agreement was approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners on March 2, 2022 BOC# 22-0154.

#### ARTICLE 2. **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, the unenforceability thereof shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms.

#### ARTICLE 3. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

County and Contractor agree the Project is to provide national prisoner transportation services to the Sheriff's Office on an as, if and/or when requested basis. All exhibits referenced in this agreement are incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of this Agreement as if they were contained herein.

#### ARTICLE 4. **SCOPE OF WORK**

Unless modified in writing by both parties in the manner specified in the agreement, duties of Contractor shall not be construed to exceed those services specifically set forth herein. Contractor agrees to provide all services, products, and data and to perform all tasks described in Exhibit C, Scope of Work.

#### ARTICLE 5. **SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY**

Contractor shall gather from County all available non-privileged data and information pertinent to the performance of the services for the Project. Certain services as described in Exhibit C, Scope of Work, if required, will be performed and furnished by County in a timely manner so as not to unduly delay Contractor in the performance of said obligations. County shall have the final decision as to what data and information is pertinent.

County will appoint in writing a County authorized representative with respect to work to be performed under this Agreement until County gives written notice of the appointment of a successor. The County's authorized representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and define County's policies, consistent with

County rules and regulations. Contractor may rely upon written consents and approvals signed by the County's authorized representative that are consistent with County rules and regulations.

#### ARTICLE 6. **MODIFICATIONS**

If during the course of performing the Project, County and Contractor agree that it is necessary to make changes in the Project as described herein and referenced exhibits, such changes will be incorporated by written amendments in the form of Change Orders to this Agreement. Any such Change Order and/or supplemental agreement shall not become effective or binding unless approved by the Board of Commissioners and entered on the minutes. Such modifications shall conform to the requirements of the Fulton County Purchasing Code, §102-420 which is incorporated by reference herein.

#### ARTICLE 7. **SCHEDULE OF WORK**

Contractor shall not proceed to furnish such services and County shall not become obligated to pay for same until a written authorization to proceed (Notice to Proceed) has been sent to Contractor from County. The Contractor shall begin work under this Agreement no later than five (5) days after the effective date of notice to proceed.

#### ARTICLE 8. **MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT TERM**

The period of this Agreement shall consist of a series of Terms as defined below. The County is obligated only to pay such compensation under this Agreement as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during the County's then current fiscal year.

##### **a. Commencement Term**

The "Commencement Term" of this Agreement shall begin on 2nd day of March 2022, the starting date, and shall end absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the county on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2022. The Commencement Term shall be subject to events of termination and the County's termination rights that are described elsewhere in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the County's obligation to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to the County's annual appropriations of funds for the goods, services, materials, property and/or supplies procured under this Agreement by the County's governing body and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the County's full faith and credit within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation.

##### **b. Renewal Terms**

Unless the terms of this Agreement are fulfilled with no further obligation of the part of either party on or before the final date of the Commencement Term as stated above, or unless an event of termination as defined within this Agreement occurs during the Commencement Term, this Agreement may be renewed at the written option of the County upon the approval of the County Board of Commissioners for two (2) one-year ("Renewal Terms"). However, no Renewal Term of this Agreement shall be authorized nor shall any Renewal Term of this Agreement

commence unless and until each Renewal Term has first been approved in writing by the County Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of such Renewal Term. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the First Renewal Term shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2023 and shall end no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2023. If approved by the County Board of Commissioners, the Second Renewal Term shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024 and shall end no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2024. If the County chooses not to exercise any Renewal Term as provided in this Section, then the Term of this Agreement then in effect shall also be deemed the "Ending Term" with no further obligation on the party of either party.

**c. Term Subject to Events of Termination**

All "Terms" as defined within this Section are subject to the section of this Agreement which pertain to events of termination and the County's rights upon termination.

**d. Same Terms**

Unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties, or otherwise indicated herein, all provisions and conditions of any Renewal Term shall be exactly the same as those contained within in this Agreement.

**e. Statutory Compliance Regarding Purchase Contracts.**

The parties intend that this Agreement shall, and this Agreement shall operate in conformity with and not in contravention of the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-60-13, as applicable, and in the event that this Agreement would conflict therewith, then this Agreement shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with such statute.

**ARTICLE 9. COMPENSATION**

Compensation for work performed by Contractor on Project shall be in accordance with the payment provisions and compensation schedule, attached as Exhibit D, Compensation.

The total contract amount for the Project shall not exceed \$254,730.00 (Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Zero Cents), which is full payment for a complete scope of work.

**ARTICLE 10. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT**

Contractor shall designate in writing a person(s) to serve as its authorized representative(s) who shall have sole authority to represent Contractor on all manners pertaining to this contract.

Contractor represents that it has secured or will secure, at its' own expense, all equipment and personnel necessary to complete this Agreement, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with County. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by Contractor under his supervision and all

personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

Written notification shall be immediately provided to County upon change or severance of any of the authorized representative(s), listed key personnel or subcontractor performing services on this Project by Contractor. No changes or substitutions shall be permitted in Contractor's key personnel or subcontractor as set forth herein without the prior written approval of the County. Requests for changes in key personnel or subcontractors will not be unreasonably withheld by County.

#### ARTICLE 11. **SUSPENSION OF WORK**

**Suspension Notice:** The County may by written notice to the Contractor, suspend at any time the performance of all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement. Upon receipt of a suspension notice, the Contractor must, unless the notice requires otherwise:

- 1) Immediately discontinue suspended services on the date and to the extent specified in the notice;
- 2) Place no further orders or subcontracts for material, services or facilities with respect to suspended services, other than to the extent required in the notice; and
- 3) Take any other reasonable steps to minimize costs associated with the suspension.

**Notice to Resume:** Upon receipt of notice to resume suspended services, the Contractor will immediately resume performance under this Agreement as required in the notice.

#### ARTICLE 12. **DISPUTES**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by agreement shall be decided by the County. The representative shall reduce the decision to writing and mail or otherwise furnish a copy thereof to the Contractor. The Contractor shall have 30 days from date the decision is sent to appeal the decision to the County Manager or his designee by mailing or otherwise furnishing to the County Manager or designee, copy of the written appeal. The decision of the County Manager or his designee for the determination of such appeal shall be final and conclusive. This condition shall not be pleaded in any suit involving a question of fact arising under this Agreement, unless the same is fraudulent, or capricious, or arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous as necessarily to imply bad faith or is not supported by substantial evidence. In connection with any appeal proceeding under this clause, Contractor shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to offer evidence in support of an appeal. Pending any final decision of a dispute hereunder, Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Agreement and in accordance with the decision of the County's designated representative.

ARTICLE 13. **TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR CAUSE**

- (1) Either County or Contractor may terminate work under this Agreement in the event the other party fails to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. Any party seeking to terminate this Agreement is required to give thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- (2) Notice of termination shall be delivered by certified mail with receipt for delivery returned to the sender.
- (3) **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE** and if the Contractor refuses or fails to perform the work as specified in Exhibit C, Scope of Work and maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed, or any separable part thereof, with such diligence as will insure completion of the work within the specified time period, or any extension or tolling there of, or fails to complete said work within such time. The County may exercise any remedy available under law or this Agreement. Failure to maintain the scheduled level of effort as proposed or deviation from the aforesaid proposal without prior approval of County shall constitute cause for termination
- (4) The County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate Contractor's right to proceed with the Project or such part of the Project as to which there has been delay. In such event, the County may take over the work and perform the same to completion, by contract or otherwise, and Contractor shall be required to provide all copies of finished or unfinished documents prepared by Contractor under this Agreement.
- (5) Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents as reasonably determined by the County.
- (6) Whether or not the Contractor's right to proceed with the work has been terminated, the Contractor shall be liable for any damage to the County resulting from the Contractor's refusal or failure to complete the work within the specified time period, and said damages shall include, but not be limited to, any additional costs associated with the County obtaining the services of another Contractor to complete the project.

ARTICLE 14. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF COUNTY OR CONTRACTOR**

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County or Contractor may terminate this Agreement for its convenience at any time by a 30-day written termination for convenience notice. If the Agreement is terminated for convenience by the County, as provided in this article, Contractor will be paid compensation for those services actually performed. Partially completed tasks will be compensated for based on a signed statement of completion to be submitted by Contractor which shall itemize each task element and briefly state what work has been completed and what work remains to be done.

If, after termination, it is determined that the Contractor was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the government.

ARTICLE 15. **WAIVER OF BREACH**

The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE 16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Contractor shall perform the services under this Agreement as an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed to be inconsistent with such relationship or status. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to constitute Contractor or any of its agents or employees to be the agent, employee or representative of County.

ARTICLE 17. **RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTRACTOR**

Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expenses, all personnel appropriate to perform all work to be completed under this Agreement.

All the services required hereunder will be performed by Contractor or under the direct supervision of Contractor. All personnel engaged in the Project by Contractor shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under applicable State and local law to perform such services.

None of the work or services covered by this Agreement shall be transferred, assigned, or subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of the County.

ARTICLE 18. **INDEMNIFICATION**

**18.1 Non-Professional Services Indemnification.** Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fulton County, its Commissioners and their respective officers, members, employees, and agents (each, hereinafter referred to as an "Indemnified Person") from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, costs or expenses, including attorneys' fees due to liability to a third party or parties, for any loss due to bodily injury (including death), personal injury, and property damage arising out of or resulting from the performance of this Agreement or any act or omission on the part of the Contractor, its agents, employees or others working at the direction of Contractor or on its behalf, or due to any breach of this Agreement by the Contractor or due to the application or violation of any pertinent Federal, State or local law, rule or regulation. This indemnification is binding upon to the successors and assigns of Contractor. This indemnification does not extend to the sole negligence of the Indemnified Persons nor beyond the scope of this Agreement and the work undertaken thereunder. This indemnification survives the termination of this Agreement and shall also survive the dissolution or to the extent allowed by law, the bankruptcy of Contractor.

Contractor obligation to indemnify and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also include, but is not limited to, any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or other actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of product or service, or other tort or any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations.

Contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Fulton County, its Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act, Disability Benefits Act, or any other employee benefits act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of Contractor. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

**18.2 Notice of Claim.** If an Indemnified Person receives written notice of any claim or circumstance which could give rise to indemnified losses, the receiving party shall promptly give written notice to Contractor and shall use best efforts to deliver such written notice within ten (10) Business Days. The notice must include a copy of such written notice of claim, or, if the Indemnified Person did not receive a written notice of claim, a description of the indemnification event in reasonable detail and the basis on which indemnification may be due. Such notice will not stop or prevent an Indemnified Person from later asserting a different basis for indemnification. If an Indemnified Person does not provide this notice within the ten (10) Business Day period, it does not waive any right to indemnification except to the extent that Contractor is prejudiced, suffers loss, or incurs additional expense solely because of the delay.

Contractor agrees, upon receipt of written notice of a claim or action, to defend the claim or action, or take other appropriate measure to indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its Officers, its Agents and its Employees from and against all claims and actions for bodily injury, death, or property damages caused by the fault of the Contractor, its Officers, its Agents, or its Employees. Contractor is obligated to indemnify only to the extent of the fault of the Contractor, its Officers, its Agents, or its Employees. However, the Contractor shall have no obligation as set forth above with respect to any claim or action from bodily injury, death or property damages arising out of the fault of the County, its Officers, its Agents or its Employees

**18.3 Defense.** Contractor, at Contractor's own expense, shall defend each such action, suit, or proceeding or cause the same to be resisted and defended by counsel designated by the Indemnified Person and reasonably approved by Contractor (provided that in all instances the County Attorney of Fulton County Georgia shall be acceptable, and, for the avoidance of doubt, is the only counsel authorized to represent the County). If any such action, suit or proceedings should result in final judgment against the Indemnified Person, Contractor shall promptly satisfy and discharge such judgment or cause such judgment to be promptly satisfied and discharged. Within ten (10) Business Days after receiving written notice of the indemnification request, Contractor shall acknowledge in writing delivered to the Indemnified Person (with a copy to the County Attorney) that Contractor is defending the claim as required hereunder.

**18.4 Separate Counsel.**

**18.4.1 Mandatory Separate Counsel.** In the event that there is any potential conflict of interest that could reasonably arise in the representation of any Indemnified Person and Contractor in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding pursuant to Section 18.3 above or in the event that state or local law requires the use of specific counsel, (i) such Indemnified Person may elect in its sole and absolute discretion whether to

waive such conflict of interest, and (ii) unless such Indemnified Person (and, as applicable, Contractor) elects to waive such conflict of interest, or in any event if required by state or local law, then the counsel designated by the Indemnified Person shall solely represent such Indemnified Person and, if applicable, Contractor shall retain its own separate counsel, each at Contractor's sole cost and expense.

**18.4.2 Voluntary Separate Counsel.** Notwithstanding Contractor's obligation to defend a claim, the Indemnified Person may retain separate counsel to participate in (but not control or impair) the defense and to participate in (but not control or impair) any settlement negotiations, provided that for so long as Contractor has complied with all of Contractor's obligations with respect to such claim, the cost of such separate counsel shall be at the sole cost and expense of such Indemnified Person (provided that if Contractor has not complied with all of Contractor's obligations with respect to such claim, Contractor shall be obligated to pay the cost and expense of such separate counsel). Contractor may settle the claim without the consent or agreement of the Indemnified Person, unless the settlement (i) would result in injunctive relief or other equitable remedies or otherwise require the Indemnified Person to comply with restrictions or limitations that adversely affect or materially impair the reputation and standing of the Indemnified Person, (ii) would require the Indemnified Person to pay amounts that Contractor or its insurer does not fund in full, (iii) would not result in the Indemnified Person's full and complete release from all liability to the plaintiffs or claimants who are parties to or otherwise bound by the settlement, or (iv) directly involves the County (in which case the County of Fulton County, Georgia shall be the only counsel authorized to represent the County with respect to any such settlement).

**18.5 Survival.** The provisions of this Article will survive any expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement and any closing, settlement or other similar event which occurs under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 19. **COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES**

Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business and that Contractor has not received any non-County fee related to this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. For breach or violation of this warranty, County shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the Contract Price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

#### ARTICLE 20. **INSURANCE**

Contractor agrees to obtain and maintain during the entire term of this Agreement, all of the insurance required as specified in the Agreement documents, Exhibit G, Insurance and Risk Management Forms, with the County as an additional insured and shall furnish the County a Certificate of Insurance showing the required coverage. The cancellation of any policy of insurance required by this Agreement shall meet the requirements of notice under the laws of the State of Georgia as presently set forth in the Georgia Code.

#### ARTICLE 21. **PROHIBITED INTEREST**

Section 21.01 **Conflict of interest:**

Contractor agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest direct or indirect that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its service hereunder. Contractor further agrees that, in the performance of the Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

Section 21.02 **Interest of Public Officials:**

No member, officer or employee of County during his tenure shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE 22. **SUBCONTRACTING**

Contractor shall not subcontract any part of the work covered by this Agreement or permit subcontracted work to be further subcontracted without prior written approval of County.

ARTICLE 23. **ASSIGNABILITY**

Contractor shall not assign or subcontract this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior expressed written consent of County. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Contractor without the prior expressed written consent of County shall at County's sole option terminate this Agreement without any notice to Contractor of such termination. Contractor binds itself, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained herein.

ARTICLE 24. **ANTI-KICKBACK CLAUSE**

Salaries of engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, clerical and technicians performing work under this Agreement shall be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a month without deduction or rebate on any account except only such payroll deductions as are mandatory by law. Contractor hereby promises to comply with all applicable "Anti-Kickback" Laws and shall insert appropriate provisions in all subcontracts covering work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25. **AUDITS AND INSPECTORS**

At any time during normal business hours and as often as County may deem necessary, Contractor shall make available to County and/or representatives of the County for examination all of its records with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement.

It shall also permit County and/or representative of the County to audit, examine and make copies, excerpts or transcripts from such records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. Contractor's records of personnel, conditions of employment, and financial statements (hereinafter "Information") constitute trade secrets and are considered confidential and proprietary by Contractor. To the extent County audits or examines such Information related to this Agreement, County shall not disclose or otherwise make available to third parties any such Information without Contractor's prior written consent unless required to do so by a court order. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as granting County

any right to make copies, excerpts or transcripts of such information outside the area covered by this Agreement without the prior written consent of Contractor. Contractor shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred on the Project and used in support of its proposal and shall make such material available at all reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for eight years from the date of final payment under the Agreement, for inspection by County or any reviewing agencies and copies thereof shall be furnished upon request and at no additional cost to County. Contractor agrees that the provisions of this Article shall be included in any Agreements it may make with any subcontractor, assignee or transferee.

#### ARTICLE 26. **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

Contractor shall have an accounting system, which is established, and maintaining in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Contractor must account for cost in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting procedures, as approved by Fulton County.

#### ARTICLE 27. **VERBAL AGREEMENT**

No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer, agent or employee of County either before, during or after the execution of this Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms of obligations herein contained, nor shall such verbal agreement or conversation entitle Contractor to any additional payment whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement. All changes to this shall be in writing and the form of a change order in supplemental agreement, approved by the County, and entered on the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

#### ARTICLE 28. **NOTICES**

All notices shall be in writing and delivered in person or transmitted by certified mail, postage prepaid.

Notice to County, shall be addressed as follows:

Fulton County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff  
185 Central Ave., SW, 9th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Telephone: 404-612-5100  
Email: [pat.labat@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:pat.labat@fultoncountyga.gov)  
Attention: Patrick "Pat" Labat

**With a copy to:**

Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance  
Chief Purchasing Agent  
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Telephone: (404) 612-5800  
Email: [felicia.strong-whitaker@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:felicia.strong-whitaker@fultoncountyga.gov)

Attention: Felicia Strong-Whitaker

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

U.S. Corrections, LLC.  
President and General Counsel  
517 Hickory Hills Blvd.  
Whites Cheek, TN 37189  
Telephone: 615-352-9798 X156  
Email: [dwarden@prisonertransport.net](mailto:dwarden@prisonertransport.net)  
Attention: Joel Brasfield

#### ARTICLE 29. **JURISDICTION**

This Agreement will be executed and implemented in Fulton County. Further, this Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in the Fulton County Superior Courts. If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said laws, but the remainder of this Agreement shall be in full force and effect.

Whenever reference is made in the Agreement to standards or codes in accordance with which work is to be performed, the edition or revision of the standards or codes current on the effective date of this Agreement shall apply, unless otherwise expressly stated.

#### ARTICLE 30. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

Section 30.01 Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 30.02 Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by, or on behalf of, Contractor state that all qualified applicants, will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin;

Section 30.03 Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by the Agreement so that such provision will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

#### ARTICLE 31. **FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither County nor Contractor shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to acts of God, civil or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods or catastrophic failures of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions or legal strikes. Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this agreement for any delay or default in performing hereunder if such delay

or default is caused by conditions beyond its control or are inadvisable, commercially impracticable, or illegal including by not limited to acts of God, government restrictions (including the denial or cancellation of any necessary license or certification), wars, insurrections, acts of terrorism, threats of terrorism, civil disorder, labor strikes or disruptions, epidemics, pandemics and/or any other cause that is beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected (including mechanical, electronic, or communications failure). Contractor reserves the right to refuse to move any Prisoner for any reason. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to obligate Contractor to accept any move of behalf of the Department under this agreement.

#### ARTICLE 32. **OPEN RECORDS ACT**

The Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. Section 50-18-70 et seq., applies to this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that any documents or computerized data provided to the County by the Contractor may be subject to release to the public. The Contractor also acknowledges that documents and computerized data created or held by the Contractor in relation to the Agreement may be subject to release to the public, to include documents turned over to the County. The Contractor shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the County in rapidly responding to Open Records Act requests. The Contractor shall notify the County of any Open Records Act requests no later than 24 hours following receipt of any such requests by the Contractor. The Contractor shall promptly comply with the instructions or requests of the County in relation to responding to Open Records Act requests.

#### ARTICLE 33. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT**

Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month, in a form acceptable to the County and accompanied by all support documentation requested by the County, for payment and for services that were completed during the preceding phase. The County shall review for approval of said invoices. The County shall have the right not to pay any invoice or part thereof if not properly supported, or if the costs requested or a part thereof, as determined by the County, are reasonably in excess of the actual stage of completion.

**Time of Payment:** Invoices for payment shall be submitted to County by the first (1st) calendar day of the month to facilitate processing for payment in that same month. Invoices received after the first (1st) calendar day of the month may not be paid until the last day of the following month. The County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Agreement; parties further agree that the County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

**Submittal of Invoices:** Invoices shall be submitted as follows:

**Via Mail:**

Fulton County Government  
141 Pryor Street, SW

Suite 7001  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Attn: Finance Department – Accounts Payable

OR

**Via Email:**

Email: [Accounts.Payable@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Accounts.Payable@fultoncountyga.gov)

At minimum, original invoices must reference all of the following information:

- 1) Vendor Information
  - a. Vendor Name
  - b. Vendor Address
  - c. Vendor Code
  - d. Vendor Contact Information
  - e. Remittance Address
  
- 2) Invoice Details
  - a. Invoice Date
  - b. Invoice Number (uniquely numbered, no duplicates)
  - c. Purchase Order Reference Number
  - d. Date(s) of Services Performed
  - e. Itemization of Services Provided/Commodity Units
  
- 3) Fulton County Department Information (needed for invoice approval)
  - a. Department Name
  - b. Department Representative Name

Contractor's cumulative invoices shall not exceed the total not-to-exceed fee established for this Agreement.

**County's Right to Withhold Payments:** The County may withhold payments for services that involve disputed costs, involve disputed audits, or are otherwise performed in an inadequate fashion. Payments withheld by the County will be released and paid to the Contractor when the services are subsequently performed adequately and on a timely basis, the causes for disputes are reconciled or any other remedies or actions stipulated by the County are satisfied. The County shall promptly pay any undisputed items contained in such invoices.

**Payment of Sub-contractors/Suppliers:** The Contractor must certify in writing that all sub-contractors of the Contractor and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received. In the event the prime Contractor is unable to pay sub-contractors or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime Contractor shall pay all sub-contractors or supplier funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County in no event later than fifteen days as provided for by State Law.

**Acceptance of Payments by Contractor; Release.** The acceptance by the Contractor of any payment for services under this Agreement will, in each instance, operate as, and be a release to the County from, all claim and liability to the Contractor for work performed or furnished for or relating to the service for which payment was accepted,

unless the Contractor within five (5) days of its receipt of a payment, advises the County in writing of a specific claim it contends is not released by that payment.

#### ARTICLE 34. **TAXES**

The Contractor shall pay all sales, retail, occupational, service, excise, old age benefit and unemployment compensation taxes, consumer, use and other similar taxes, as well as any other taxes or duties on the materials, equipment, and labor for the work provided by the Contractor which are legally enacted by any municipal, county, state or federal authority, department or agency at the time bids are received, whether or not yet effective. The Contractor shall maintain records pertaining to such taxes as well as payment thereof and shall make the same available to the County at all reasonable times for inspection and copying. The Contractor shall apply for any and all tax exemptions which may be applicable and shall timely request from the County such documents and information as may be necessary to obtain such tax exemptions. The County shall have no liability to the Contractor for payment of any tax from which it is exempt.

#### ARTICLE 35. **PERMITS, LICENSES AND BONDS**

All permits and licenses necessary for the work shall be secured and paid for by the Contractor. If any permit, license or certificate expires or is revoked, terminated, or suspended as a result of any action on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time.

#### ARTICLE 36. **NON-APPROPRIATION**

This Agreement states the total obligation of the County to the Contractor for the calendar year of execution. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the obligation of the County to make payments provided under this Agreement shall be subject to annual appropriations of funds thereof by the governing body of the County and such obligation shall not constitute a pledge of the full faith and credit of the County within the meaning of any constitutional debt limitation. The Director of Finance shall deliver written notice to the Contractor in the event the County does not intend to budget funds for the succeeding Contract year.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to support continuation of this Agreement for an additional calendar year or an additional term of the Agreement, this Agreement shall terminate absolutely and without further obligation on the part of the County at the close of the calendar year of its execution and at the close of each succeeding calendar year of which it may be renewed, unless a shorter termination period is provided or the County suspends performance pending the appropriation of funds.

#### ARTICLE 37. **WAGE CLAUSE**

Contractor shall agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Contractor will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused this Contract to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as attested and witnessed and their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed as of the day and year date first above written.

**OWNER:**

**CONTRACTOR:**

**FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**U.S. CORRECTIONS, LLC**

DocuSigned by:

*Robert L. Pitts*

Robert L. Pitts Chairman  
Fulton County Board of Commissioners

DocuSigned by:

*Joel Brasfield*

Joel Brasfield  
President/CEO

**ATTEST:**

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DocuSigned by:

*Tonya R. Grier*

Tonya R. Grier  
Clerk to the Commission

Secretary/  
Assistant Secretary

(Affix County Seal)



(Affix Corporate Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**ATTEST:**

DocuSigned by:

*Steven Rosenberg*

Office of the County Attorney

DocuSigned by:

*Susan Binkley*

Notary Public



**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

County: Davidson

DocuSigned by:

*Patrick "Pat" Labat*

Patrick "Pat" Labat, Sheriff  
Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Commission Expires: 3/8/25

DocuSigned by:

(Affix Notary Seal)



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# **ADDENDA**

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

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1. Bids may be withdrawn upon receipt of a written request prior to the stated due date and time. If a firm seeks to withdraw a bid after the due date and time, the firm must present a notarized statement indicating that an error was made, with an explanation of how it occurred. The withdrawal request must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Prior to approving or disapproving the request, an opinion will be obtained from Fulton County's Legal Counsel indicating whether the firm is bound by its bid submittal.

Bids for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq.) may be withdrawn as follows:

The County must advise Bidders in the invitation to bid of the number of days that Bidders will be required to honor their bids. If an Bidder is not selected within 60 days of opening the bids, any Bidder that is determined by the governmental entity to be unlikely of being selected for contract award will be released from the bid.

2. Fulton County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all bids. Design, features, overall quality, local facilities, terms and other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.
3. The Contractor must assume full responsibility for delivery of all goods and services proposed.
4. The Contractor must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods and/or performance of contracted services within thirty (30) days' notice by the County of such defect, damage or deficiency.
5. The Contractor must assume full responsibility for providing warranty service on all goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage. Should a vendor be other than the manufacturer, the Contractor and not the County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer. The Contractor is solely responsible for arranging for the service to be performed.
6. The Contractor shall be responsible for the proper training and certification of personnel used in the performance of the services proposed.
7. The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any contract resulting from the invitation to bid or of any of its rights, title or interest therein without prior written consent of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
8. In case of default by the Contractor, Fulton County may procure the articles or services from another source and hold the Contractor responsible for any resultant excess cost.
9. All bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia "Open Records Act", Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 50-18-70 et seq.

10. All bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h).

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**There are no special conditions for  
this project**

# **EXHIBIT C**

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

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The Contractor shall provide:

National prisoner transportation services to the Sheriff's Office on an as, if and/or when requested basis. Extradited prisoners are to be transported from one governmental entity, i.e. (city, county, state, Federal C.I., U.S. Penitentiary etc.) to another to meet court dates per judges' orders.

All Bidders must be in full compliance with the federal performance standards established by the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act of 2000, also known as Jenna's Act

All Bidders must comply with all applicable Department of Transportation regulations, which encompass trips, scheduling, driver logbooks, and Dot physical examinations.

All Bidders must provide a detailed report outlining your complete compliance with the Interstate Transportation of Dangerous Criminals Act of 2000.

# **EXHIBIT D**

# **COMPENSATION**

## **COMPENSATION**

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The County agrees to compensate the Consultant as follows:

County agrees to compensate Contractor for all services performed under this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$254,730.00 (Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Zero Cents) , which is full payment for a complete scope of work. The detailed costs are provided in the following Bid Form.

**EXHIBIT E**

**PURCHASING FORMS**

# **EXHIBIT F**

## **CONTRACT COMPLIANCE FORMS**

## **EXHIBIT G**

# **INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FORMS**

## **EXHIBIT H**

### **PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BONDS**

**There are no Payment and  
Performance Bonds required for this  
project**

# **EXIHIBT I**

## **INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS CRIMINALS ACT OF 2000, ALSO KNOWN AS JENNA'S ACT**



*Susan M Binkley*



# Fulton County

## Legislation Details

**File #:** 22-0153      **Version:** 1      **Name:**  
**Type:** CM Action Item - Justice and Safety      **Status:** Passed  
**File created:** 12/23/2021      **In control:** Board of Commissioners  
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**Title:** Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Sheriff's Office, 21ITB1122B-EC, Prisoner Transportation Services in the amount of \$254,730.00 with U.S. Corrections, LLC (Whites Creek, TN) to provide national prisoner transportation services effective upon BOC approval through December 31, 2022 with two renewal options.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. U.S. Correction TABULATION SHEET 2022, 2. U.S Corrections CPR 1st qtr 2022, 3. U.S. Corrections Recommendation Letter 2022(a), 4. Fulton County Single Bid Analysis Form

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
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