

THIS CONTRACT AMENDMENT is made and entered into this 1st day of May, 2026 by and between the **SHERIFF OF DURHAM COUNTY**, a constitutional officer of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) doing business as the **COUNTY OF DURHAM** and **J&A ENGINEERING, LLC** (hereinafter referred to as “CONTACTOR”).

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the County and Contractor entered into a contract dated March 1, 2023, for the provision of providing the design and construction administration for the renovation & replacement of the Durham County Jail low voltage systems, and Amended on March 1, 2024 and December 1, 2025 (hereinafter the “Original Agreement and Amendments”); and

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor desire to amend the Original Agreement, while keeping in effect all terms and conditions of the Original Agreement and Amendments not inconsistent with the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration for the mutual covenants and agreements made herein, the parties agree to further amend the Original Agreement and Amendments as follows:

1. The Term of the Original Agreement and Amendments is hereby extended through June 30, 2027.
2. The compensation paid to Contractor shall be a total amount not to exceed \$152,960.

3. CONTINGENT FUNDING/NON-APPROPRIATION. The Parties agree and acknowledge that any and all payments described herein are contingent upon prior budgetary approval by the Durham County Board of Commissioners (the Board) for the fiscal year during which services required by this contract are rendered. The Parties agree and acknowledge that if this contract is signed prior to budgetary approval being granted, that COUNTY may terminate the Contract if the requisite approval is not given, by giving CONTRACTOR notice of the non-approval and termination within 30 days of the Board’s decision. Termination of this contract under this provision shall not form the basis for any claim by either party.

4. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital or familial status, pregnancy, military status, religious belief or non-belief, or disability. CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed and that employees are treated fairly and legally during employment with regard to their age, race sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital or familial status, pregnancy, military status, religious belief or non-belief, or disability. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of an appropriate agency or court to be in violation of any non-discrimination provision of federal, state or local law or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts. **CONTRACTOR certifies that CONTRACTOR shall abide by Durham County Ordinance Article I, Sections 15-1 through 15-85. Failure to abide by said Ordinance is a breach of this contract and grounds for terminating the contract for cause and without fault or liability to COUNTY. Nothing contained in this Section, this Contract, or the Durham County ordinances referenced herein shall be interpreted or applied in a manner contrary to any State or Federal law, including laws prohibiting Diversity, Equity, or Inclusion (DEI) measures, program, or initiatives.**

5. INDEMNIFICATION. To the fullest extent permitted by law, COUNTY hereby reserves the right to recover legal expenses including attorney fees, litigation expenses and court costs as well as actual damages or losses suffered by COUNTY, if CONTRACTOR is found to be a proximate cause of damages or losses suffered by COUNTY, resulting from CONTRACTOR's performance during the execution of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and save harmless the County of Durham, their respective officers, agents, servants and employees from and against all claims, losses, and damages arising out of CONTRACTOR's performance under this Contract. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that this obligation is operative regardless of whether the claim arises from intentional or negligent acts of CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR's agents, employees, subcontractors, vendors, or invited guests. CONTRACTOR also acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible to satisfy any claim for damage to, or theft of or from, COUNTY property, to the degree said theft, damage, or claim arises from or is otherwise related to CONTRACTOR's performance under this contract. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this agreement.

6. INSURANCE. Cyber Liability: when applicable based on scope of work, policy must cover breach costs, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, intentional and/or unintentional release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion, network security, and loss at no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

7. PUBLIC RECORDS. It is expressly understood that as a governmental entity, the COUNTY is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Act and information related to this contract may be requested pursuant to same. In response to any request for information which has been properly labeled as a Trade Secret or Confidential Information, the COUNTY will assert that those are exempt as a Trade Secret or Confidential Information under that Act. Proper labeling will include annotating the bottom of any written document (on the cover and each individual page containing such information) or e-mail with the following footer in at least 12-point bold face type "**Confidential Information**". Any material labeled as Confidential Information constitutes a representation by CONTRACTOR that it has made a reasonable effort in good faith to determine that such material is, in fact, confidential as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1.2. The COUNTY has no duty or obligation to limit access to information which is not explicitly marked in accordance with this provision.

Should the requestor initiate legal action to compel production, the COUNTY shall notify CONTRACTOR of the action and offer it the opportunity to intervene and defend same. The COUNTY shall have no duty to defend the action and CONTRACTOR agrees to fully indemnify COUNTY for all costs related to such litigation. Should the COUNTY receive a subpoena or court order for the protected information, it will contact CONTRACTOR and afford it the opportunity to intervene in the action under the same terms and conditions as noted above.

8. SECURITY BACKGROUND CHECKS.

A. For Particular Facilities:

1. For County Facilities other than Youth Home or Sheriff Facilities: with the exception of the Security contractor security personnel who have completed a Private Protected Services Board (PPSB) background check, the COUNTY is responsible for requesting criminal history checks on all individuals providing services under this contract who will be obtaining COUNTY identification badges and allowed unescorted access to COUNTY facilities.
2. Youth Home Facilities: Youth Home public safety classifications background checks can be provided by any vendor, or from a North Carolina State agency, providing that the criminal history check falls under the requirements of the North Carolina Criminal Standards and, provided that the criminal history check is done nationwide.
3. Sheriff Facilities – Courthouse and Detention Center. The Sheriff's Office will conduct background investigations for those Contractor employees who will be working at the Courthouse or Detention Center.

B. General Provisions.

A criminal history will not automatically disqualify a Contractor employee from employment on a COUNTY contract unless explicitly mandated by law.

The Contractor will complete the background check process prior to commencing work at Durham County Government. The results of the check will be reviewed by CONTRACTOR's County point of contact who will provide them to the Durham County Security Manager. The Human Resources Department will individually assess and determine the degree to which the nature of a person's criminal conduct has a direct and/or specific negative bearing on a person's fitness or ability to perform contract services in Durham County buildings. The Human Resources Department will consult the Legal Office, as needed, on any negative determinations. The Human Resources Department will notify the Contractor's County point of contact of the results of the review. Contractor can appeal a negative determination by the Human Resources Department to the County Manager or the County Manager's designee for final disposition. Appeals need to be submitted in writing to the County point of contact within 30 days of notice of a decision to remove or deny an individual from working the County contract due to adverse information in the background check.

This information shall be updated annually by the Contractor, 90 days prior to the renewal or extension of the contract and submitted to their County point of contact who will provide them to the Durham County Security Manager. Personnel without a currently approved background check will have their access to those buildings disabled.

Additional background screening may be necessary at specific COUNTY buildings. The Contractor shall provide names of all individuals in the Contractor communications log and to the COUNTY point of contact. This information will be reviewed annually.

For those Contractor employees who will be working at the Courthouse or Detention Center, the Sheriff's Office will make the security determination. The Contractor will provide the results of their background check to the Major for Support Services who will conduct an additional investigation and then individually assess and determine the degree to which the nature of a person's criminal conduct has a direct and/or specific negative bearing on a person's fitness or ability to perform contract services in the Courthouse or Detention Facility. Contractor can appeal a negative determination to the Chief Deputy for final disposition. Appeals need to be submitted in writing to the Chief Deputy within 30 days of notice of a decision to remove or deny an individual from working the contract due to adverse information in the background check. While an appeal is pending, the employee will not be allowed access to the Courthouse or Detention Facility.

This information will be updated by the Contractor and submitted to the Sheriff's Office annually, 90 days prior to the renewal or extension of the contract. Personnel without a currently approved background check will have their access to those buildings disabled.

9. NOTICES. All notices which may be required to be sent to the COUNTY by this Contract or any rule of law shall be effective when received by certified mail sent to the following addresses:

**SHERIFF OF DURHAM COUNTY
ATTN: CHIEF DEPUTY
510 SOUTH DILLARD STREET, 3RD FLOOR
DURHAM, NC 27701**

10. Except for the changes made herein, the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent not inconsistent with this Amendment. In the event that there is a conflict between the Original Agreement and this Amendment, this Amendment shall control.

By execution hereof, the person signing for Contractor below certifies that he/she has read this Contract Amendment and that he/she is duly authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Contract Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized office or agent. This Contract Amendment shall be effective as of the date herein.

COUNTY OF DURHAM

J&A ENGINEERING, LLC

By: _____

By: _____

Print Name/Title: _____

Print Name/Title: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Crystally Wright, Interim Durham County Chief Financial Officer