

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND
GULF CONSORTIUM REGARDING PROCUREMENT SERVICES**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by and among the LEON COUNTY, Florida, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “County”); and GULF CONSORTIUM, a legal entity and public body and a unit of local government (the “Consortium”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to enter into said Interlocal Agreement by the powers and authority granted to it under the Constitutional and the laws of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium is authorized to enter into this Interlocal Agreement by virtue of the Interlocal Agreement Relating to the Establishment of the Gulf Consortium entered into on or about the 19th day of September, 2012, which was created to serve as a consortia of local political subdivisions as contemplated by the RESTORE ACT for the 23 Florida counties which are members of the Consortium; and,

WHEREAS, the RESTORE ACT (“United States Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economics of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012”) was passed by Congress on June 29, 2012, and the President signed into law on July 6, 2012 and said Act establishes a mechanism for providing funding to the Gulf Coast region to restore ecosystems and rebuild local economies damaged by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill; and,

WHEREAS, the Consortium is required to develop a State Expenditure Plan for the expenditure of the Spill Impact Component required by the RESTORE ACT; and,

WHEREAS, the County and the Consortium wish to enter into an agreement that authorizes the County to provide and assist with procurement services for the Consortium in order for it to properly and effectively engage the services of one or more firms to assist in the development of the State Expenditure Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual promises, covenants and representations set forth herein, the sufficiency of which being acknowledged, the County and the Consortium do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

In construing this Interlocal Agreement, the singular includes the plural and vice versa. Unless otherwise defined herein, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

- A. “County” means Leon County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, a charter county.

B. "Consortium" means Gulf Consortium that was created by Interlocal Agreement between 23 Florida counties, namely, Bay, Charlotte, Collier, Citrus, Dixie, Escambia, Gulf, Franklin, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Monroe, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Taylor, Wakulla and Walton, on September 19, 2012, which is recorded in the Official Records of Leon County in Book 4432 at page 105.

C. "RESTORE ACT" means United States Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economics of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.

D. "Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" means the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig's explosion, and resulting oil spill, on April 20, 2010.

SECTION 2. PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The County shall provide all necessary personnel and take all required steps to perform procurement services for the Consortium, as follows: Provide advice and assistance regarding the development of a competitive procurement policy for the Consortium, and

B. Provide technical and strategic support in the Consortium's competitive solicitation of a firm in the development and submission of the State Expenditure Plan, including, but not limited to, preparing solicitation documents, advertising and disseminating solicitation documents, and advising and assisting the Consortium's Interim Manager, the procurement evaluation team and the Consortium Board of Directors in the selection of the most qualified firm.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Funding.

The procurement related services to be provided to the Consortium would require utilization of limited staff resources by the County, which may be reimbursed to the County by the Consortium under possible federal rules yet to be finalized with regard to the RESTORE ACT. However, the County shall be entitled to seek, and the Consortium shall reimburse the County for all of its direct expenses.

B. Compliance with Applicable Law.

In providing services and otherwise carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, the parties shall comply with applicable law. Such compliance shall include obtaining any and all federal, state or local permits or licenses required to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

C. Choice of Law, Venue and Severability.

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with Florida Law. Venue for any action brought in relation to this Agreement shall be placed in a court of competent jurisdiction in Leon County, Florida. If any provision of this Agreement is subsequently held invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue in effect.

D. Amendments.

The Parties hereby acknowledge that the terms hereof constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No modification hereof shall be effective unless in writing, executed with the same formalities as this Agreement, in accordance with general law.

E. Assignment.

The Parties agree not to assign any of the services specified by this Agreement to a third-party without the prior written consent of the other Parties.

F. Conflict Resolution.

1. The Parties shall attempt to resolve all disputes that arise under this Agreement in good faith and in accordance with this section. The provision of the "Florida Governmental Conflict Resolution Act" shall not apply to disputes under this Agreement, as an alternative dispute resolution process is hereby set forth in this section. The aggrieved Party shall give written notice to the other Parties in writing, setting forth the name of the Party or Parties involved in the dispute, the nature of the dispute, date of occurrence (if known), and proposed resolution, hereinafter referred to as the "Dispute Notice."
2. Should the Parties be unable to reconcile any dispute, the appropriate County and Consortium representative shall meet at the earliest opportunity, but in any event within ten (10) days from the date that the Dispute Notice is received, to discuss and resolve the dispute. If the dispute is resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the Parties, they shall report their decision, in writing, to the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Consortium. If the Parties are unable to reconcile their dispute, they shall report their impasse to such Boards who shall then convene a meeting at their earliest opportunity, but in any event within twenty (20) days following receipt of a Dispute Notice, to attempt to reconcile the dispute.

G. Recordation.

The County shall record this Agreement with the Leon County Clerk of the Court upon execution of the Parties. Upon return of the recorded Agreement, the County shall deliver a recorded copy of this Agreement to the Consortium. The recordation of this Agreement complies with all government transparency requirements.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall be effective ("Effective Date") upon execution by all Parties.

SECTION 4. TERM; COMMENCEMENT DATE; RENEWAL

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of three (3) years commencing on the Effective Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties cause this Interlocal Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives this 20th day of March, 2014.

Attest:
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court



By: _____

Approved as to form:
County Attorney's Office

By: _____

Herbert W.A. Thiele, Esq.
County Attorney

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

Kristin Dozier, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

**SIGNATURE PAGE TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO
PROCUREMENT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY LEON COUNTY**


THE GULE CONSORTIUM

By: 
Chairman
Board of Directors

ATTEST:


Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sarah M. Bleakley, Esq.
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
Interim General Counsel