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**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY  
AND  
ROBERT SELIG**

**THIS CONTRACT** is made effective the **1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023**, by and between **THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**, a body politic and corporate, with principal offices at 2 South Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey, 08096 (hereinafter referred to as "**County**"), and **ROBERT SELIG**, located at 90 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI 49423, (hereinafter referred to as "**Vendor**").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the County has need for the provision of Project Historian services for the Red Bank Battlefield Park Archaeology Project; and

**WHEREAS**, County wishes to enter into a contract with Vendor for such services in the total sum of \$14,000.00 for the term of this agreement, pursuant to Vendor's Proposal dated April 25, 2023, establishing a set rate for said services.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, agreements and other considerations made by and between the parties, County and Vendor do hereby agree as follows:

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

1. **TERM.** This contract shall be effective for the period from June 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

2. **COMPENSATION.** Vendor shall be compensated in the total sum of \$14,000.00 for the contract term for Project Historian services at the Red Bank Battlefield Park Archaeology Project, as set forth in Vendor's Proposal dated April 25, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and made part of this contract.

Vendor shall be paid in accordance with this contract document upon receipt of an invoice and a properly executed voucher. After approval by County, the payment voucher shall be placed in line for prompt payment.

Each invoice shall contain an itemized, detailed description of all work performed during the billing period. Failure to provide sufficient specificity shall be cause for rejection of the invoice until the necessary details are provided.

It is also agreed and understood that the acceptance of the final payment by Vendor shall be considered a release in full of all claims against the County arising out of, or by reason of, the work done and materials furnished under this contract.

3. **DUTIES OF VENDOR.** The specific duties of the Vendor shall be as set forth in Vendor's

Proposal attached as Exhibit A.

Vendor agrees that it has or will comply with, and where applicable shall continue throughout the period of this contract to comply with, all of the requirements of the contract documents.

4. **FURTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES.** During the performance of this contract, the Vendor agrees as follows:

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service. The Vendor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality, sex, veteran status or military service.

The Vendor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the Vendor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Vendor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted County employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

5. **LICENSING AND PERMITTING.** If the Vendor or any of its agents is required to maintain a license, or to maintain in force and effect any permits issued by any governmental or quasi-governmental entity in order to perform the services which are the subject of this contract, then prior to the effective date of this contract, and as a condition precedent to its taking effect, Vendor shall provide to County a copy of its current license and permits required to operate in the State of New Jersey, which license and permits shall be in good standing and shall not be subject to any current action to revoke or suspend, and shall remain so throughout the term of this contract.

Vendor shall notify County immediately in the event of suspension, revocation or any change in status (or in the event of the initiation of any action to accomplish such suspension, revocation and/or change in status) of license or certification held by Vendor or its agents.

6. **TERMINATION.** This contract may be terminated as follows:

A. If Vendor is required to be licensed in order to perform the services which are the subject of this contract, then this contract may be terminated by County in the event that the appropriate governmental entity with jurisdiction has instituted an action to have the Vendor's license suspended, or in the event that such entity has revoked or suspended said license. Notice of termination pursuant to this subparagraph shall be effective immediately upon the giving of said notice.

B. If, through any cause, the Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under this contract, or if the Vendor shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the Vendor under this contract, shall be forthwith delivered to the County.

C. The County may terminate this contract for public convenience at any time by a notice in writing from the County to the Vendor. If the contract is terminated by the County as provided herein, the Vendor will be paid for the services rendered to the time of termination.

D. Notwithstanding the above, the Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of any breach of the contract by the Vendor, and the County may withhold any payments to the Vendor for the purpose of set-off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from the Vendor is determined.

E. Termination shall not operate to affect the validity of the indemnification provisions of this contract, nor to prevent the County from pursuing any other relief or damages to which it may be entitled, either at law or in equity.

7. **PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY.** All materials developed, prepared, completed, or acquired by Vendor during the performance of the services specified by this contract, including, but not limited to, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports, shall become the property of the County, except as may otherwise be stipulated in a written statement by the County.

8. **NO ASSIGNMENT OR SUBCONTRACT.** This contract may not be assigned nor subcontracted by the Vendor, except as otherwise agreed in writing by both parties. Any attempted assignment or subcontract without such written consent shall be void with respect to the County and no obligation on the County's part to the assignee shall arise, unless the County shall elect to accept and to consent to such assignment or subcontract.

9. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Vendor or subcontractor, where applicable, shall be responsible for, shall keep, save and hold the County of Gloucester harmless from, and shall indemnify and shall defend the County of Gloucester against any claim, loss, liability, expense (specifically including but not limited to costs, counsel fees and/or experts' fees), or damage resulting from all mental or physical injuries or disabilities, including death, to employees or recipients of the Vendor's services or to any other persons, or from any damage to any property sustained in connection with this contract which results from any acts or omissions, including negligence or malpractice, of any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants or independent contractors, or from the Vendor's failure to provide for the safety and protection of its employees, or from Vendor's performance or failure to perform pursuant to the terms and provisions of this contract. The Vendor's liability under this Agreement shall continue after the termination of this Agreement with respect to any liability, loss, expense or damage resulting from acts occurring prior to termination.

10. **INSURANCE.** Vendor shall, if applicable to the services to be provided, maintain general liability, automobile liability, business operations, builder's insurance, and Workers' Compensation insurance in amounts, for the coverages, and with companies deemed satisfactory by County, and which shall be in compliance with any applicable requirements of the State of New Jersey. Vendor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this contract, deliver certifications of said insurance to County, naming County as an additional insured.

If Vendor is a member of a profession that is subject to suit for professional malpractice, then Vendor shall maintain and continue in full force and effect an insurance policy for professional liability/malpractice with limits of liability acceptable to the County. Vendor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this contract, and as a condition precedent to its taking effect, provide to County a copy of a certificate of insurance, verifying that said insurance is and will be in effect during the term of this contract. The County shall review the certificate for sufficiency and compliance with this paragraph, and approval of said certificate and policy shall be necessary prior to this contract taking effect. Vendor also hereby agrees to continue said policy in force and effect for the period of the applicable statute of limitations following the termination of this contract and shall provide the County with copies of certificates of insurance as the certificates may be renewed during that period of time.

11. **SET-OFF.** Should Vendor either refuse or neglect to perform the services that Vendor is required to perform in accordance with the terms of this contract, and if expense is incurred by County by reason of Vendor's failure to perform, then and in that event, such expense shall be deducted from any payment due to Vendor. Exercise of such set-off shall not operate to prevent County from pursuing any other remedy to which it may be entitled.

12. **PREVENTION OF PERFORMANCE BY COUNTY.** In the event that the County is prevented from performing this contract by circumstances beyond its control, then any obligations owing by the County to the Vendor shall be suspended without liability for the period during which the County is so prevented.

13. **METHODS OF WORK.** Vendor agrees that in performing its work, it shall employ such methods or means as will not cause any interruption or interference with the operations of County or infringe on the rights of the public.

14. **NON-WAIVER**. The failure by the County to enforce any particular provision of this contract, or to act upon a breach of this contract by Vendor, shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, nor a bar to any subsequent enforcement.
15. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY**. In the event that any provision of this contract shall be or become invalid under any law or applicable regulation, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this contract.
16. **CHANGES**. This contract may be modified by approved change orders, consistent with applicable laws, rules and regulations. The County, without invalidating this contract, may order changes consisting of additions, deletions, and/or modifications, and the contract sum shall be adjusted accordingly. This contract and the contract terms may be changed only by change order. The cost or credit to the County from change in this contract shall be determined by mutual agreement before executing the change involved.
17. **NOTICES**. Notices required by this contract shall be effective upon mailing of notice by regular and certified mail to the addresses set forth above, or by personal service, or if such notice cannot be delivered or personally served, then by any procedure for notice pursuant to the Rules of Court of the State of New Jersey.
18. **APPLICABLE LAW**. The terms and provisions of this contract shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey and, where applicable, the laws of the United States of America.
19. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**. The parties acknowledge that Vendor is an independent contractor and is not an agent of the County.
20. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**. Vendor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services pursuant to this contract. The Company further covenants that in the performance of this contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.
21. **CONFIDENTIALITY**. Vendor agrees not to divulge or release any information, reports, or recommendations developed or obtained in connection with the performance of this contract, during the term of this contract, except to authorized County personnel or upon prior approval of the County.
22. **BINDING EFFECT**. This contract shall be binding on the undersigned and their successors and assigns.
23. **CONTRACT PARTS**. This contract consists of this contract document and the Vendor's Proposal dated April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, identified as Exhibit A. Should there occur a conflict between this form of contract and Exhibits A, then this contract shall prevail.


**THIS CONTRACT** shall be effective the **1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.**


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signatory authority is established as follows:

- (i) for the County pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, by Resolution authorizing its Chief Financial Officer to execute, and Qualified Purchasing Agent to attest to this instrument, and
- (ii) for the Vendor, having caused this instrument to be signed and attested by its properly authorized representative(s).

**ATTEST:**

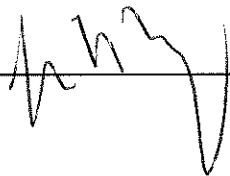
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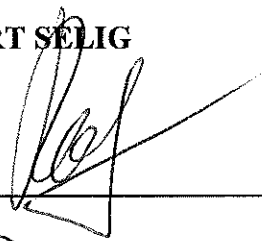
  
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**KIMBERLY LARTER,**  
**QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

  
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**TRACEY N. GIORDANO,**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**ATTEST:**

**ROBERT SELIG**

  
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**By:**  
**Title:** *Proprietor, WSR Consulting*  
*7 June 2023*

**JASON M. CONEY**  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
County of Ottawa  
My Commission Expires July 22, 2024  
Acting County of Ottawa

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25 April 2023

Scope of work as Project Historian of the Red Bank Battlefield Archaeology Project  
investigating the historical context of the remains of fifteen skeletal remains discovered at Fort  
Red Bank during archaeological work in the summer of 2022

The goal of the Red Bank Battlefield Archaeology Project is three-fold:

- 1) Compile a list of men killed during the attack on Fort Red Bank on 22 October 1777
- 2) Establish the social, economic and demographic backgrounds of these soldiers
- 3) Combine biographical and DNA data to try and assign the skeletal remains to individual soldiers

The contributions of the Project Historian toward achieving this goal are to try and

- Identify the soldiers who were killed.
- Identify the communities where they came from.
- Locate church/baptismal/funeral records to find out biographical information on parents, siblings, children, widows.
- Locate civil community records such as land sale registers, Last Wills and Testaments, criminal records &c connected with the names found in ecclesiastical records.
- Interpret that information for clues as to why that man may have joined (younger son?), economic background (day laborer?), trouble with the law &c.
- If there are three, four, five men who enlist within a short time period of each other, did they meet in a tavern, had too much to drink, and signed up?

Such detailed research into the lives of individual soldiers as part of a combined effort of archaeology, forensic anthropology and history has rarely if ever been conducted. Much of it can be accomplished in the United States, but research in local records will require approx. one week of research on site in Germany. My fee for these services (incl. travel expenses) is \$ 14,000.00.

Thank you very much.



Robert A. Selig, PhD