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**CONTRACT BETWEEN
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER
AND
JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC. AS THE
CORPORATE GENERAL PARTNER OF JBI, LTD**

THIS CONTRACT is made effective the 15th day of **April, 2024**, by and between the **COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**, a body politic and corporate, with administrative offices at 2 South Broad Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096, hereinafter referred to as “**County**”, and **JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC., as the Corporate General Partner of JBI, LTD**, a Texas limited partnership, located at 1711 E. Beltline Road, Coppell, TX 75019, hereinafter referred to as “**Contractor**”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County has a need for a qualified professional to assist with exploring and identifying federal funding stream opportunities, and navigation in properly applying for and securing Federal Financial Participation (“FFP”) on behalf of the Department of Correctional Services; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that it is qualified to provide the necessary products and licensing pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Contract.

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

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. **TERM**. This Contract shall be effective for a period of one (1) year commencing May 1, 2024 and terminating on April 30, 2025.
2. **COMPENSATION**. Contractor shall be compensated for estimated units of service, for a total amount not to exceed \$17,200.00 for the term of the Contract.

Contractor 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. No interest will be paid by the County at any time.

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 Contractor 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 CONTRACTOR.** The specific duties of the Contractor shall be for professional assistance in identifying federal funding stream opportunities, and navigation in properly applying for and securing Federal Financial Participation ("FFP") on behalf of the Department of Correctional Services, as set forth in Contractor's Renewal and Extension Agreement, Version 010703 which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein and made part of this Contract.

4. **FURTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTOR.** During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

a. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, and will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to all 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 Contractor 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.

b. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, 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 or sex.

c. The Contractor 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 Contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

d. The Contractor, 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.

e. The Contractor 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 Contractor 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, Contractor 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.

Contractor 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 Contractor or its agents.

6. TERMINATION. This Contract may be terminated as follows:

a. Pursuant to the termination provisions set forth in the Bid Specifications or in the Request for Proposals, if any, as the case may be, which are specifically referred to and incorporated herein by reference.

b. If Contractor 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 Contractor'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.

c. If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations under this Contract, or if the Contractor 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 Contractor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. In such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports prepared by the Contractor under this Contract, shall be forthwith delivered to the County.

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

e. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor 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 Contractor, and the County may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set off until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from the Contractor is determined.

f. Termination shall not affect the validity of the indemnification provisions of this Contract, nor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor, 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 Contractor, where applicable, shall be responsible for, shall keep, save and hold the County of Gloucester harmless from, 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 Contractor'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 Contractor's failure to provide for the safety and protection of its employees, or from Contractor's performance or failure to perform pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Contract. The Contractor'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.** Contractor 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. Contractor shall, simultaneously with the execution of this Contract, deliver certifications of said insurance to County, naming County as an additional insured.

If Contractor is a member of a profession that is subject to suit for professional malpractice, then Contractor shall maintain and continue in full force and effect an insurance policy for professional liability/malpractice with limits of liability acceptable to the County. Contractor 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. Contractor 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 Contractor either refuse or neglect to perform the service that Contractor is required to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and if expense is incurred by County by reason of Contractor's failure to perform, such expense shall be deducted from any payment due to Contractor. 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 Contractor shall be suspended without liability for the period during which the County is so prevented.

13. **METHODS OF WORK.** Contractor 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. **NONWAIVER.** The failure by the County to enforce any particular provision of this Contract, or to act upon a breach of this Contract by Contractor, 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. **GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE.** This Contract and all questions relating to its validity, interpretation, performance or enforcement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. The parties each irrevocably agree that any dispute arising under, relating to, or in connection with, directly or indirectly, this agreement or related to any matter which is the subject of or incidental to this agreement (whether or not such claim is based upon breach of contract or tort) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the state and/or federal courts located in Gloucester County, New Jersey or the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, Camden, New Jersey. This provision is intended to be a "mandatory" forum selection clause and governed by and interpreted consistent with New Jersey law and each waives any objection based on forum non conveniens.

19. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** The parties acknowledge that Contractor is an independent contractor and is not an agent of the County.

20. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Contractor declares 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 or sale of goods 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. Contractor 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 document and Contractor's Renewal and Extension Agreement, Version 010703, attached hereto as Exhibit A. If there is a conflict between this Contract and Exhibit A, then this Contract will prevail.

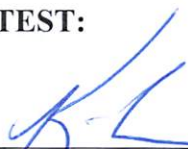
THIS CONTRACT is made effective the **15th** day of **April, 2024**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signatory authority is established:

(i) for the County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a), with the requisite Resolution adopted by the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders on January 23, 2019 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to execute and the Qualified Purchasing Agent attest to this instrument; and

(ii) for the Contractor, by having caused this instrument to be signed and witnessed by authorized representatives.

ATTEST:



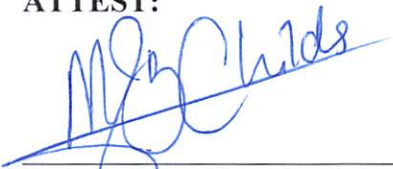
KIMBERLY LARTER,
Qualified Purchasing Agent

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER



TRACEY N. GIORDANO, CFO

ATTEST:



Mukiel Childs
Office Manager
Justice Benefits, INC.

JUSTICE BENEFITS, INCORPORATED
as the Corp. General Partner of JBI, LTD



By: **MICHAEL F. MOORE** *C. Robert Liu*
Title: **SR. VICE PRESIDENT** *Chief Operating Officer*

EXHIBIT A

RENEWAL AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

between
Justice Benefits, Incorporated
and
Gloucester County, NJ

This Renewal and Extension Agreement is entered into by and between Gloucester County, NJ (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and Justice Benefits, Inc. as the general partner of JBI, LTD, a Texas limited partnership (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "JBI" or "Contractor"), located at 1711 E. Beltline Road, Coppell, Texas 75019.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, JBI is assisting the County to obtain reimbursements through Federal Financial Participation (hereinafter "FFP"); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to renew and extend the Agreement for Professional Services dated March 3, 2015 (the "Agreement"), so JBI will continue to provide professional assistance to County exploring opportunities for FFP, reviewing prospects for expansion of existing FFP, and securing FFP for the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and JBI agree as follows.

RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

1. The Agreement, including all its terms, conditions and provisions, is incorporated herein fully by reference as if copied verbatim into this paragraph.
2. The Agreement is hereby renewed and extended for an additional period of one (1) year.

MISCELLANEOUS

To the extent that the terms of this Renewal and Extension Agreement are in conflict with the original terms of the Agreement, the terms of the original Agreement shall control except in case of dispute as to the length of the term of the Agreement in which instance these agreements shall be interpreted to renew, extend and continue the professional services contract between the undersigned parties for the longer period of time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Renewal and Extension Agreement as of the date written below.

EXECUTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

AGREED:

Gloucester County, NJ

Name

Title

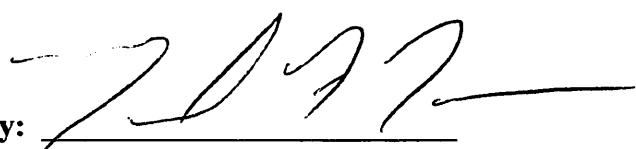
Address: _____

ACCEPTED BY:

JBI, LTD., a Texas Limited Partnership

By: Justice Benefits, Inc., a Texas Corporation

Its: Corporate General Partner

By: 

Michael F. Moore

Senior Vice President

1711 E. Beltline Road

Coppell, Texas 75019