

SUPPLY AGREEMENT NO. 2700

Sodium Hypochlorite

THIS **Sodium Hypochlorite Supply Agreement** ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Corpus Christi, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation ("City") and Brenntag Southwest, Inc. ("Contractor"), effective upon execution by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee ("City Manager").

WHEREAS, Contractor has bid to provide Sodium Hypochlorite in response to Request for Bid No. **2700** ("RFB"), which RFB includes the required scope of work and all specifications and which RFB and the Contractor's bid response are incorporated by reference in this Agreement as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, as if each were fully set out here in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, City and Contractor agree as follows:

- 1. Scope.** Contractor will provide Sodium Hypochlorite in accordance with the attached Scope of Work, as shown in Attachment A, the content of which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set out here in its entirety. "Goods," "products", and "supplies", as used in this Agreement, refer to and have the same meaning.
- 2. Term.** This Agreement is for two years. The parties may mutually extend the term of this Agreement for up to zero additional zero-year periods ("Option Period(s)"), provided, the parties do so by written amendment prior to the expiration of the original term or the then-current Option Period. The City's extension authorization must be executed by the City Manager or designee.
- 3. Compensation and Payment.** This Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$5,440,294.52, subject to approved extensions and changes. Payment will be made for goods delivered and accepted by the City within 30 days of acceptance, subject to receipt of an acceptable invoice. Contractor shall invoice no more frequently than once per month. All pricing must be in accordance with the attached Bid/Pricing Schedule, as shown in Attachment B, the content of which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set out here in its entirety. Any amount not expended during the initial term or any option period may, at the City's discretion, be allocated for use in the next option period.

Invoices will be mailed to the following address with a copy provided to the Contract Administrator:

City of Corpus Christi
Attn: Accounts Payable
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469-9277

4. **Contract Administrator.** The Contract Administrator designated by the City is responsible for approval of all phases of performance and operations under this Agreement, including deductions for non-performance and authorizations for payment. The City's Contract Administrator for this Agreement is as follows:

Name: Joanna Moreno
Department: Utilities Department
Phone: (361) 826-1649
Email: JoannaM@cctexas.com

5. **Insurance.** Before performance can begin under this Agreement, the Contractor must deliver a certificate of insurance ("COI"), as proof of the required insurance coverages, to the City's Risk Manager and the Contract Administrator. Additionally, the COI must state that the City will be given at least 30 days' advance written notice of cancellation, material change in coverage, or intent not to renew any of the policies. The City must be named as an additional insured. The City Attorney must be given copies of all insurance policies within 10 days of the City Manager's written request. Insurance requirements are as stated in Attachment C, the content of which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set out here in its entirety.
6. **Purchase Release Order.** For multiple-release purchases of products to be provided by the Contractor over a period of time, the City will exercise its right to specify time, place and quantity of products to be delivered in the following manner: any City department or division may send to Contractor a purchase release order signed by an authorized agent of the department or division. The purchase release order must refer to this Agreement, and products will remain with the Contractor until such time as the products are delivered and accepted by the City.
7. **Inspection and Acceptance.** City may inspect all products supplied before acceptance. Any products that are delivered but not accepted by the City must be corrected or replaced immediately at no charge to the City. If immediate correction or replacement at no charge cannot be made by the Contractor, a replacement product may be bought by the City on the open market and any costs incurred, including additional costs over the item's bid price, must be paid by the Contractor within 30 days of receipt of City's invoice.

8. **Warranty.**

(A) The Contractor warrants that all products supplied under this Agreement are new, quality items that are free from defects, fit for their intended purpose, and of good material and workmanship. The Contractor warrants that it has clear title to the products and that the products are free of liens or encumbrances.

(B) In addition, the products purchased under this Agreement shall be warranted by the Contractor or, if indicated in Attachment D by the manufacturer, for the period stated in Attachment D. Attachment D is attached to this Agreement and is incorporated by reference into this Agreement as if fully set out here in its entirety.

9. **Quality/Quantity Adjustments.** Any quantities indicated on the Bid/Pricing Schedule are estimates only and do not obligate the City to order or accept more than the City's actual requirements nor do the estimates restrict the City from ordering less than its actual needs during the term of the Agreement and including any Option Period. Substitutions and deviations from the City's product requirements or specifications are prohibited without the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator
10. **Non-Appropriation.** The continuation of this Agreement after the close of any fiscal year of the City, which fiscal year ends on September 30th annually, is subject to appropriations and budget approval specifically covering this Agreement as an expenditure in said budget, and it is within the sole discretion of the City's City Council to determine whether or not to fund this Agreement. The City does not represent that this budget item will be adopted, as said determination is within the City Council's sole discretion when adopting each budget.
11. **Independent Contractor.** Contractor will perform the work required by this Agreement as an independent contractor and will furnish such products in its own manner and method, and under no circumstances or conditions will any agent, servant or employee of the Contractor be considered an employee of the City.
12. **Subcontractors.** Contractor may use subcontractors in connection with the work performed under this Agreement. When using subcontractors, however, the Contractor must obtain prior written approval from the Contract Administrator unless the subcontractors were named in the bid or in an attachment to this Agreement. In using subcontractors, the Contractor is responsible for all their acts and omissions to the same extent as if the subcontractor and its employees were employees of the Contractor. All requirements set forth as part of this Agreement, including the necessity of providing a COI in advance to the City, are applicable to all subcontractors and their employees to the same extent as if the Contractor and its employees had performed the work.

13. **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended or modified only in writing executed by authorized representatives of both parties.
14. **Waiver.** No waiver by either party of any breach of any term or condition of this Agreement waives any subsequent breach of the same.
15. **Taxes.** The Contractor covenants to pay payroll taxes, Medicare taxes, FICA taxes, unemployment taxes and all other applicable taxes. Upon request, the City Manager shall be provided proof of payment of these taxes within 15 days of such request.
16. **Notice.** Any notice required under this Agreement must be given by fax, hand delivery, or certified mail, postage prepaid, and is deemed received on the day faxed or hand-delivered or on the third day after postmark if sent by certified mail. Notice must be sent as follows:

IF TO CITY:

City of Corpus Christi
Attn: Joanna Moreno
Title: Contracts/Fund Administrator
Address: 2726 Holly Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78415
Phone: (361) 826-1649
Fax: (361) 826-1715

IF TO CONTRACTOR:

Brenntag Southwest, Inc.
Attn: W. Thomas Crain, Jr.
Title: President
Address: 704 E. Wintergreen Road, Lancaster, Texas 77154
Phone: (972) 218-3500
Fax: (972) 218-3501

17. **CONTRACTOR SHALL FULLY INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI AND ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS ("INDEMNITEES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, LOSS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF WHATEVER NATURE, CHARACTER, OR DESCRIPTION ON ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL INJURIES, PROPERTY LOSS, OR DAMAGE, OR ANY OTHER KIND OF INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES, WHICH ARISE OR ARE CLAIMED TO ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION**

WITH A BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE CONTRACTOR OR RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, OMISSION, MISCONDUCT, OR FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR OR ITS EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS. CONTRACTOR MUST, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, INVESTIGATE ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS, ATTEND TO THEIR SETTLEMENT OR OTHER DISPOSITION, DEFEND ALL ACTIONS BASED THEREON WITH COUNSEL SATISFACTORY TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND PAY ALL CHARGES OF ATTORNEYS AND ALL OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ANY KIND ARISING OR RESULTING FROM ANY SAID LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, SUITS, OR ACTIONS. THE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR EARLIER TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

18. Termination.

(A) The City Manager may terminate this Agreement for Contractor's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement. The Contract Administrator must give the Contractor written notice of the breach and set out a reasonable opportunity to cure. If the Contractor has not cured within the cure period, the City Manager may terminate this Agreement immediately thereafter.

(B) Alternatively, the City Manager may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon 30 days advance written notice to the Contractor. The City Manager may also terminate this Agreement upon 24 hours written notice to the Contractor for failure to pay or provide proof of payment of taxes as set out in this Agreement.

19. Owner's Manual and Preventative Maintenance. Contractor agrees to provide a copy of the owner's manual and/or preventative maintenance guidelines or instructions if available for any equipment purchased by the City pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor must provide such documentation upon delivery of such equipment and prior to receipt of the final payment by the City.

20. Assignment. No assignment of this Agreement by the Contractor, or of any right or interest contained herein, is effective unless the City Manager first gives written consent to such assignment. The performance of this Agreement by the Contractor is of the essence of this Agreement, and the City Manager's right to withhold consent to such assignment is within the sole discretion of the City Manager on any ground whatsoever.

21. Severability. Each provision of this Agreement is considered to be severable and, if, for any reason, any provision or part of this Agreement is determined to be invalid and contrary to applicable law, such invalidity shall not impair the

operation of nor affect those portions of this Agreement that are valid, but this Agreement shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if the invalid or unenforceable provision or part had been omitted.

- 22. Order of Precedence.** In the event of any conflicts or inconsistencies between this Agreement, its attachments, and exhibits, such conflicts and inconsistencies will be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority:
- A. this Agreement (excluding attachments and exhibits);
 - B. its attachments;
 - C. the bid solicitation document including any addenda (Exhibit 1); then,
 - D. the Contractor's bid response (Exhibit 2).
- 23. Certificate of Interested Parties.** Contractor agrees to comply with Texas Government Code Section 2252.908, as it may be amended, and to complete Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" as part of this Agreement if required by said statute.
- 24. Governing Law.** Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, Texas, and City laws in the performance of this Agreement. The applicable law for any legal disputes arising out of this Agreement is the law of the State of Texas, and such form and venue for such disputes is the appropriate district, county, or justice court in and for Nueces County, Texas.
- 25. Public Information Act Requirements.** This paragraph applies only to agreements that have a stated expenditure of at least \$1,000,000 or that result in the expenditure of at least \$1,000,000 by the City. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this contract and the Contractor agrees that the contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.
- 26. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior negotiations, arrangements, agreements and understandings, either oral or written, between the parties.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

CONTRACTOR

Signature: W. Thomas Crain Jr.

Printed Name: W. Thomas Crain, Jr.

Title: President

Date: March 11, 2020

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Kim Baker
Director of Contracts and Procurement

Date: _____

Attached and Incorporated by Reference:

- Attachment A: Scope of Work
- Attachment B: Bid/Pricing Schedule
- Attachment C: Insurance Requirements
- Attachment D: Warranty Requirements

Incorporated by Reference Only:

- Exhibit 1: RFB No. 2700
- Exhibit 2: Contractor's Bid Response

Attachment A- Scope of Work

1.1 General Requirements/Background Information

- A. The Contractor shall supply 10-15% Sodium Hypochlorite aqueous solution per the specification outlined in this Scope of work.
- B. The Sodium Hypochlorite will be used by the Waste and Wastewater Treatment plant to disinfect water and wastewater.

1.2 Sodium Hypochlorite Aqueous Solution Specification

Sodium Hypochlorite Aqueous Solution	Weight
Sodium Hypochlorite concentration	10-15%
Sodium chloride concentration	5-13%
Sodium hydroxide concentration	<0.5%
Iron contamination, mg/L	<2
Copper contamination, mg/L	<1
pH	12.5 – 13.5

1.3 Order Placement and Delivery

- A. The City of Corpus Christi will place order by telephone or email. The Contractor shall deliver ordered quantity within 24 hours of order placement. No minimum or maximum purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite is guaranteed by the City within the duration of the Contract.
- B. The Contractor shall deliver Sodium Hypochlorite solution in approximately 4,000 gallons to maximum 16,000 gallon lots to the following locations:
 - Broadway Treatment Plant – 801 Resaca, Corpus Christi, TX
 - Oso Treatment Plant – 601 Nile, Corpus Christi, TX
 - Allison Treatment Plant – 4101 Allison Drive, Corpus Christi, TX
 - Laguna Madre Treatment Plant – 201 Jester, Corpus Christi, TX
- C. The Contractor shall deliver 10% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution in 1,100-gallon one-way totes at Sand Dollar pump station located at 14201 Sand Dollar Avenue, Corpus Christi, TX
- D. The Contractor shall deliver 12.5% Sodium Hypochlorite solution in bulk at Staples Pump Station located at 5501 County Road 43, Corpus Christi, TX
- E. The Contractor shall provide a chemical analysis for each chemical shipment, which shall include % sodium hypochlorite by weight, % available chlorine by weight, % excess sodium hydroxide by weight, specific gravity of the solution, and general appearance as outlined in the specifications with each delivery.

- F. The Contractor must provide an affidavit of compliance to the City of Corpus Christi stating that at the time of delivery the chemical furnished under the release order complies with all applicable requirements of this specification.
- G. Sodium Hypochlorite solution must comply with all requirements and standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA). All appropriate markings shall be in place before delivery. Sodium Hypochlorite solution not meeting OSHA specifications will be refused.
- H. The Contractor shall be responsible for unloading the chemical. The Contractor shall provide any special equipment necessary for unloading including but not limited to hoses, connections, and compressor.
- I. The Contractor drivers must be thoroughly trained and familiar with the related hazards, safety measures, and spill cleanup procedures for sodium hypochlorite solution. All spills and leakage, regardless of size must be properly and immediately cleaned up by Contractor personnel. The Contractor shall be required to respond to any and all such emergencies within eight hours of being notified.
- J. Deliveries shall be made between 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, unless specific arrangement are made otherwise.
- K. Before delivery, the Contractor must weigh a shipment on a state certified truck scale located within the city limits of Corpus Christi and after unloading at the wastewater treatment plant.
- L. The Contractor shall email legible copy of each chemical shipment weight to the Contract Administrator within five business days of delivery of the chemical. Payment will not be processed unless requirement is met.
- M. The Plant supervisor may reject any chemical shipment that contain a concentration of any component outside the allowable concentration range as specified in the product specifications.

1.4 Testing

The Contract Administrator or Plant supervisor may take a sample of any chemical shipment for testing prior to unloading. In addition, approximately every three months during the term of the contract, the City will take a random sample of the chemical upon delivery. The sample will be sent to an independent laboratory chosen by the City and tested for all items outlined in the product specifications.

1.5 Invoicing

- A. The Contractor shall bill based on the actual gallon delivered. The Contractor shall attach signed delivery ticket along with the invoice and quantity for each chemical shipment on local certified weight tickets for the delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite solution, by weight in pounds, based on actual percentage of available chlorine by weight, as indicated in the chemical analysis for that load.
- B. The Contractor must submit the chemical analysis, weight ticket, and bill of lading with each invoice.

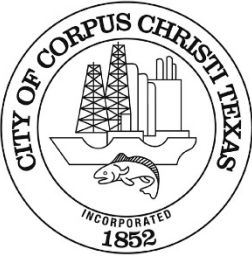
1.6 Training

Prior to initial use of the Sodium Hypochlorite solution and annually thereafter, the contractor shall conduct a minimum of two training seminars for the City's operating personnel on the application and control of the Sodium Hypochlorite solution and shall include the following:

- Basic chemical properties of the Sodium Hypochlorite solution
- Safety Training
- Equipment operation/setup
- Safety data sheet

1.7 Contractor Quality Control and Superintendence

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a complete Quality Control Program that is acceptable to the Contract Administrator to assure that the requirements of the Contract are provided as specified. The Contractor will also provide supervision of the work to insure it complies with the contract requirements.



**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT
DEPARTMENT
BID FORM**

**RFB No. 2700
Sodium Hypochlorite**

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Date: January 24, 2020

Bidder: Brenntag Southwest, Inc.

Authorized
Signature:

W. Thomas Green Jr.

- 1. Refer to "Instructions to Bidders" and Contract Terms and Conditions before completing bid.**
- 2. Quote your best price for each item.**
- 3. In submitting this bid, Bidder certifies that:**
 - a. the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Bidder or competitor, for the purpose of restricting competition with regard to prices.
 - b. Bidder is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and the Disclosure of Interest information on file with City's Contracts and Procurement office, pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, is current and true.
 - c. Bidder is current with all taxes due and company is in good standing with all applicable governmental agencies.
 - d. Bidder acknowledges receipt and review of all addenda for this RFB.
 - e. The Contractor shall provide unit price per gallon for the Sodium Hypochlorite solution. The unit price shall be based on two hours of unloading time for each shipment, starting from the time the load enters the plant site to the time unloading of the chemical is completed.**
 - f. Unloading of the chemical is complete when unloading apparatus is disconnected from storage facilities and secured and a designated City of Corpus Christi representative has signed all delivery tickets for each respective load.**
 - g. Any unloading time in excess of two hours which is directly attributable to the City will be paid for at the unit price bid for Unloading Delays rounded to the nearest quarter hour. This amount shall be included with the invoice for payment for that load of chemical.**

Item	Location	Chemical with Concentration	UOM	Estimated Two-year Usage	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Broadway Plant	Sodium Hypochlorite 10-15%	GAL	846,110	\$0.5766/Gal	\$487,867.03
2	Oso Plant	Sodium Hypochlorite 10-15%	GAL	7,000,000	\$0.5766/Gal	\$4,036,200.00
3	Allison Plant	Sodium Hypochlorite 10-15%	GAL	438,120	\$0.5766/Gal	\$252,619.99
4	Laguna Madre Plant	Sodium Hypochlorite 10-15%	GAL	375,000	\$0.5766/Gal	\$216,225.00
5	Sand Dollar Pump Station	Sodium Hypochlorite 10%	GAL	144,000	\$2.33/Gal	\$335,520.00
6	Staples Pump Station	Sodium Hypochlorite 12.5%	GAL	187,500	\$0.5766/Gal	\$108,112.50
7	Unloading Delay		Hours	50	\$75.00/Hour	\$3,750.00
Total						\$5,440,294.52

Attachment C – Insurance Requirements

CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY INSURANCE

- A. Contractor must not commence work under this contract until all insurance required has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by the City. Contractor must not allow any subcontractor, to commence work until all similar insurance required of any subcontractor has been obtained.
- B. Contractor must furnish to the City's Risk Manager and Contract Administrator one (1) copy of Certificates of Insurance with applicable policy endorsements showing the following minimum coverage by an insurance company(s) acceptable to the City's Risk Manager. The City must be listed as an additional insured on the General liability and Auto Liability policies **by endorsement**, and a waiver of subrogation **endorsement** is required on GL, AL and WC if applicable. **Endorsements** must be provided with Certificate of Insurance. Project name and/or number must be listed in Description Box of Certificate of Insurance.

TYPE OF INSURANCE	MINIMUM INSURANCE COVERAGE
30-day advance written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, material change or termination required on all certificates and policies.	Bodily Injury and Property Damage Per occurrence - aggregate
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY including: 1. Commercial Broad Form 2. Premises – Operations 3. Products/Completed Operations 4. Contractual Liability 5. Independent Contractors 6. Personal Injury- Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
AUTO LIABILITY (including) 1. Owned 2. Hired and Non-Owned 3. Rented/Leased	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
WORKERS'S COMPENSATION (All States Endorsement if Company is not domiciled in Texas) Employers Liability	Statutory \$500,000/\$500,000/\$500,000

POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
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- C. In the event of accidents of any kind related to this contract, Contractor must furnish the Risk Manager with copies of all reports of any accidents within 10 days of the accident.

II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Applicable for paid employees, Contractor must obtain workers' compensation coverage through a licensed insurance company. The coverage must be written on a policy and endorsements approved by the Texas Department of Insurance. The workers' compensation coverage provided must be in statutory amounts according to the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation. An All States Endorsement shall be required if Contractor is not domiciled in the State of Texas.
- B. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Contract, and any extension hereof, at Contractor's sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis by companies authorized and admitted to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A- VII.
- C. Contractor shall be required to submit renewal certificates of insurance throughout the term of this contract and any extensions within 10 days of the policy expiration dates. All notices under this Exhibit shall be given to City at the following address:

City of Corpus Christi
Attn: Risk Manager
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, TX 78469-9277

- D. **Contractor agrees that, with respect to the above required insurance, all insurance policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain the following required provisions:**
- List the City and its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, as additional insureds by endorsement with regard to operations, completed operations, and activities of or on behalf of the named insured performed under contract with the City, with the exception of the workers' compensation policy;

- Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the City of Corpus Christi where the City is an additional insured shown on the policy;
 - Workers' compensation and employers' liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City; and
 - Provide thirty (30) calendar days advance written notice directly to City of any, cancellation, non-renewal, material change or termination in coverage and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance written notice for nonpayment of premium.
- E. Within five (5) calendar days of a cancellation, non-renewal, material change or termination of coverage, Contractor shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to City. City shall have the option to suspend Contractor's performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this contract. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this contract.
- F. In addition to any other remedies the City may have upon Contractor's failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the City shall have the right to order Contractor to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Contractor hereunder until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.
- G. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from Contractor's or its subcontractor's performance of the work covered under this contract.
- H. It is agreed that Contractor's insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City of Corpus Christi for liability arising out of operations under this contract.
- I. It is understood and agreed that the insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this contract.

2019 Insurance Requirements

Ins. Req. Exhibit 4-C

Contracts for General Services- Services Performed Onsite- Pollution

04/26/2019 Risk Management - Legal Dept.

Attachment D - Warranty Requirements

Section 8 Warranty Sub Section (b) is null and void for this Supply Agreement.