

NORTH CAROLINA**CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AGREEMENT
[Standard]****BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

THIS CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement” or “Contract”) is made and entered into by and between Brunswick County, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as “County” or “Owner”), party of the first part, and Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as “Contractor”), party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:**1. PROJECT**

Contractor shall furnish and deliver all materials and perform all work in the manner and form as provided by enumerated plans, specifications and documents, including, without limitation and as applicable: the Invitation to Bid; Notice to Bidders; Instructions to Bidders; General Conditions of the Contract; Supplementary General Conditions; Specifications; Addenda; Accepted Proposal; Notice to Proceed; Performance Bond; Payment Bond; MBE forms; Power of Attorney; Workers’ Compensation, Public Liability, Property Damage and Builder’s Risk Insurance Certificates; Approval by the Board of Commissioners; Tax Statement and Certification; Notice of Substantial Completion; Notice of Final Completion and Acceptance; and Drawings (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Bid Documents”) titled:

Project: NW WTP SCADA Tower

A more detailed Scope of Work is set forth in Contractor’s Quote attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” The Quote and Bid Documents are incorporated by reference and made an integral part of this Agreement. To the extent the terms of such documents conflict with the terms of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT; TIME OF COMPLETION; LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The term of this Agreement begins one (1) business day after approval by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners (the “Effective Date”) and continues in effect until 07/18/2023, unless extended or sooner terminated as provided for herein or in the General Conditions of the Contract or Supplementary General Conditions, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the duration of the Project is **Three Hundred Sixty-Five (365)** consecutive calendar days from issuance of a Notice to Proceed by Brunswick County (the “Time of Completion”), unless extended as provided for in the Brunswick County General Conditions of the Contract or Supplementary General Conditions, as applicable.

There are **no** Liquidated Damages, as defined in the General Conditions of the Contract, associated with this Project.

3. BRUNSWICK COUNTY GENERAL/SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

This Agreement, in addition to any construction documents prepared hereunder, shall be subject to the Brunswick County, North Carolina General Conditions of the Contract (for construction contracts) and any Supplementary General Conditions, as applicable, unless County directs otherwise. In the event of a conflict between the General Conditions of the Contract, the Supplementary General Conditions, and this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern in all respects.

4. NONAPPROPRIATION

If the Board of County Commissioners does not appropriate the funding needed by County to make payments under this Agreement for a given fiscal year, County will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. In such event, County will promptly notify Contractor of the non-appropriation and this Agreement will be terminated at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. No act or omission by County which is attributable to non-appropriation of funds shall constitute a breach of or default under this Agreement.

5. COMPENSATION

County agrees to pay Contractor the total amount of **One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four and No/100 Dollars (\$182,824.00)** for the Project. County shall pay a 50% tower deposit at time of tower order as set forth in the Quote. County shall make full and final payment of the remaining balance to Contractor within fifteen (15) days after final completion of the Project and acceptance of such work by County and upon Contractor's submittal of satisfactory evidence that all payrolls, material bills and other costs incurred in connection with the Project have been paid in full. Notwithstanding the foregoing, County will not pay late fees on any charges under this Agreement. If County disputes any portion of the charges, County shall inform Contractor in writing of the disputed charges.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Both County and Contractor agree that Contractor shall act as an independent contractor and shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of County for any purpose in the performance of its duties under this Agreement. Contractor represents that it has or will secure, at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the work under this Agreement. Accordingly, Contractor shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state and local taxes arising out of its activities in accordance with this Agreement, including, without limitation, federal and state income tax, social security tax, unemployment insurance taxes and any other taxes or business license fees as required. Contractor shall not be entitled to participate in any plans, arrangements or distributions by County pertaining to or in connection with any pension, stock, bonus, profit sharing or other benefit extended to County employees.

In the event the Internal Revenue Service should determine that Contractor is, according to Internal Revenue Service guidelines, an employee subject to withholding and social security contributions, then Contractor hereby acknowledges that all payments hereunder are gross payments, and the Contractor is responsible for all income taxes and social security payments thereon.

7. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIONS

- (1) Contractor is a duly organized entity or corporation qualified to do business and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina;
- (2) Contractor has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (3) No approval, authorization or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by it in order for Contractor to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (4) Contractor shall not violate any agreement with any third party by entering into or performing the work under this Agreement;
- (5) Contractor will perform all work in conformity with the specifications and requirements of this Agreement;
- (6) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, Contractor agrees that all materials will be new and of good quality;
- (7) The work provided by Contractor under this Agreement will not violate, infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret rights of any third party, or any other third-party rights (including without limitation non-compete agreements);
- (8) Contractor will perform the work in a professional and workmanlike manner exercising reasonable care and diligence and will ensure that it adheres to the highest generally accepted standards in the industry when performing said work;
- (9) Contractor acknowledges that if any specific licenses, certifications or related credentials are required in its performance of the work, it will ensure that such credentials remain current and active and not in a state of suspension or revocation; and
- (10) Contractor shall ensure that whenever its employees or agents are on County property, they will strictly abide by all instructions and directions issued by County with respect to rules, regulations, policies and security procedures applicable to work on County's premises. Such rules, regulations, policies and security procedures shall include, but not be limited to: (i) not possessing any controlled substances; (ii) smoking only in designated smoking areas, if any; and (iii) not possessing weapons, except for weapons possessed by law enforcement officials.

8. NON-ENDORSEMENT AND PUBLICITY

County is not endorsing Contractor or its work, and Contractor is not permitted to reference this Agreement or County in any manner without the prior written consent of County. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree that Contractor may list County as a reference in response to requests for proposals and may identify County as a customer in presentations to potential customers.

9. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

Contractor acknowledges that County is not obligated to contract solely with Contractor for the work covered under this Agreement.

10. DIVESTMENT FROM COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL

Contractor hereby certifies that it has not been designated by the North Carolina State Treasurer as a company engaged in the boycott of Israel pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 147-86.81.

11. DEBARMENT

Contractor hereby certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any governmental department or agency. Contractor must notify County within thirty (30) days if debarred by any governmental entity during this Agreement.

12. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Contractor will make a good faith effort to utilize Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) per N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-128 as subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement.

13. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

To the extent required by law, Contractor shall comply with the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and shall provide for the payment of workers' compensation to its employees in the manner and to the extent required by such Act. In the event Contractor is excluded from the requirements of such Act and does not voluntarily carry workers' compensation coverage, Contractor shall carry or cause its employees to carry adequate medical/accident insurance to cover any injuries sustained by its employees or agents while fulfilling Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to furnish County proof of compliance with said Act or adequate medical/accident insurance coverage upon request.

14. TAXES

Contractor shall be responsible for paying all taxes, fees, assessments and premiums of any kind payable on its employees and operations. Contractor shall substantiate, on demand by County, that all taxes and other charges are being properly paid.

15. COMPLIANCE WITH E-VERIFY PROGRAM

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-133.3, Contractor understands that it is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor and its subcontractors must comply with the provisions of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the North Carolina General Statutes. In doing so, Contractor agrees that, unless it is exempt by law, it shall verify the work authorization of its employees utilizing the federal E-Verify program and standards as promulgated and operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and Contractor shall require its subcontractors to do the same. Upon request, Contractor agrees to provide County with an affidavit of compliance or exemption.

16. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

For purposes of this Agreement, the party disclosing Confidential Information is the “Discloser,” and the party receiving Confidential Information is the “Recipient.” “Confidential Information” shall mean any nonpublic information concerning the parties’ respective businesses including, but not limited to, all tangible, intangible, visual, electronic, present or future information such as: (a) trade secrets; (b) financial information, including pricing; (c) technical information, including research, development, procedures, algorithms, data, designs and know-how; (d) business information, including operations, planning, marketing interests and products; and (e) the terms of any agreement between the parties and the discussions, negotiations and proposals related thereto. Confidential Information disclosed to the other party must be clearly identified. Written Confidential Information must be clearly marked in a conspicuous place with an appropriate legend identifying the information as “Confidential.” Confidential Information that is not written must be identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and confirmed in writing delivered to Recipient within fifteen (15) days of disclosure.

The restrictions regarding the use and disclosure of Confidential Information do not apply to information that is:

- (1) in the public domain through no fault of the Recipient;
- (2) within the legitimate possession of the Recipient, with no confidentiality obligations to a third party;
- (3) lawfully received from a third party having rights in the information without restriction, and without notice of any restriction against its further disclosure;
- (4) independently developed by the Recipient without breaching this Agreement or by parties who have not had, either directly or indirectly, access to or knowledge of the Confidential Information;
- (5) disclosed with the prior written consent of the Discloser; or
- (6) required to be disclosed by law, regulation or court or governmental order, specifically including requests pursuant to the Public Records Laws of North Carolina contained in Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes. In the event Recipient receives

such a request, it shall notify Discloser and Discloser shall have the opportunity to defend against production of such records at Discloser's sole expense.

17. NO ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT CONSENT

Neither party shall assign this Agreement (or assign any right or delegate any obligation contained herein whether such assignment is of service, of payment or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party hereto. Any such assignment without the prior written consent of the other party hereto shall be void. An assignee shall acquire no rights, and County shall not recognize any assignment in violation of this provision.

18. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by applicable federal law and by the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard for its choice of law provisions. All actions relating in any way to this Agreement shall be brought in the General Court of Justice of the State of North Carolina in Brunswick County or in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Wilmington division.

19. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should a dispute arise as to the terms of this Agreement, both parties agree that neither may initiate binding arbitration. The parties may agree to non-binding mediation, as more fully set forth in the General Conditions of the Contract.

20. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

County, to the extent applicable, does not waive its governmental immunity by entering into this Agreement and fully retains all immunities and defenses provided by law with regard to any action based on this Agreement.

21. NON-WAIVER

Failure by County at any time to require the performance by Contractor of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall in no way affect County's right hereunder to enforce the same, nor shall any waiver by County of any breach be held to be a waiver of any succeeding breach or a waiver of this Section.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein. There are no other representations, understandings or agreements between the parties with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, representations and proposals, written or oral, related specifically to the Project herein.

23. HEADINGS

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.

24. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Agreement so long as the material purposes of this Agreement can be determined and effectuated. If a provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision, but only to the extent that such provision is unenforceable, and this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to make it enforceable while preserving its intent.

25. AMENDMENTS

Amendments or changes to this Agreement shall not be valid unless in writing and signed by authorized agents of both Contractor and County.

26. NOTICES

- (1) **DELIVERY OF NOTICES.** Unless otherwise specified in the General Conditions of the Contract or any Supplementary General Conditions, as applicable, any notice, consent or other communication required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered in person, by U.S. mail, by overnight courier, by electronic mail or by facsimile to the intended recipient at the address set forth below.
- (2) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF NOTICES.** Any notice shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the intended recipient; provided that any notice which is sent by facsimile or electronic mail shall also be simultaneously sent by mail deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or by overnight courier.
- (3) **NOTICE ADDRESS.**
 - a. Communications that relate to any breach, default, termination, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be sent to:

For the County: Brunswick County Attorney
P.O. Box 249
Bolivia, NC 28422

With a copy to: Benjamin Heck
I&E Superintendent
250 Grey Water Rd
Supply, NC 28462

- b. Communications that relate to any delay in performance, prevention of performance, modification or extension of this Agreement shall be sent to:

For the County: Benjamin Heck
I&E Superintendent
250 Grey Water Rd
Supply, NC 28462

- c. All communications to Contractor shall be sent to:

For the Contractor: Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc.
P. O. Box 8593
Gray, TN 37615

If overnight delivery to: Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc.
225 Airport Road
Gray, TN 37615

27. SIGNATURES

This Agreement, together with any amendments or modifications, may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement. This Agreement may also be executed electronically. By signing electronically, the parties indicate their intent to comply with the Electronic Commerce in Government Act (N.C.G.S § 66-58.1 et seq.) and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (N.C.G.S § 66-311 et seq.). Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by either electronic means or by facsimile shall be as effective as a manually executed counterpart.

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ATTEST:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Clerk to the Board

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

[SEAL]

ADVANCED WIRELESS SOLUTIONS, INC.

By: Chip Montgomery

Printed Name: Chip Montgomery

Title: CFO

Date: 7/11/2022

“This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.”

Aaron C. Smith, Director of Fiscal Operations
Brunswick County, North Carolina

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Robert V. Shaver, Jr., County Attorney /
Bryan W. Batton, Assistant County Attorney

EXHIBIT "A" QUOTE



May 26, 2022 (Revised 06-20-2022)

Brunswick County, North Carolina (BCPU) (VIA EMAIL)
Benjamin Heck
Instrumentation and Electrical Superintendent

Re: Brunswick County
190' SST Quote

Mr. Heck,

Scope of Work:

Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc. (AWS) is pleased to provide the following services:

- Provide 190' SST, Rohn
- Provide, two antenna and three microwave mounts
- Tower filing with FAA (Allow 60 Days Minimum for Review)
- Building Permit Application (additional documents not included)
- Soil Testing and Engineering
- Tower Foundation Installation (Based on Normal Soils)
- Tower Erection
- Tower Grounding
- Antenna Installation and Coax materials (Combination of five antennas)
- Decommission antennas from existing monopole

Pricing:

AWS is pleased to quote One Hundred fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$152,281.00) to complete the scope of work referenced above.

Provide 190' SST, Rohn Quote # Q22-10526-2	\$49,922.00
Provide, two antenna and three microwave mounts	\$2,833.00
Tower filing with FAA	\$1,523.00
Building Permit Application	\$1,056.00
Soil Testing and Engineering	\$4,500.00
Tower Foundation Installation (Based on Normal Soils)	\$43,488.00
Tower Erection	\$24,494.00
Tower Grounding	\$5,486.00
Antenna Installation and Coax materials	\$15,011.00

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225 Airport Road - P.O. Box 8593 - Gray, TN 37615-8593

Phone: 423.467.5855 - Fax: 423.467.3533 - info@awsinc.biz

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Decommission Antennas from existing pole	\$3,968.00
Total	<u>\$152,281.00</u>

Note:

When providing the tower AWS's price includes the tower, all PE stamped drawings, anchor bolts and templates, freight, taxes, and unloading to the tower site in North Carolina.

50% tower deposit invoiced at time of tower order

Schedule:

- Tower Delivery, approximately 10-12 weeks after receipt of Purchase Order
- Soils Testing, Scheduled upon receipt of Purchase Order
- Anchor Bolt and Template Shipment, 3-4 weeks after receipt of Purchase Order
- FAA Filing Submitted upon receipt of Purchase Order
- Foundation Installation, duration Four to Nine Days
- Tower Grounding, One to Two Days
- Tower Erection, Four Days
- Clean up and Demobilize One Day

All schedule times are subject to adjustments depending on the supply chain.

Options:

Provide 100' of 1' x 10' ice bridge between tower and building **\$30,543.00**

AWS is qualified to install antenna and lines as a part of our services if services are requested, we can provide a quote for that scope of work.

AWS quote is valid through July 30, 2022.

Payment Terms: Net 15 Days

I would like to thank you for the opportunity, and we look forward to working with you and Rohn on this project.

Should you have any additions or questions, please feel free to contact me at 423-612-8999.

Sincerely,

Chip Montgomery

Chip Montgomery
Estimating

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