



DeSoto County

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The Southern Group of Florida, Inc
123 S. Adams St,
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Dear The Southern Group of Florida, Inc,

Please find enclosed two original Contract Amendments between the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners and The Southern Group of Florida, Inc for Lobbying Services and Networking of Grants with Appropriations.

Please execute both copies of the Contract Amendments, filling in the date signed at the top of the first page and the signature page. Keep one copy for your records and return the other original to this office at your earliest convenience.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Megan Deuchar', is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

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**DESOTO COUNTY
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR LOBBYING SERVICES AND NETWORKING OF GRANTS
WITH APPROPRIATIONS
AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #5
Bid #20-21-00RFP**

CH THIS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT is made this 13 day of January, 2025, between the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida hereinafter referred to as ("COUNTY") whose address is 201 E. Oak Street, Suite 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266; and **THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA, INCORPORATED**, a Corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as ("CONSULTANT"), whose address is 123 Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (Post Office Box 10570, Tallahassee, Florida 32302).

WHEREAS, an Agreement was entered into on the 2nd day of December, 2020, between COUNTY and CONSULTANT for DeSoto County's Lobbying Services and Networking of Grants with Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the original Agreement entered into on the 2nd day of December, 2020, stated a Time of Performance of an initial ONE (1) year term and shall be renewable, upon mutual consent of both parties, for FIVE (5) additional terms of ONE (1) year each; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was Amended on November 15, 2021, utilizing the FIRST of the FIVE (5) one-year renewals extending the Agreement to December 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was Amended on November 30, 2022, utilizing the SECOND of the FIVE (5) one-year renewals extending the Agreement to December 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was Amended on November 16, 2023, utilizing the THIRD of the FIVE (5) one-year renewals extending the Agreement to December 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement was Amended on November 25, 2024, utilizing the FOURTH of the FIVE (5) one-year renewals extending the Agreement to December 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and CONSULTANT desire to further amend the original Agreement entered into on the 2nd day of December, 2020, utilizing the FIFTH of the FIVE (5) one-year renewal terms, extending this Agreement to December 2, 2026, with no changes or price increases; all other provisions of the original Agreement will remain in full effect as agreed; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree to amend the original Agreement and extend it for another year.

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby incorporated by reference and affirmed and ratified by the parties as true; and

SECTION 2. TIME OF PERFORMANCE.

By the signing of this Amendment, the CONSULTANT hereby agrees to fully and completely perform the Scope of Services until December 2, 2026.

SECTION 3. The CONSULTANT shall comply with all specific completion dates and sequences indicated in the Scope of Work. In the event the Work is entirely or partly suspended, delayed, or otherwise hindered by any cause whatsoever, the CONSULTANT shall make no claims for additional compensation or damages owing to such suspensions, delays or hindrances. Such suspensions, delays or hindrances may only be compensated for by an extension of time as the COUNTY may decide. However, such extension shall not operate as a waiver of any rights of the COUNTY.

SECTION 4. All other provisions of the December 2, 2020, Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment to the Agreement as of the 13 of January 2025. *LB*

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *Mandy J. Hines*
Mandy J. Hines
County Administrator

By: *[Signature]*
Steve Hickox
Chairman

BoCC Approved: 12-16-25

Approved as to form and
Legal sufficiency:

[Signature]
Valerie Vicente
County Attorney

Date: 12-16-25

WITNESSES:

Heather Doll
[Signature]

**THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA,
INCORPORATED**

By: *[Signature]*
Printed Name: Laura Boehmer
Title: Partner