

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

**THIS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT** is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

ATTEST:

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy J. Hines  
County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Hickox  
Chairman

BoCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and  
Legal sufficiency:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Vicente  
County Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES:

**THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF FLORIDA,  
INCORPORATED**

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\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_