



CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this **12th** day of **September** in the year **2025** by and between **THE CITY OF VINELAND**, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, a municipal corporation, hereinafter **City**, and

Hereinafter "**Contractor**",

Neri's Construction Rental Inc.
849 Clayton Road
Williamstown, NJ 08094

City Contract# & Title:

C25-0274
Arbor Avenue Water Main Improvement Project

WITNESSETH: that **City** and **Contractor**, for the consideration hereinafter named, covenant and agree as follows:

1. **The Contractor**, pursuant to a duly published notice to bidders, instruction to bidders, bid specifications (COV BID #2025-25) received by the **City** on **August 12, 2025**, and Resolution **No. 2025-438** of the **City** accepting said bid **September 9, 2025**, which includes notice to bidders, instruction to bidders, bid specifications, written bid and resolution are herein incorporated by reference thereto, agrees to provide all materials and labor to complete all work as follows:

ARBOR AVENUE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

For the City of Vineland Water Utility Department as required by said bid specifications and in accordance with said written bid submitted by Contractor and to otherwise comply with all requirements contained therein.

2. **The Contractor** agrees not to assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this contract or any part thereof or its right, title or interest therein, without first receiving the written consent of the Mayor, Council and/or Purchasing Agent of the City of Vineland.
3. **The Contractor** and **City** agree that time is of the essence in the faithful performance of this Contract and that all Contractor's obligations shall be concluded in accordance with written Notice to Proceed in accordance with the resolution and bid specifications..
4. A Performance Bond, in the amount of **\$160,380.00**, is required for this project. **Contractor** agrees to furnish same to City simultaneously with the execution of this Contract. The **Performance Bond** shall be in a form satisfactory to the Solicitor of the City of Vineland.
5. Upon acceptance of the work by the City, the contractor shall submit a maintenance bond (N.J.S.A.40A:11-16.3) in an amount not to exceed 100% of the project costs guaranteeing against defective quality of work or materials for the period of two (2) years.
6. As consideration for Contractor complying with the terms, covenants and conditions herein, Contractor shall charge the appropriate parties, an amount of **\$160,380.00**, as stated in the bid proposal and awarded per **Resolution No.2025-438** adopted on **September 9, 2025**.

7. Should **Contractor** fail to carry out the terms of this Contract as herein prescribed, **City** may cancel or rescind this Contract in its entirety and serve said notice addressed to **Contractor's** last known mailing address; or it may notify the bonding company or bondsman, as the case may be, to complete the Contract. Nothing contained herein, however, shall prevent City from pursuing whatever other remedies it may have at law, including but not limited to the forfeiture of Contractor's bid deposit.

8. The **Contractor** hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the **City** from and for any damages or injury, including death and/or property loss for which it may become liable by reason of any negligence or carelessness on the part of **Contractor**, or on the part of its successors, assigns, agents, servants, or employees from the action of the elements, or from any unforeseen or unusual difficulty, obstruction or obstacles encountered in the prosecution of the work or from improperly guarding any and all portions of the work, or of the private or public property which might be endangered by reason of the performance of the work.

The **Contractor** shall indemnify and save harmless the **City** from and against any and all claims, liabilities, actions and causes for action, costs, charges and mechanics liens for labor performed or for tools and materials furnished in the performance of the work and any and all costs, charges and expenses incurred in defending such suits or actions or procuring such liens to be discharged and satisfied and from and against all claims and liabilities for any injury or damage to person or property growing out of defective or careless performance of said work, or from and against all or any claims or liabilities for royalties or license fees, actions, suits, charges, expenses, or damages for infringement of patents by reason of the use of any invention or improvement or material, tools or plant of any process of device, or combination of devices or equipment used in the performance of the work done under this Agreement. The legal status of said Contractor is that of an "Independent Contractor."

9. The **Contractor** shall furnish the **City** with a Certificate of Insurance for a comprehensive general liability policy covering **Contractor's** entire operation, with bodily injury limits of not less than \$1,000,000 any one person/any one accident and property damage limits of \$3,000,000 total aggregate. Said policy shall be issued in the name of the Contractor and the City as their interest may appear. **Contractor** shall also furnish the **City** with satisfactory evidence of full and complete statutory compliance with the Workman's Compensation Law of the State of New Jersey.

The **City** shall be named as an additional insured under said policy. The **Contractor** shall provide the **City** with evidence of insurance coverage in the form of a certificate and policy endorsement page, which shall also provide that the insurer shall be obligated to notify the **City** of any cancellation or modification of insurance coverage to the **Contractor** within sixty (60) days thereof.

10. During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such 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 or sex. 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.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable 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.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this act and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor where applicable, 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.

When hiring or scheduling workers in each construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to employ minority and women workers in each construction trade consistent with the targeted employment goal prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.2 provided, however, that the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program may, in its discretion, exempt a contractor or subcontractor from compliance with the good faith procedures prescribed by the following provisions, A, B and C, as long as the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program is satisfied that the contractor or subcontractor is employing workers provided by a union which provides evidence, in accordance with standards prescribed by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program, that its percentage of active "card carrying" members who are minority and women workers is equal to or greater than the targeted employment goal established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees that a good faith effort shall include compliance with the following procedures:

- (A). If the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor shall, within three business days of the contract award, seek assurances from the union that it will cooperate with the contractor or subcontractor as it fulfills its affirmative action obligations under this contract and in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-3 1 et. seq., as supplemented and amended from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. If the contractor or subcontractor is unable to obtain said assurances from the construction trade union at least five business days prior to the commencement of construction work, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to afford equal employment opportunities to minority and women workers directly, consistent with this chapter. If the contractor's or subcontractor's prior experience with a construction trade union, regardless of whether the union has provided said assurances, indicates a significant possibility that the trade union will not refer sufficient minority and women workers consistent with affording equal employment opportunities as specified in this chapter, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to be prepared to provide such opportunities to minority and women workers directly, consistent with this chapter, by complying with hiring or scheduling procedures prescribed under (B) below; and the contractor or subcontractor further agrees to take said action immediately if it determines that the union is not referring minority and women workers consistent with the equal employment opportunity goals set forth in this chapter.
- (B). If good faith efforts to meet targeted employment goals have not or cannot be met for each construction trade by adhering to the procedures of (A) above, or if the contractor does not have a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for a construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to take the following actions:
 - (1). To notify the public agency compliance officer, the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program, and minority and women referral

organizations listed by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.3, of its workforce needs, and request referral of minority and women workers;

- (2). To notify any minority and women workers who have been listed with it as awaiting available vacancies;
- (3). Prior to commencement of work, to request that the local construction trade union refer minority and women workers to fill job openings, provided the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade;
- (4). To leave standing requests for additional referral to minority and women workers with the local construction trade union, provided the contractor or subcontractor has a referral agreement or arrangement with a union for the construction trade, the State Training and Employment Service and other approved referral sources in the area;
- (5). If it is necessary to lay off some of the workers in a given trade on the construction site, layoffs shall be conducted in compliance with the equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination standards set forth in this regulation, as well as with applicable Federal and State court decisions;
- (6). To adhere to the following procedure when minority and women workers apply or are referred to the contractor or subcontractor:
 - (i) The contractor or subcontractor shall interview the referred minority or women worker.
 - (ii) If said individuals have never previously received any document or certification signifying a level of qualification lower than that required in order to perform the work of the construction trade, the contractor or subcontractor shall in good faith determine the qualifications of such individuals. The contractor or subcontractor shall hire or schedule those individuals who satisfy appropriate qualification standards in conformity with the equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination principles set forth in this chapter. However, a contractor or subcontractor shall determine that the individual at least possesses the requisite skills, and experience recognized by a union, apprentice program or a referral agency, provided the referral agency is acceptable to the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program. If necessary, the contractor or subcontractor shall hire or schedule minority and women workers who qualify as trainees pursuant to these rules. All of the requirements, however, are limited by the provisions of (C) below.
 - (iii). The name of any interested women or minority individual shall be maintained on a waiting list, and shall be considered for employment as described in paragraph (i) above, whenever vacancies occur. At the request of the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program, the contractor or subcontractor shall provide evidence of its good faith efforts to employ women and minorities from the list to fill vacancies.
 - (iv). If, for any reason, said contractor or subcontractor determines that a minority individual or a woman is not qualified or if the individual qualifies as an advanced trainee or apprentice, the contractor or subcontractor shall inform the individual in writing of the reasons for the determination, maintain a copy of the determination in its

files, and send a copy to the public agency compliance officer and to the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program.

- (7). To keep a complete and accurate record of all requests made for the referral of workers in any trade covered by the contract, on forms made available by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program and submitted promptly to the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program upon request.

- (C). The contractor or subcontractor agrees that nothing contained in (B) above shall preclude the contractor or subcontractor from complying with the union hiring hall or apprenticeship policies in any applicable collective bargaining agreement or union hiring hall arrangement, and, where required by custom or agreement, it shall send journeymen and trainees to the union for referral, or to the apprenticeship program for admission, pursuant to such agreement or arrangement. However, where the practices of a union or apprenticeship program will result in the exclusion of minorities and women or the failure to refer minorities and women consistent with the targeted county employment goal, the contractor or subcontractor shall consider for employment persons referred pursuant to (B) above without regard to such agreement or arrangement; provided further, however, that the contractor or subcontractor shall not be required to employ women and minority advanced trainees and

trainees in numbers which result in the employment of advanced trainees and trainees as a percentage of the total workforce for the construction trade, which percentage significantly exceeds the apprentice to journey worker ratio specified in the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement, exceeds the ratio established by practice in the area for said construction trade. Also, the contractor or subcontractor agrees that, in implementing the procedures of (B) above it shall, where applicable, employ minority and women workers residing within the geographical jurisdiction of the union.

After notification of award, but prior to signing a construction contract, the contractor shall submit to the public agency compliance officer and the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program an initial project workforce report (Form AA 201) electronically provided to the public agency by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program, through its website, for distribution to and completion by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-7. The contractor also agrees to submit a copy of the Monthly Project Workforce Report once a month thereafter for the duration of this contract to the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program and to the public agency compliance officer.

The contractor agrees to cooperate with the public agency in the payment of budgeted funds, as is necessary, for on-the-job and/or off-the-job programs for outreach and training of minorities and women.


- (D). The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Dept. of LWD, Construction EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to **Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.**

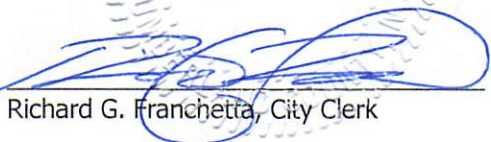
- 11. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17-44-2.2, the vendor shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions, or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.


12. **Political Contribution Disclosure.** This contract has been awarded to **Neri's Construction Rental Inc.** based on the merits and abilities to provide the goods or services as described herein. This contract was awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the undersigned does hereby attest that **Neri's Construction Rental Inc.**, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made any contribution of money or any other thing of value, including in-kind contributions that are reportable pursuant to City Ordinance and the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the County of Cumberland, City of Vineland, NJ; if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, NJ the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the City of Vineland, County of Cumberland, NJ when the contract is awarded.
13. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties named herein have hereunto set their hands and seals and the day and year first above written, pursuant to attached resolution.

ATTEST:

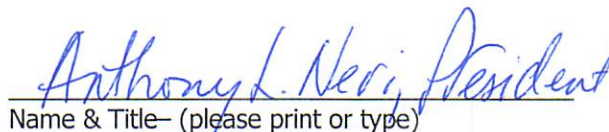
The City of Vineland



Anthony R. Fanucci, Mayor


Richard G. Franchetta, City Clerk


Miguel A. Mercado, QPA
Purchasing Agent

Neri's Construction Rental Inc.


Name & Title- (please print or type)


Signature

Date 9-24-25

