

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**Contract for Goods & Services**

This Contract entered into on the date last written below, by and between: Guardian Fueling Technologies (the "Contractor") and The School Board of Monroe County, Florida ("School Board" or "MCSB"), as contracting agent for the School District of Monroe County, Florida ("School District"). In consideration of the mutual covenants and benefits hereinafter set forth, the parties herein covenant and agree as follows:

**1. TERM**

The term of this Contract shall be from: (insert dates – contract may be for a school year)

April 9, 2019 to April 8, 2020.

*This Contract may be renewed for a period that may not exceed three (3) years or the term set forth above, whichever period is longer. The compensation for the renewal term shall be determined prior to renewal of this contract and is subject to approval by the MCSB. Further, renewal of this contract is contingent upon a determination by the MCSB that the services have been satisfactorily performed, that the services are needed and upon availability of funds.*

**2. CONTRACTOR'S SERVICES**

Contractor agrees to provide the following goods/services:

purchase and installation of Fuel Master fuel management systems at the Key West,  
Sugarloaf and Tavernier district fueling stations and Veeder-Root tank monitoring equipment  
at the Sugarloaf fueling station.

If documentation of the specific goods/services is attached, said documentation is labeled as *Exhibit "A"* to this Contract and is incorporated herein by reference. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Contract and any exhibit, the terms of this Contract shall control, unless otherwise agreed in writing as an amendment pursuant to the terms for such as provided herein.

**3. COMPENSATION**

School Board shall pay Contractor the sum of \$ 62,000.00 (NTE-Not to exceed price) to provide said goods/services pursuant to this Contract. No payment shall be due until an invoice for the goods/services has been submitted for payment and the School Board verifies that all services have been fully and satisfactorily completed. The School Board will make diligent efforts to verify and pay

invoices within one (1) payment cycle after receipt. If alternate payment TERMS are required they must be outlined below.

Contractor will invoice upon completion of each location with  
payment due within 30 days.

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#### 4. INSURANCE

Contractor agrees to secure and maintain at all times during the term of this Contract, at Contractor's expense, insurance coverage, as laid out below, covering Contractor for all acts or omissions which may give rise to liability for services under this Contract. All Contractor staff are to be insured in minimum amounts acceptable to the Monroe County School Board and with a reputable and financially viable insurance carrier, naming The School Board of Monroe County, Florida as an additional insured. Such insurance shall not be cancelled except upon thirty (30) days written notice to the MCSB. Contractor shall provide MCSB with a certificate evidencing such insurance coverage within five (5) days after obtaining such coverage. Contractor agrees to notify MCSB immediately of any material change in any insurance policy required to be maintained by Contractor.

Contractor is required to obtain the following coverage, with documentation of having obtained such coverage being attached hereto as *Exhibit " B "*:

- ☒ **General Liability Insurance**  
Amount: \$1,000,000
- ☐ **Professional Liability Insurance**  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ **Vehicle Liability Insurance**  
Amount: \$1,000,000
- ☒ **Workers Compensation Insurance**  
Amount: \$1,000,000

#### 5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND POLICIES

Contractor agrees to comply with all current Monroe County School Board Policies and all applicable local, state and federal laws, including laws pertaining to the confidentiality of student records and public records requests. Contractor agrees that MCSB has the right to unilaterally and immediately cancel this Contract upon refusal by Contractor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with the contract, unless the records are exempt from s.24(a) of Art. I of the State Constitution and s.119.07(1). Should cancellation be necessary under this clause, MSCB is required only to provide written notice to Contractor, effective upon receipt of notice, which shall be documented.

#### 6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

The Contractor is, for all purposes arising under this Contract, an independent contractor. The

Contractor and its officers, agents or employees shall not, under any circumstances, hold themselves out to anyone as being officers, agents or employees of the School/Department. No officer, agent or employee of the Contractor or School/Department shall be deemed an officer, agent or employee of the other party. Neither the Contractor nor School/Department, nor any officer, agent or employee thereof, shall be entitled to any benefits to which employees of the other party are entitled, including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, workers compensation benefits, injury leave, or other leave benefits.

## **7. BACKGROUND CHECKS/FINGERPRINTING**

In accordance with the legislative mandate set out in sections 1012.32, 1012.465 and 435.04, Florida Statutes as well as with the requirements of HB 1877, The Jessica Lunsford Act, Contractor agrees that all of its employees and sub-contractors, including employees of sub-contractors, who provide or may provide services under this Contract have completed all background screening requirements through a Monroe County School Board designee pursuant to the above-referenced statutes. It is recognized and agreed that the provisions and exceptions relating to the dictates of The Jessica Lunsford Act, and codified at sections 1012.321, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468 of the Florida Statutes, shall apply to the requirements of this paragraph where so applicable.

Contractor agrees to bear any and all costs associated with acquiring the required background screenings. Contractor agrees to require all affected employees and sub-contractors to sign a statement, as a condition of employment with Contractor in relation to performance under this Contract, that the employee and/or sub-contractor will abide by the terms and notify Contractor/Employer of any arrest or conviction of any offense enumerated in section 435.04, Florida Statutes within forty-eight (48) hours of their occurrence. Contractor agrees to provide MCSB with a list of all employees and/or sub-contractors who have completed background screenings as required by the above-referenced statutes and that meet the statutory requirements contained therein. Contractor agrees that it has an ongoing duty to maintain and update these lists as new employees and/or sub-contractors are hired and in the event that any previously screened employee fails to meet the statutory standards. Contractor further agrees to notify MCSB immediately upon becoming aware that one of its employees or its sub-contractor's employees, who was previously certified as completing the background check, and meeting the statutory standards, is subsequently arrested or convicted of any disqualifying offense. Failure by Contractor to notify MCSB of such arrest or conviction within forty-eight (48) hours of being put on notice by the employee/sub-contractor and within 5 days of its occurrence shall constitute grounds for immediate termination of this contract by MCSB. The parties further agree that failure by Contractor to perform any of the duties described in their paragraph shall constitute a material breach of the contract entitling MCSB to terminate this Contract immediately with no further responsibility to make payment or perform any other duties under this Contract.

## **8. TERMINATION**

### **A. WITHOUT CAUSE**

This Contract may be terminated for any reason by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party at the addresses set forth below. If said Contract should be terminated as provided in this paragraph of the Contract, the MCSB will be relieved of all obligations under

said contract and the MCSB will only be required to pay that amount of the contract actually performed to the date of termination with no payment due for unperformed work or lost profits.

**B. TERMINATION FOR BREACH**

Either party may terminate this Contract upon breach by the other party of any material provision of this Contract, provided such breach continues for fifteen (15) days after receipt by the breaching party of written notice of such breach from the non-breaching party.

**C. IMMEDIATE TERMINATION BY MCSB**

School Board may terminate this Contract immediately upon written notice to Contractor (such termination to be effective upon Contractor's/Individual's receipt of such notice) upon occurrence of any of the following events:

- i. the denial, suspension, revocation, termination, restricting, relinquishment or lapse of any license or certification required to be held by the Contractor, or of any Company/Individual staff's professional license or certification in the State of Florida;
- ii. conduct by Contractor or any Company/Individual staff which affects the quality of services provided to the School Board or the performance of duties required hereunder and which would, in the School Board's sole judgment, be prejudicial to the best interests and welfare of the School Board and/or its students;
- iii. breach by Contractor or any Company/Individual staff of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);
- iv. failure by Contractor to maintain the insurance required by the terms of this Contract.

**9. ASSIGNMENT**

Neither Contractor nor the Monroe County School Board may assign or transfer any interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of both parties. Should an assignment occur upon mutual written consent, this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

**10. AMENDMENT**

This Contract may be amended only with the mutual consent of the parties. All amendments must be in writing and must be approved by the Monroe County School Board.

**11. INDEMNIFICATION, GOVERNING LAW & VENUE**

Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Monroe County School Board from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the MCSB in defending or compromising actions brought against it arising out of or related to the acts or omissions of Contractor, its agents, employees or officers in the provision of services or performance of duties by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

This Contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any dispute arising hereunder is subject to the laws of Florida, venue in Monroe County, Florida. The prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred as a result of any action or proceeding under this Contract.

## **12. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES & DEBARMENT**

Contractor represents and warrants to the School Board, upon execution and throughout the term of this Contract that:

- A) Contractor is not bound by any Contract or arrangement which would preclude it from entering into, or from fully performing the services required under the Contract;
- B) None of the Contractor's agents, employees or officers has ever had his or her professional license or certification in the State of Florida, or of any other jurisdiction, denied, suspended, revoked, terminated and/or voluntarily relinquished under threat of disciplinary action, or restricted in any way;
- C) Contractor has not been convicted of a public entity crime as provided in F.S. §287.133, to wit: A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or rely on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid, proposal, or rely on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list; and
- D) Contractor and Contractor's agents, employees and officers have, and shall maintain throughout the term of this Contract, all appropriate federal and state licenses and certifications which are required in order for Contractor to perform the functions, assigned to him or her in connection with the provisions of the Contract.
- E) The Vendor certifies that, neither the firm nor any person associated therewith in the capacity of owner, partner, director, officer, principal, investigator, project director, manager, auditor, and/or position involving the administration of federal funds:
  - (i) Is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, as defined in 29 CFR Part 93, Section 98.510, by any federal department or agency;

- (ii) Has not within a three-year period preceding this certification been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state, or local government transaction or public contract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (iii) Has not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more federal, state, or local government public transactions terminated for cause or default.

### **13. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Contractor recognizes and acknowledges that by virtue of entering into this Contract and providing services hereunder, Contractor, its agents, employees and officers may have access to certain confidential information, including confidential student information and personal health information. Contractor agrees that neither it nor any Contractor agent, employee or officer will at any time, either during or subsequent to the term of this Contract, disclose to any third party, except where permitted or required by law or where such disclosure is expressly approved by the Monroe County School Board in writing, any confidential student information, personal health information or other confidential/personally identifiable information. Contractor, its agents, employees and officers shall comply with all Federal and State laws and regulations and all Monroe County School Board policies regarding the confidentiality of such information.

### **14. BILLING**

Bills for fees or compensation under this contract shall be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit thereof. Further, bills for any travel expenses shall be submitted in accordance with Florida Statute §112.061 where applicable.

### **15. THIRD-PARTY BILLING AND PAYMENT**

To the extent applicable with regard to the services provided in this Contract, the Contractor shall cooperate with School Board representatives to determine the eligibility of a referred student for third-party benefits and to bill cooperatively the third-party for services provided to the referred student. Should the third-party decline to pay for billed services, or should the third-party only make partial payment for billed services, Contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to School Board and will assist the School Board in any administrative or appeals process regarding eligibility or payment as may be requested by the School Board. Contractor shall not be entitled to bill nor accept third-party payment without authorization of the School Board and Contractor agrees that School Board shall not be obligated to make any payment that exceeds the rate referred to in the paragraph governing Compensation. The Contractor shall provide service documentation in accordance with professional standards and School Board criteria as requested.

### **16. CONTRACT RECORDS RETENTION**

Pursuant to Florida Statute 119.0701, contractor agrees to:

- (a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the School Board in order to perform the service.
- (b) Upon request from the School Board's custodian of public records, provide the School Board with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the School Board.
- (d) Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the School Board all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the School Board to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the School Board upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the School Board, upon request from the School Board's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the School Board.

Failure of Contractor to comply with this section and F.S. §119.0701 may include, but not be limited to, the School Board holding the contractor in default, termination of the contract or legal action.

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: [Records@KeysSchools.com](mailto:Records@KeysSchools.com) OR MAIL TO: MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ATTN: CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS, 241 TRUMBO ROAD, KEY WEST, FL 33040 OR CALL (305)293-1400).**

## **17. ETHICS CLAUSE**

Contractor warrants that he/it has not employed, retained or otherwise had act on his/its behalf any former Monroe County School District officer or employee. For breach or violation of this provision the Monroe County School District may, in its discretion, terminate this contract without liability and may also, in its discretion, deduct from the contract or purchase price, or otherwise recover the full amount of any fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration paid to the former Monroe County School District officer or employee.

## **18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The following provisions shall apply for conflict of interest. Any violation of these provisions by

a School District employee may be grounds for dismissal. No contract for goods or services may be made with any business organization in which the Superintendent or a School Board member has any material financial interest unless it is a single source or clear documentation exists to show that, no other supplier can provide the identical/comparable goods/service, at a lower cost to the School Board. No School Board member or officer, or School District officer or employee, may directly or indirectly purchase or recommend the purchase of goods or services from any business organization which they or their near relative have a material interest as defined by §112.313, Florida Statutes, except as allowed by DOE Interpretative Memorandum No. A-20. No School Board member, School District employee or official may receive gifts or any preferential treatment from vendors. Such members, officers, officials or employees shall not be prohibited from participating in any activity or purchasing program that is offered to all School District employees or in School District surplus sales, provided there is no preferential treatment.

#### **19. SEVERABILITY**

The parties recognize and agree that should any clause(s) herein be held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining clauses shall not be affected and shall remain of full force and effect.

#### **20. COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together shall constitute only one Contract.

#### **21. WAIVER**

A waiver by either party of a breach or failure to perform hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or failure to perform. Any waiver of insurance requirements as provided by this Contract and/or the policies of the School Board does not relieve the Contractor of the indemnification provisions contained within this Contract.

#### **22. CAPTIONS**

The captions contained herein are used solely for convenience and shall not be deemed to define or limit the provisions of this Contract.

#### **23. ENTIRE CONTRACT**

The parties hereto agree that this is the final Contract between the parties and supercedes any and all prior Contracts and/or assurances, be it oral or in writing.

#### **24. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Contractor agrees to complete the services covered by this agreement prior to the contract expiration date listed in Section I entitled "TERMS." In the event that the services are not completed by the expiration date, Contractor hereby agrees to pay damages of no less than \$ 0 per

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day/week/month for each day/week/month the services remain incomplete after the expiration of the contract.

## 25. NOTICES

All notices required by this Contract, unless otherwise provided herein, by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by Federal Express or Express Mail, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Monroe County School Board:  
Superintendent  
Monroe County School District  
241 Trumbo Road  
Key West, FL 33040

With a copy to District Counsel  
Vernis & Bowling of the Florida Keys, P.A.  
81990 Overseas Hwy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Islamorada, FL 33036

Contractor:  
Guardian Fueling Technologies  
6500 NW 15th Avenue #300  
FT Lauderdale, FL 33309

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Contract on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 2020 .

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SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD (CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Pat Reese  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR/REPRESENTATIVE

3/23/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Patrick Reese, CFO  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME AND TITLE

**MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUSINESS/PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT**

I, Patrick Reese of the City/Township/Parrish of Duval County State of Florida and according to law on my oath, and under penalty of perjury, depose and say that;

1) I am the authorized representative of the company or entity making a proposal for a project described as follows:  
Name of company/vendor: Guardian Fueling Technologies, LLC  
Nature of services presently being offered to School District: Supply and install Fuel management system

2) ☐ I have (OR) ☒ I have not at any time prior to this application, had a business relationship with any employee or board member of the School District of Monroe County, Florida.

**IF YOU ANSWER I HAVE:** Please list details of the relationship including the employee or board member's name with whom you have done business, the type of work that was performed and the years worked. \_\_\_\_\_

3) ☐ have (OR) ☒ I DO NOT have a personal relationship (this includes family) with an employee of OR a board member of the School District of Monroe County, Florida.

**IF YOU ANSWER I HAVE:** Please list details of the relationship including the employee(s) or board member(s) name with whom you are related, and your ties to that person (spouse, mother, brother, cousin, or related by marriage, partners, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

The statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that The School Board of Monroe County, Florida, relies upon the truth of the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding contracts for the subject project. I hereby agree to keep the School District of Monroe County, Florida, informed of any change to the information contained herein. I further understand and agree that discovery of any undisclosed relationship can and will lead to termination of any ongoing contracts, and may potentially lead to me being banned from conducting future business with the school district.

3/23/19  
Date

Pat Reese, CFO  
(Signature of Authorized Representative)

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DUVAL

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, PATRICK REESE who,  
☒ being personally known, ☐ or having produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification,  
and after first being sworn by me, affixed his/her signature in the space provided above on this 29 day of  
MARCH 2019.

Jaura Renner  
NOTARY PUBLIC

12/23/22  
My commission expires: