

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF
ALACHUA AND COLUMBIA FOR THE REQUEST AND USE OF
THE COOPERATIVE COLLECTION CENTER ARRANGEMENT GRANT**

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into this 24th day of SEPTEMBER, 2008, by and between Alachua County, hereinafter referred to as "Host County", and Columbia County, hereinafter referred to as "Neighboring County", political subdivisions of the State of Florida, by and through their Boards of County Commissioners.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Host County and the Neighboring County are authorized by §163.01, Florida Statutes, to enter into interlocal agreements to cooperatively and efficiently use their powers to provide public services that will advance the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Alachua County; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has enacted the 1988 Solid Waste Management Act which prohibits disposal of hazardous waste into municipal and sanitary landfills; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the need for local governments to administer hazardous waste collections to provide opportunities to its citizens for proper hazardous waste management; and,

WHEREAS, the Host County and the Neighboring County have determined that a joint and cooperative effort is a viable approach to the proper and cost effective management of the Neighboring County's hazardous waste stream; and,

WHEREAS, the Host County and the Neighboring County have developed a joint grant request to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), endorsed by both Boards of County Commissioners, and have approved the request by this Interlocal Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to each other, the Host County and the Neighboring County agree as follows:

Section 1. Term. The term of this agreement shall be in effect from the date set forth above until the Florida Department of Environmental Protection discontinues the appropriation of funding, by consent of either Host County or Neighboring County, or terminated earlier as provided herein.

Section 2. Mutual Covenants. The Host County and the Neighboring County agree to the following:

A) That the grant request is made jointly on behalf of the two counties and is to be submitted to FDEP by the Host County.

B) To faithfully pursue the intent and purpose of the Cooperative Collection Center Arrangement Grant.

C) To conduct the Neighboring County's hazardous waste collection and all associated business in strict accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and grant rules as set forth by FDEP, and to utilize the grant funds solely for the purpose authorized.

D) That the Neighboring County's hazardous waste collection event will occur after the Host County's execution of a contract with FDEP for funding and will occur no later than June 30th of each calendar year.

Section 3. Responsibilities.

A) Of the Host County:

The Host County Shall:

(1) Have an established and operational hazardous waste collection center and must have a licensed, insured private hazardous waste management company under contract, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", that will be responsible for collecting hazardous waste and assuring the delivery of that waste to an approved recycling, storage, treatment, or disposal facility.

(2) Assign a project manager to work with the Neighboring County's government to establish a site in the Neighboring County for a mobile hazardous waste collection event. The hazardous waste collection event will be free to the households of the Neighboring County and will be offered at a reduced fee to conditionally exempt small quantity generators for the collection and proper management of their waste.

(3) Assist the Neighboring County in publicizing and advertising the waste collection event.

(4) Assign the project manager to be on site during the Neighboring County's collection event.

(5) Provide the Neighboring County with copies of all paperwork from its Contractor associated with the Neighboring County's collection event, including the Contractor's final invoice for services and hazardous waste shipping manifest forms.

(6) Invoice and collect from the Neighboring County the difference between the cost of the hazardous waste collection event and the amount paid by FDEP.

(7) Pay the Contractor for the Neighboring County's hazardous waste collection event and pay all up front costs associated with the Neighboring County's hazardous waste collection.

B) Of the Neighboring County:

The Neighboring County shall:

(1) Establish the location(s) for its mobile hazardous waste collection event that is (are) acceptable to the Host County and the Contractor under contract to the Host County.

(2) Work with the Host County to choose a mutually convenient date for the collection event to be held no later than June 30th of each calendar year.

(3) Remit payment to the Host County of the difference between the cost of the hazardous waste collection event and the amount paid by FDEP to the Host County. Payment shall be made to the Host County within 30 days of receipt of the invoice from the Host County of all sums properly invoiced under the provisions of this paragraph in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 218, Part VII ("Florida Prompt Payment Act"), Florida Statutes.

Invoices shall be sent to:

Bill Lycan, Solid Waste Director
Columbia County Landfill
1347 NW Oosterhoudt Lane
Lake City, Florida 32055

Payment shall be sent to:

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Alachua County Environmental Protection Department
201 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 201
Gainesville, FL 32601

(4) Designate a local project manager to work with the Host County to prepare and distribute public awareness information on proper hazardous waste management and publicize the hazardous waste collection event. This information should be distributed to the local media, schools, agricultural agents, and civic and service organizations.

(5) Send a representative to the hazardous waste collection event and assist the Host County in overseeing paperwork at the close of the event. The Neighboring County will also manage all automotive batteries collected at the event.

(6) Provide the Contractor with the names and addresses of regulated small quantity generators of hazardous waste in Neighboring County.

(7) Work with the Host County to advertise, promote, and organize a "milk-run" collection route service for regulated small quantity generators in order to obtain a reduced fee for proper disposal of their hazardous wastes at a permitted facility.

Section 4. Default and Termination. The failure of any party to comply with the provisions of this Agreement shall place that party in default. Prior to terminating this Agreement the non-defaulting party shall notify the defaulting party and all other parties in writing. Notification shall make specific reference to the provision which gave rise to the default and shall specify a reasonable period of time for the defaulting party to cure the default. In the event said default is not cured within the time provided, the Agreement with respect to the defaulting party may be terminated. The failure of any party to exercise this right shall not be considered a waiver of such right in the event of any further default or non-compliance. In the event of termination, the defaulting party shall return any unexpended grant funds and shall comply with any requirements FDEP may impose.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon giving 30 days prior written notice of termination.

Section 5. Modification. This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual written agreement of the parties.

Section 6. Funds Availability. This Agreement is expressly conditioned upon the availability of funds lawfully appropriated and available for the purpose set out herein as determined in the sole discretion of the Host County. In the event funds to finance this Agreement become unavailable, the Host County may terminate this Agreement upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice, written and delivered to the Neighboring County. Said notice of termination shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, or in person with signed proof of delivery. The Host County shall be the sole and final authority as to the availability of funds.

Section 7. Indemnification. Subject to the limits and provisions of Section 768.28, F.S., each County agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless all other parties to this Agreement from any and all liabilities, claims, or damages of any kind which are or may be imposed for any of its negligent acts or omissions or for the negligent acts or omissions of its officers, employees, or agents arising out of or pursuant to this Agreement and/or the hazardous waste management programs for which these grant funds are sought. This indemnification shall not result in, or be construed to mean, a waiver of sovereign immunity by any party with respect to claims by third parties.

Section 8. Severability. It is understood and agreed by the parties to this Agreement that if any of the provisions of this Agreement shall contravene, or be invalid under the laws of the State of Florida, such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire contract, but it shall be construed as if not containing the particular provision or provisions held to be invalid, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.

Section 9. Notices. Any notices required by this Agreement shall be sufficient if sent by the parties in the United States mail, postage paid, to the address noted below:

Host County: Chair
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
P. O. Box 2877
Gainesville, FL 32602-2877

with a copy to: J.K. "Buddy" Irby
Clerk of the Circuit Court
P.O. Box 939
Gainesville, FL 32602
ATTN: Finance and Accounting

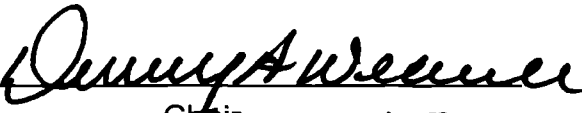
and: Office of Management and Budget
105 SE 1st Avenue, Suite 6
Gainesville, FL 32601
ATTN: Contracts

Neighboring County: Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Columbia County
1347 NW Oosterhoudt Lane
Lake City, FL 32055

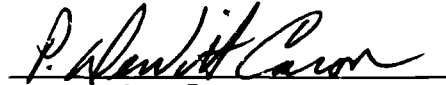
Section 10. Recording. Each County, upon execution of this Agreement, will record a copy of this Agreement in the public records of its County. The Host County shall send a copy to the appropriate Project Manager at FDEP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Interlocal Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

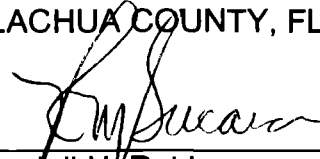
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Board of County Commissioners
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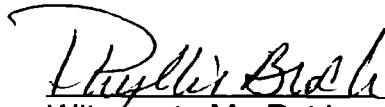
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P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk

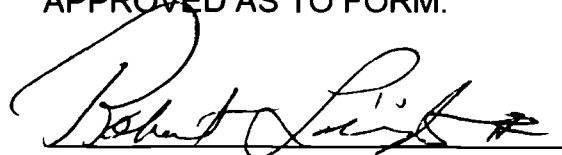
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ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 
for Randall H. Reid
Alachua County Manager


Witness to Mr. Reid

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Alachua County Attorney's Office