



Christian County Commission

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Ozark, Missouri 65721
(417)582-4300

AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of March 6, 2025, by and between the County of Christian ("County") and Talon Technology Systems ("Contractor"). (The term Contractor includes professionals performing in a consulting capacity.)

PART I – FUNDAMENTAL TERMS

- A. **Location of Project:** Christian County location(s) are located in Ozark, Nixa, and Sparta, Missouri. See RFQ #2024-18 Data Solutions Services.
- B. **Description of Services/Goods to be Provided:** Provide goods/services in accordance with the Scope of Services in RFQ #2024-18 Data Solutions Services. Included herein on an as-needed basis.
- C. **Term:** Unless terminated earlier as set forth in this Agreement, the services shall commence on March 6, 2025 ("Commencement Date") and shall continue until March 5, 2026, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods.
- D. **Party Representatives:**
 - D.1. The County designates the following person to act on County's behalf: Bill Rawlings, IT Manager. The Contractor designates the following person to act on Contractor's behalf: See the contact name identified and signed on page eight of this document.
- E. **Notices:** Contractor shall deliver all notices and other writings required to be delivered under this Agreement to County at the address set forth in the General Provisions. The County shall deliver all notices and other writings required to be delivered to Contractor at the address set forth following Contractor's signature below.
- F. **Integration:** This Agreement represents the entire understanding of County and Contractor as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with regard to those matters covered by this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements, and understandings, if any, between the parties, and none shall be used to interpret this Agreement.

PART II - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. SECTION ONE - SERVICES OF CONTRACTOR

- 1.1. **Scope of Services.** In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the goods and/or services shown on the Scope of Services, which may be referred to herein as the "services" or the "work." If this Agreement is for the provision of goods, supplies, equipment or personal property, the terms "services" and "work" shall include the provision (and, if designated in the Scope of Services, the installation) of such goods, supplies, equipment or personal property.
- 1.2. **Changes and Additions to Scope of Services.** County shall have the right at any time during the performance of the services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to, or deducting from said work. No such work shall be undertaken unless a written order is first given by County to Contractor, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Budget, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement, which adjustments are subject to the written approval of the Contractor. It is expressly understood by Contractor that the provisions of this Section 1.2 shall not apply to services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services or reasonably contemplated therein. Contractor hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services to be provided pursuant to the Scope of Services may be more costly or time consuming than Contractor anticipates and that Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefore.

- 1.3. **Standard of Performance.** Contractor agrees that all services shall be performed in a competent, professional, and satisfactory manner in accordance with the standards prevalent in the industry, and that all goods, materials, equipment or personal property included within the services herein shall be of good quality, fit for the purpose intended.
- 1.4. **Performance to Satisfaction of County.** Contractor agrees to perform all work to the satisfaction of County within the time specified. If County reasonably determines that the work is not satisfactory, County shall have the right to take appropriate action, including but not limited to: (i) meeting with Contractor to review the quality of the work and resolve matters of concern; (ii) requiring Contractor to repeat unsatisfactory work at no additional charge until it is satisfactory; (iii) suspending the delivery of work to Contractor for an indefinite time; (iv) withholding payment; and (v) terminating this Agreement as hereinafter set forth.
- 1.5. **Instructions from County.** In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall report to and receive instructions from the County's Representative designated in Paragraph D.1 of the Fundamental Terms of this Agreement. Tasks or services other than those specifically described in the Scope of Services shall not be performed without the prior written approval of the County's Representative.
- 1.6. **Familiarity with Work.** By executing this Agreement, Contractor warrants that Contractor (i) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (ii) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (iii) fully understands the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending performance of the services under the Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, Contractor warrants that Contractor has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services hereunder. Should the Contractor discover any conditions, including any latent or unknown conditions, which will materially affect the performance of the services hereunder, Contractor shall immediately inform the County of such fact and shall not proceed except at Contractor's risk until written instructions are received from the County's Representative.
- 1.7. **Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignment.** Contractor shall not contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereunder without the express written approval of County. In addition, neither the Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated, or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written approval of County. In the event of any unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, County may void the Agreement at County's option in its sole and absolute discretion. No approved transfer shall release any surety of Contractor of any liability hereunder without the express consent of County.
- 1.8. **Compensation.** Contractor shall be compensated in accordance with the terms of the County Budget. Included in the Budget are all ordinary and overhead expenses incurred by Contractor and its agents and employees, including meetings with County representatives, and incidental costs incurred in performing under this Agreement. Also, see the proposal from Contractor for hourly rates and renewal percentages, listed in RFQ #2024-18 Data Solutions Services.

2. SECTION TWO - INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 2.1. **Insurance:** Without limiting Contractor's indemnification obligations, Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and for the duration of this Agreement, insurance coverage as provided below, against all claims for injuries against persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees, and/or subcontractors. In the event that Contractor subcontracts any portion of the work in compliance with Section 1.7 of this Agreement, the contract between the Contractor and such subcontractor shall require the subcontractor to maintain the same policies of insurance that the contractor is required to maintain pursuant to this Section 2.
- 2.2. **Contractor's Insurance Requirements:** The Contractor shall not commence work under this contract until they have obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the County, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on their subcontract until all similar insurance required of subcontractor has been so obtained and approved. All policies shall be from companies authorized to issue insurance in the State of Missouri and shall be in amounts, form and companies satisfactory to the County which must carry an A-6 or better

rating as listed in the A.M. Best or equivalent rating guide. Insurance limits indicated below may be lowered at the discretion of the County.

- 2.3. **Comprehensive General Liability Insurance** -The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, such comprehensive general liability insurance as shall protect them and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract, from claims for damages for personal injury including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damages, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by themselves or for any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by them. The insurance carried by Contractor shall name Christian County, Missouri, its elected officials and **employees as additional named insureds** in amounts sufficient to cover the sovereign immunity limits for Christian County and said insurance shall be not less than \$520,000.00 per person and \$3,500,000.00 for any one occurrence covering both bodily injury and property damage, including accidental death. If the Contract involves any underground/digging operations, the general liability certificate shall include X, C, and U (Explosion, Collapse, and Underground) coverage. If providing Comprehensive General Liability Insurance, then the Proof of Coverage of Insurance shall also be included. Sovereign Immunity Limits | Missouri Department of Commerce & Insurance (mo.gov)
- 2.4. **Workers Compensation Insurance** -The Contractor shall take out and maintain during the life of this contract, Employee's Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of their employees employed at the site of work, and in case any work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Contractor. Worker's Compensation Insurance for Vendor's employee's coverage that shall meet **Missouri Statutory limits** or \$1,000,000 for each accident, whichever is greater. In case any class of employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract at the site of the work is not protected under the Worker's Compensation Statute, the Contractor shall provide and shall cause each subcontractor to provide Employers' Liability Insurance for the protection of their employees not otherwise protected.
- 2.5. **Commercial Automobile Liability** - The Contractor shall maintain during the life of this contract, automobile liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$520,000.00 per claimant and \$3,500,000.00 for any one occurrence, covering both bodily injury, including accidental death, and property damage, to protect themselves from any and all claims arising from the use of the Contractor's own automobiles, teams and trucks; hired automobiles, teams and trucks; and both on and off the site of work.
- 2.6. **Professional Liability** - (covering errors and omissions): One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claims made.
- 2.7. **Other Insurance** - Such other policies of insurance as may be required in the Special Provisions.
- 2.8. **Proof of Carriage of Insurance** -The Contractor shall furnish the County with Certificate(s) of Insurance which name the County, its elected officials and employees as additional insureds in an amount as required in this contract and sufficient to cover sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities as calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance, financial institutions, professional registration, and publish annually in the Missouri Registered pursuant to Section 537.610, RSMo. Each party shall require a thirty (30) day mandatory cancellation notice. In addition, such insurance shall be on occurrence basis and shall remain in effect until such time as the County has made final acceptance of the facility contracted.
- 2.9. **Indemnity Agreement**: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the County, its directors, officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees) arising by reason of any act or failure to act, negligent or otherwise, of Contractor, of any subcontractor (meaning anyone, including but not limited to consultants having a contract with contractor or a subcontract for part of the services), of anyone directly or indirectly employed by contractor or by any subcontractor, or of anyone for whose acts the contractor or its subcontractor may be liable, in connection with providing these services. This provision does not, however, require contractor to indemnify, hold harmless, or defend the County of Christian from its own negligence.
- 2.10. In no event shall the language or requirements of this Agreement constitute or be construed as a waiver or limitation of the County's rights or defenses with regard to County's applicable sovereign,

governmental or official immunities and protections as provided by federal and state constitutions, statutes, and laws.

3. SECTION THREE - LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. **Compliance with Laws:** Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of all existing and future state and federal laws and all County statutes and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws, statutes, and regulations and shall be responsible for the compliance of all work and services performed by or on behalf of Contractor. When applicable, Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing wage, which rate is determined by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of the State of Missouri.
- 3.2. **Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments.** Contractor shall obtain at its sole cost and expense all licenses, permits, and approvals that may be required by law for the performance of the services required by this Agreement. Contractor shall have the sole obligation to pay any fees, assessments, and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for Contractor's performance of the services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County against any such fees, assessments, taxes, penalties, or interest levied, assessed, or imposed against County thereunder.
- 3.3. **Non-Discrimination Assurance.** With regard to work under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees as follows::
- a. **Civil Rights Statutes:** The Contractor shall comply with all state and federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination, including but not limited to Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d and 2000e, et seq.), as well as any applicable titles of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.). In addition, if the Contractor is providing services or operating programs on behalf of the department or the Commission, it shall comply with all applicable provisions of Title II of the "Americans with Disabilities Act".
 - b. **Nondiscrimination:** The Contractor covenants for itself, its assigns, and all persons claiming under or through it, that there shall be no discrimination against any person on grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, disability, national origin, age or ancestry of any individual in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment in the performance of this Agreement. The County shall not participate either directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by 49 C.F.R. § 21.5, including employment practices.
 - c. **Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including procurements of Material and Equipment:** These assurances concerning nondiscrimination also apply to subcontractors and suppliers of the Contractor. These apply to all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract including procurement of materials or equipment. Each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the requirements of this Agreement relative to nondiscrimination on grounds of the race, color, religion, creed, sex disability or national origin, age or ancestry of any individual.
 - d. **Information and Reports:** The Contractor shall provide all information and reports required by this Agreement, or orders and instructions issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the County to be necessary to ascertain compliance with other contracts, orders and instructions. Where any information required of the Contractor in the exclusive possession of any other who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the County as appropriate and shall set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
 - e. **Sanctions for Noncompliance:** In the event the Contractor fails to comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Agreement, the County shall impose such contract sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Withholding of payments under this Agreement until the Contractor complies; and/or
 - (ii) Cancellation, termination or suspension of this Agreement, in whole or in part, or both.
 - f. **Incorporation of Provisions:** The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraph 3.3 of this Agreement in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment,

unless exempted by the statutes, County Commission order, or instructions issued by the County. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the County may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance; provided that in the event the Contractor becomes involved or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the County to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the County.

- 3.4. **Section 285.530(2) RSMo. and 292.675 RSMo. Affidavit.** Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Sections 285.525 through 285.550, and 292.675 RSMo., from the commencement until the termination of this Agreement. For any contract over \$5,000.00 and for any public works project contract the Contractor shall provide County an acceptable notarized Affidavit stating:

- a. That Contractor is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services; and
- b. That Contractor does not knowingly employ any person who is an authorized alien in connection with the contracted services.
- c. That Company has verified the completion of a 10-hour construction safety program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services.

Copies of the required Affidavits can be found on the County's Purchasing website: <http://www.Christiancountymo.org/purchasing/index.php>. Additionally, Contractor must provide County with documentation evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program (e.g., electronic signatory page from E-verified program's memo of understanding). Refer to Attachment I, Notice and Instructions to Bidder/Vendors regarding Sections 285.525 through 285.550, RSMo., effective January 1, 2009 and Section 292.675 RSMo., effective August 28, 2009, attached hereto.

- 3.5. **Independent Contractor.** Contractor shall perform all services required herein as an independent contractor of County and shall remain at all times as to County a wholly independent contractor. County shall not in any way or for any purpose become or be deemed to be a partner of Contractor in its business or otherwise, or a joint venturer, or a member of any joint enterprise with Contractor. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of County. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees shall, at any time, or in any way, be entitled to any sick leave, vacation, retirement, or other fringe benefits from the County. County is under no obligation to withhold State and Federal tax deductions from Contractor's compensation. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees shall be included in the competitive service, have any property right to any position, or any of the rights an employee may have in the event of termination of this Agreement.
- 3.6. **Use of Patented Materials.** Contractor shall assume all costs arising from the use of patented or copyrighted materials, including but not limited to equipment, devices, processes, and software programs, used or incorporated in the services or work performed by Contractor under this Agreement. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and save the County harmless from any and all suits, actions or proceedings of every nature for or on account of the use of any patented or copyrighted materials.
- 3.7. **Proprietary Information.** All proprietary information developed specifically for County by Contractor in connection with, or resulting from, this Agreement, including but not limited to inventions, discoveries, improvements, copyrights, patents, maps, reports, textual material, or software programs, but not including Contractor's underlying materials, software, or know-how, shall be the sole and exclusive property of County, and are confidential and shall not be made available to any person or entity without the prior written approval of County. Contractor agrees that the compensation to be paid pursuant to this Agreement includes adequate and sufficient compensation for any proprietary information developed in connection with or resulting from the performance of Contractor's services under this Agreement. Contractor further understands and agrees that full disclosure of all proprietary information developed in connection with, or resulting from, the performance of services by Contractor under this Agreement shall be made to County, and that Contractor shall do all things necessary and proper to perfect and maintain ownership of such proprietary information by County.
- 3.8. **Retention of Funds.** Contractor hereby authorizes County to deduct from any amount payable to Contractor (whether arising out of this Agreement or otherwise) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute hereunder or which are necessary to compensate County for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by County, and all amounts for which County may be liable to third parties, by reason

of Contractor's negligent acts, errors, or omissions, or willful misconduct, in performing or failing to perform Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. County in its sole and absolute discretion, may withhold from any payment due Contractor, without liability for interest, an amount sufficient to cover such claim or any resulting lien. The failure of County to exercise such right to deduct or withhold shall not act as a waiver of Contractor's obligation to pay County any sums Contractor owes County.

- 3.9. Termination By County.** County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon written notice to Contractor. Upon receipt of any notice of termination from County, Contractor shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved in writing by County. Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to receipt of County's notice of termination and for any services authorized in writing by County thereafter. If termination is due to the failure of Contractor to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, County may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and Contractor shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the services required hereunder, including costs incurred by County in retaining a replacement contractor and similar expenses, exceeds the Budget.
- 3.10. Right to Stop Work; Termination By Contractor.** Contractor may terminate this Agreement only for cause, upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to County. Contractor shall immediately cease all services hereunder as of the date Contractor's notice of termination is sent to County, except such services as may be specifically approved in writing by County. Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to the date notice of termination is sent to County and for any services authorized in writing by County thereafter. If Contractor terminates this Agreement because of an error, omission, or a fault of Contractor, or Contractor's willful misconduct, the terms of Section 3.8 relating to County's right to take over and finish the work and Contractor's liability therefore shall apply.
- 3.11. Waiver.** No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. A party's consent to or approval of any act by the other party requiring the party's consent or approval shall not be deemed to waive or render unnecessary the other party's consent to or approval of any subsequent act. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing.
- 3.12. Legal Actions.** Legal actions concerning any dispute, claim, or matter arising out of or in relation to this Agreement shall be instituted and maintained in an appropriate court with jurisdiction in Christian County, and Contractor agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such court.
- 3.13. Rights and Remedies are Cumulative.** The rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other party.
- 3.14. Attorneys' Fees.** In any action by the County against the Contractor seeking enforcement of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder, if the County is the party prevailing in the final judgment in such action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief which may be granted, the County shall be entitled to have and recover from the Contractor its reasonable costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, expert witness fees, and courts costs. If the County is required to initiate or defend litigation with a third party because of the violation of any term or provision of this Agreement by the Contractor, then the County shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the Contractor.
- 3.15. Force Majeure.** The time period specified in this Agreement for performance of services shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of County or Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of nature or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, tornadoes, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, litigation, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including County, if the delaying party shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay notify the other party in writing of the causes of the delay. If Contractor is the delaying party, County shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay, and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of County such delay is justified. County's determination shall be final and conclusive upon the parties to this Agreement. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to recover damages against County for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused. Contractor's sole remedy shall be extension of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 3.14.

- 3.16. **Non-liability of County Employees.** No official, employee, agent, representative, or volunteer of County shall be personally liable to Contractor, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by County, or for any amount which may become due to Contractor or its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.
- 3.17. **Conflicts of Interest.** No official, employee, agent, representative or volunteer of County shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, or participate in any decision relating to this Agreement that affects his or her financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership, association or other entity in which he or she is interested, in violation of any Federal, State or County law or statute. Contractor shall not employ any such person while this Agreement is in effect.
- 3.18. Contractor represents warrants and covenants that he, she or it presently has no interest, direct or indirect that would interfere with or impair in any manner or degree the performance of Contractor's obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement. Contractor further agrees that while this Agreement is in effect, Contractor shall not acquire or otherwise obtain any interest, direct or indirect, that would interfere with or impair in any manner or degree the performance of Contractor's obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement.

4. **SECTION FOUR - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 4.1. **Records and Reports.** Upon request by County, Contractor shall prepare and submit to County any reports concerning Contractor's performance of the services rendered under this Agreement. County shall have access, upon reasonable notice, to the books and records of Contractor related to Contractor's performance of this Agreement in the event any audit is required. All drawings, documents, and other materials prepared by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement (i) shall be the property of County and shall be delivered at no cost to County upon request of County or upon the termination of this Agreement, and (ii) are confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or entity without prior written approval of County. Contractor shall keep and maintain all records and reports related to this Agreement for a period of three (3) years following termination of this Agreement, and County shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required.
- 4.2. **Notices.** Unless otherwise provided herein, all notices required to be delivered under this Agreement or under applicable law shall be personally delivered, or delivered by United States mail, prepaid, certified, return receipt requested, or by reputable document delivery service that provides a receipt showing date and time of delivery. Notices personally delivered or delivered by a document delivery service shall be effective upon receipt. Notices delivered by mail shall be effective at 4:00 p.m. on the second calendar day following dispatch. Notices to the County shall be delivered to the following address, to the attention of the County Representative set forth in Paragraph D.1 of the Fundamental Terms of this Agreement:

To County: Christian County
Purchasing Department
202 W. Elm Street
Ozark, Missouri 65721

Notices to Contractor shall be delivered to the address set forth below Contractor's signature on Part I of this Agreement, to the attention of Contractor's Representative set forth in Paragraph D.2 of the Fundamental Terms of this Agreement. Changes in the address to be used for receipt of notices shall be effected in accordance with this Section 4.2.

- 4.3. **Construction and Amendment.** The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply. The headings of sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are for convenience or reference only, and shall not be construed to limit or extend the meaning of the terms, covenants and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement may only be amended by the mutual consent of the parties by an instrument in writing.
- 4.4. **Severability.** Each provision of this Agreement shall be severable from the whole. If any provision of this Agreement shall be found contrary to law, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force.
- 4.5. **Authority.** The person(s) executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that (i) such party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such party is formally bound to the provisions of

this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said party is bound.

- 4.6. **Special Provisions.** Any additional or supplementary provisions, modifications, or alterations of these General Provisions shall be set forth in the Special Provisions.

THIS AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES MUST BE SIGNED AND INCLUDED WITH THE BID SUBMISSION. IF AWARDED, THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED AND CERTIFIED BY CHRISTIAN COUNTY, AND ONE COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and entered into this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN		CONTRACTOR
By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Lynn Morris, Presiding Commissioner	Company Name: <u>Talon Technology System</u>
Date: <u>3/6/25</u>		By: <u>James Joy</u>
By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Johnny Williams, Western Commissioner	Title: <u>COO</u>
Date: <u>3-6-25</u>		Date: <u>2/28/25</u>
By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Bradley A. Jackson, Eastern Commissioner	
Date: <u>3-6-2025</u>		

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION	
ATTEST BY: <u>[Signature]</u> Paula Brumfield, Christian County Clerk	I certify that the expenditure contemplated by this document is within the purpose of the document is within the purpose of the appropriation to which it is to be charged and that there is an unencumbered balance of anticipated revenue appropriated for payment of same.
Approved as to form: By: <u>[Signature]</u> N. Austin Fax, Christian County Counselor	<u>[Signature]</u> Amy Dent, Christian County Auditor <u>3/6/2025</u> Date