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**AND**

**CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**

**DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND  
CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT  
DW580430**

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THIS AGREEMENT is executed by the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Department) and the CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, (Project Sponsor) a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 403.8532, Florida Statutes, the Department is authorized to make loans to finance or refinance the construction of public water systems, the planning and design of which have been reviewed by the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has made application for the financing of the Project, and the Department has determined that such Project meets all requirements for a Loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Department loaning money to the Project Sponsor, in the principal amount and pursuant to the covenants hereinafter set forth, it is agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

**1.01. WORDS AND TERMS.**

Words and terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth below:

- (1) "Agreement" or "Loan Agreement" shall mean this construction loan agreement.
- (2) "Authorized Representative" shall mean the official of the Project Sponsor authorized by ordinance or resolution to sign documents associated with the Loan.
- (3) "Capitalized Interest" shall mean the interest accruing on Loan proceeds from the time of disbursement until six months before the first Semiannual Loan Payment is due. Capitalized Interest is financed as part of the Loan principal.
- (4) "Depository" shall mean a bank or trust company, having a combined capital and unimpaired surplus of not less than \$50 million, authorized to transact commercial banking or savings and loan business in the State of Florida and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- (5) "Gross Revenues" shall mean all income or earnings received by the Project Sponsor from the ownership or operation of its Water and Sewer Systems, including investment income, all as calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Gross Revenues shall not include proceeds from the sale or other disposition of any part of the Water or

Sewer System, condemnation awards or proceeds of insurance, except use and occupancy or business interruption insurance, received with respect to the Water or Sewer System.

(6) “Loan” shall mean the amount of money to be loaned pursuant to this Agreement and subsequent amendments.

(7) “Loan Application” shall mean the completed form which provides all information required to support obtaining construction loan financial assistance.

(8) “Loan Debt Service Account” shall mean an account, or a separately identified component of a pooled cash or liquid account, with a Depository established by the Project Sponsor for the purpose of accumulating Monthly Loan Deposits and making Semiannual Loan Payments.

(9) “Loan Service Fee” shall mean an origination fee which shall be paid to the Department by the Project Sponsor.

(10) “Monthly Loan Deposit” shall mean the monthly deposit to be made by the Project Sponsor to the Loan Debt Service Account.

(11) “Operation and Maintenance Expense” shall mean the costs of operating and maintaining the Water and Sewer Systems determined pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, exclusive of interest on any debt payable from Gross Revenues, depreciation, and any other items not requiring the expenditure of cash.

(12) “Pledged Revenues” shall mean the specific revenues pledged as security for repayment of the Loan and shall be the Gross Revenues derived yearly from the operation of the Water and Sewer Systems after payment of the Operation and Maintenance Expense and the satisfaction of all yearly payment obligations on account of the Senior Revenue Obligations and any senior obligations issued pursuant to Section 7.02 of this Agreement.

(13) “Project” shall mean the works financed by this Loan and shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment to construct the Supply, Treatment and Distribution project in accordance with the plans and specifications accepted by the Department for the following contracts:

(a) “Water Main Replacement – Phase 4”.

(b) “Water Main Replacement – Phase 5”.

(c) “Replacement Well 7AW”.

The Project is in agreement with the Water Facilities Plan accepted by the Department effective November 17, 2015. A Florida Florida Categorical Exclusion Notification was published on October 13, 2015 and no adverse comments were received. The Project is an Equivalency Project as defined in Chapter 62-552, Florida Administrative Code.

(14) “Semiannual Loan Payment” shall mean the payment due from the Project Sponsor to the Department at six-month intervals.

(15) “Senior Revenue Obligations” shall mean the following debt obligations:

(a) City of Venice, Florida, Utility System Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2012, issued in the amount of \$9,980,000; and

(b) City of Venice, Florida, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, issued in the amount of \$20,770,000; and

(c) City of Venice, Florida, Utility System Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2013, issued in the amount of \$4,157,000; and

(d) City of Venice, Florida, Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, issued in the amount of \$15,355,000; and

(e) Additional bonds issued on a parity with the obligations identified above pursuant to Section 16R of the Senior Revenue Bond Resolution; and

(f) Any refunding bonds issued to refund the obligations identified above provided such bonds shall not increase annual debt service during the repayment period of this Loan.

(16) “Senior Revenue Bond Resolution” shall mean Resolution No. 2012-05 adopted by the City Council of the Project Sponsor on May 22, 2012, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

(17) “Sewer System” shall mean all facilities owned by the Project Sponsor for collection, transmission, treatment and reuse of wastewater and its residuals.

(18) “Water System” shall mean all facilities owned by the Project Sponsor for supplying and distributing water for residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental use.

## 1.02. CORRELATIVE WORDS.

Words of the masculine gender shall be understood to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, the singular shall include the plural and the word “person” shall include corporations and associations, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.

## ARTICLE II - WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

### 2.01. WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS.

The Project Sponsor warrants, represents and covenants that:

(1) The Project Sponsor has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to comply with the provisions hereof.

(2) The Project Sponsor currently is not the subject of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization proceedings and is not in default of, or otherwise subject to, any agreement or any law, administrative regulation, judgment, decree, note, resolution, charter or ordinance which would currently restrain or enjoin it from entering into, or complying with, this Agreement.

(3) There is no material action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before any court or public body, pending or, to the best of the Project Sponsor's knowledge, threatened, which seeks to restrain or enjoin the Project Sponsor from entering into or complying with this Agreement.

(4) All permits, real property interests, and approvals required as of the date of this Agreement have been obtained for construction and use of the Project. The Project Sponsor knows of no reason why any future required permits or approvals are not obtainable.

(5) The Project Sponsor shall undertake the Project on its own responsibility, to the extent permitted by law.

(6) To the extent permitted by law, the Project Sponsor shall release and hold harmless the State, its officers, members, and employees from any claim arising in connection with the Project Sponsor's actions or omissions in its planning, engineering, administrative, and construction activities financed by this Loan or its operation of the Project.

(7) All Project Sponsor representations to the Department, pursuant to the Loan Application and Agreement, were true and accurate as of the date such representations were made. The financial information delivered by the Project Sponsor to the Department was current and correct as of the date such information was delivered. The Project Sponsor shall comply with Chapter 62-552, Florida Administrative Code, and all applicable State and Federal laws, rules, and regulations which are identified in the Loan Application or Agreement. Minority and Women's Business Enterprise goals as stated in the plans and specifications apply to this Project. To the extent that any assurance, representation, or covenant requires a future action, the Project Sponsor shall take such action as is necessary for compliance.

(8) The Project Sponsor shall maintain records using Generally Accepted Governmental Accounting Standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. As part of its bookkeeping system, the Project Sponsor shall keep accounts of the Water and Sewer Systems separate from all other accounts and it shall keep accurate records of all revenues, expenses, and expenditures relating to the Water and Sewer Systems, and of the Pledged Revenues, Loan disbursement receipts, and Loan Debt Service Account.

(9) In the event the anticipated Pledged Revenues are shown by the Project Sponsor's annual budget to be insufficient to make the Semiannual Loan Payments for such Fiscal Year when due, the Project Sponsor shall include in such budget other legally available non-ad valorem funds which will be sufficient, together with the Pledged Revenues, to make the Semiannual Loan Payments. Such other legally available non-ad valorem funds shall be budgeted in the regular annual governmental budget and designated for the purpose provided by this Subsection, and the Project Sponsor shall collect such funds for application as provided herein. The Project Sponsor shall notify the Department immediately in writing of any such

budgeting of other legally available non-ad valorem funds. Nothing in this covenant shall be construed as creating a pledge, lien, or charge upon any such other legally available non-ad valorem funds; requiring the Project Sponsor to levy or appropriate ad valorem tax revenues; or preventing the Project Sponsor from pledging to the payment of any bonds or other obligations all or any part of such other legally available non-ad valorem funds.

(10) Each year, beginning three months before the first Semiannual Loan Payment and ending with the year during which the final Loan repayment is made, the Project Sponsor's Authorized Representative or its chief financial officer shall submit, pursuant to the schedule established in Section 10.07, a certification that: (a) Pledged Revenue collections satisfy the rate coverage requirement; (b) the Loan Debt Service Account contains the funds required; and (c) insurance in effect for the facilities generating the Pledged Revenues adequately covers the customary risks to the extent that such insurance is available.

(11) Pursuant to Section 216.347 of the Florida Statutes, the Project Sponsor shall not use this Loan for the purpose of lobbying the Florida Legislature, the Judicial Branch, or a State agency.

(12) The Project Sponsor agrees to construct the Project in accordance with the Project schedule set forth in Section 10.07. Delays incident to strikes, riots, acts of God, and other events beyond the reasonable control of the Project Sponsor are excepted. If for any reason construction is not completed as scheduled, there shall be no resulting diminution or delay in the Semiannual Loan Payment or the Monthly Loan Deposit.

(13) The Project Sponsor covenants that this Agreement is entered into for the purpose of constructing, refunding, or refinancing the Project which will in all events serve a public purpose. The Project Sponsor covenants that it will, under all conditions, complete and operate the Project to fulfill the public need.

## 2.02. LEGAL AUTHORIZATION.

Upon signing this Agreement, the Project Sponsor's legal counsel hereby expresses the opinion, subject to laws affecting the rights of creditors generally, that:

(1) This Agreement has been duly authorized by the Project Sponsor and shall constitute a valid and legal obligation of the Project Sponsor enforceable in accordance with its terms upon execution by both parties; and

(2) This Agreement specifies the revenues pledged for repayment of the Loan, and the pledge is valid and enforceable.

## 2.03. AUDIT AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

The Project Sponsor agrees to the following audit and monitoring requirements.



(1) The financial assistance authorized pursuant to this Loan Agreement consists of the following:

Federal Resources, Including State Match, Awarded to the Recipient Pursuant to this Agreement Consist of the Following:					
Federal Program Number	Federal Agency	CFDA Number	CFDA Title	Funding Amount	State Appropriation Category
FS984522-160	EPA	66.468	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	\$3,395,595	140129

(2) Audits.

(a) In the event that the Project Sponsor expends \$750,000 or more in Federal awards in its fiscal year, the Project Sponsor must have a Federal single audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. In determining the Federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the Project Sponsor shall consider all sources of Federal awards, including Federal resources received from the Department of Environmental Protection. The determination of amounts of Federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established by OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. An audit of the Project Sponsor conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, will meet the requirements of this part.

(b) In connection with the audit requirements addressed in the preceding paragraph (a), the Project Sponsor shall fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in Subpart C of OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F.

(c) If the Project Sponsor expends less than \$750,000, in Federal awards in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, is not required. The Project Sponsor shall inform the Department of findings and recommendations pertaining to the State Revolving Fund in audits conducted by the Project Sponsor. In the event that the Project Sponsor expends less than \$750,000, in Federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, the cost of the audit must be paid from non-Federal resources (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be paid from Project Sponsor resources obtained from other than Federal entities).

(d) The Project Sponsor may access information regarding the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) via the internet at [www.cfda.gov/index?cck=1&au=&cck=](http://www.cfda.gov/index?cck=1&au=&cck=).

(3) Report Submission.

(a) Copies of reporting packages for audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, and required by Subsection 2.03(2) of this Agreement shall be submitted, when required by Section .320 (d), OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, by or on behalf of the Project Sponsor directly to each of the following:

(i) The Department at one of the following address:

By Mail:

**Audit Director**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Office of the Inspector General, MS40  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-30000

Electronically:

FDEPSingleAudit@dep.state.fl.us

(ii) The Federal Audit Clearinghouse designated in OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR &200.501(a) (the number of copies required by Sections .320 (d)(1) and (2), OMB Circular A-133, as revised, revised and 2 CFR &200.501(a) should be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse), at the following address:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse  
Bureau of the Census  
1201 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

Submissions of the Single Audit reporting package for fiscal periods ending on or after January 1, 2008, must be submitted using the Federal Clearinghouse's Internet Data Entry System which can be found at <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>

(iii) Other Federal agencies and pass-through entities in accordance with Sections .320(e) and (f), OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR &200.512.

(b) Pursuant to Section .320(f), OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, the Project Sponsor shall submit a copy of the reporting package described in Section .320(c), OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, and any management letters issued by the auditor, to the Department at the address listed under Subsection 2.03(3)(a)(i) of this Agreement.

(c) Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the Department pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted timely in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, Florida Statutes, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable.

(d) Project Sponsors, when submitting financial reporting packages to the Department for audits done in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, or Chapters 10.550 (local governmental entities) or 10.650 (nonprofit and for-profit organizations), Rules of the Auditor General, should indicate the date that the reporting package was delivered to the Project Sponsor in correspondence accompanying the reporting package.

(4) Project-Specific Audit.

Within 12 months after the amendment establishing final Project costs, the Project Sponsor shall submit to the Department a Project-specific audit report for the Loan related revenues and expenditures. The audit shall address Loan disbursements received, Project expenditures, and compliance with Loan Agreement covenants. The Project Sponsor shall cause the auditor to notify the Department immediately if anything comes to the auditor's attention during the examination of records that would constitute a default under the Loan Agreement. The audit findings shall set aside or question any costs that are unallowable under Chapter 62-552, Florida Administrative Code. A final determination of whether such costs are allowed shall be made by the Department.

(5) Record Retention.

The Project Sponsor shall retain sufficient records demonstrating its compliance with the terms of this Agreement for a period of five years from the date of the audit report is issued, and shall allow the Department, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General access to such records upon request. The Project Sponsor shall ensure that audit working papers are made available to the Department, or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, or Auditor General upon request for a period of three years from the date of the audit report is issued, unless extended in writing by the Department.

(6) Monitoring.

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F, as revised (see audit requirements above), monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by Department staff, limited scope audits as defined by OMB Circular A-133, as revised and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F., and/or other procedures. By entering into this Agreement, the Project Sponsor agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Department. In the event the Department determines that a limited scope audit of the Project Sponsor is appropriate, the Project Sponsor agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Department to the Project Sponsor regarding such audit. The Project Sponsor further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the Chief Financial Officer or Auditor General.

## ARTICLE III - LOAN REPAYMENT ACCOUNT

### 3.01. LOAN DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT.

The Project Sponsor shall establish a Loan Debt Service Account with a Depository and begin making Monthly Loan Deposits no later than the date set forth for such action in Section 10.07 of this Agreement.

Beginning six months prior to each Semiannual Loan Payment, the Project Sponsor shall make six Monthly Loan Deposits. The first five deposits each shall be at least equal to one-sixth of the Semiannual Loan Payment. The sixth Monthly Loan Deposit shall be at least equal to the amount required to make the total on deposit in the Loan Debt Service Account equal to the Semiannual Loan Payment amount, taking into consideration investment earnings credited to the account pursuant to Section 3.02.

Any month in which the Project Sponsor fails to make a required Monthly Loan Deposit, the Project Sponsor's chief financial officer shall notify the Department of such failure. In addition, the Project Sponsor agrees to budget, by amendment if necessary, payment to the Department from other legally available non-ad valorem funds all sums becoming due before the same become delinquent. This requirement shall not be construed to give superiority to the Department's claim on any revenues over prior claims of general creditors of the Project Sponsor, nor shall it be construed to give the Department the power to require the Project Sponsor to levy and collect any revenues other than Pledged Revenues.

### 3.02. INVESTMENT OF LOAN DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT MONEYS.

Moneys on deposit in the Loan Debt Service Account shall be invested pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida. Such moneys may be pooled for investment purposes. The maturity or redemption date of investments shall be not later than the date upon which such moneys may be needed to make Semiannual Loan Payments. The investment earnings shall be credited to the Loan Debt Service Account and applied toward the Monthly Loan Deposit requirements.

### 3.03. LOAN DEBT SERVICE ACCOUNT WITHDRAWALS.

The withdrawal of moneys from the Loan Debt Service Account shall be for the sole purpose of making the Semiannual Loan Payment or for discharging the Project Sponsor's obligations pursuant to Section 8.01.

### 3.04. ASSETS HELD IN TRUST.

The assets in all accounts created under this Loan Agreement shall be held in trust for the purposes provided herein and used only for the purposes and in the manner prescribed in this Agreement; and, pending such use, said assets shall be subject to a lien and charge in favor of the Department.

## ARTICLE IV - PROJECT INFORMATION

### 4.01. PROJECT CHANGES.

Project changes prior to bid opening shall be made by addendum to plans and specifications. Changes after bid opening shall be made by change order. The Project Sponsor shall submit all addenda and all change orders to the Department for an eligibility determination. After execution of all construction, equipment and materials contracts, the Project contingency may be reduced.

### 4.02. TITLE TO PROJECT SITE.

The Project Sponsor shall have an interest in real property sufficient for the construction and location of the Project free and clear of liens and encumbrances which would impair the usefulness of such sites for the intended use.

### 4.03. PERMITS AND APPROVALS.

The Project Sponsor shall have obtained, prior to the Department's authorization to award construction contracts, all permits and approvals required for construction of the Project or portion of the Project funded under this Agreement.

### 4.04. ENGINEERING SERVICES.

A professional engineer, registered in the State of Florida, shall be employed by, or under contract with, the Project Sponsor to oversee construction.

### 4.05. PROHIBITION AGAINST ENCUMBRANCES.

The Project Sponsor is prohibited from selling, leasing, or disposing of any part of the Water or Sewer System which would materially reduce operational integrity or Gross Revenues so long as this Agreement, including any amendments thereto, is in effect unless the written consent of the Department is first secured.

### 4.06. COMPLETION MONEYS.

In addition to the proceeds of this Loan, the Project Sponsor covenants that it has obtained, or will obtain, sufficient moneys from other sources to complete construction and place the Project in operation on, or prior to, the date specified in Article X. Failure of the Department to approve additional financing shall not constitute a waiver of the Project Sponsor's covenants to complete and place the Project in operation.

### 4.07. CLOSE-OUT.

The Department shall conduct a final inspection of the Project and Project records. Following the inspection, deadlines for submitting additional disbursement requests, if any, shall be established, along with deadlines for uncompleted Loan requirements, if any. Deadlines shall be incorporated into the Loan Agreement by amendment. The Loan principal shall be reduced

by any excess over the amount required to pay all approved costs. As a result of such adjustment, the Semiannual Loan Payment shall be reduced accordingly, as addressed in Section 10.05.

#### 4.08. DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements shall be made directly to the Project Sponsor only by the State Chief Financial Officer and only when the requests for such disbursements are accompanied by a Department certification that such withdrawals are proper expenditures. Disbursements shall be made directly to the Local Government for allowable invoiced costs. In addition to the invoices for costs incurred, proof of payment will be required. Disbursements for materials, labor, or services shall be made upon receipt of the following:

(1) A completed disbursement request form signed by the Authorized Representative. Such requests must be accompanied by sufficiently itemized summaries of the materials, labor, or services to identify the nature of the work performed; the cost or charges for such work; and the person providing the service or performing the work.

(2) A certification signed by the Authorized Representative as to the current estimated costs of the Project; that the materials, labor, or services represented by the invoice have been satisfactorily purchased, performed, or received and applied to the project; that all funds received to date have been applied toward completing the Project; and that under the terms and provisions of the contracts, the Project Sponsor is required to make such payments.

(3) A certification by the engineer responsible for overseeing construction stating that equipment, materials, labor and services represented by the construction invoices have been satisfactorily purchased, or received, and applied to the Project in accordance with construction contract documents; stating that payment is in accordance with construction contract provisions; stating that construction, up to the point of the requisition, is in compliance with the contract documents; and identifying all additions or deletions to the Project which have altered the Project's performance standards, scope, or purpose since the issue of the Department construction permit.

(4) Such other certificates or documents by engineers, attorneys, accountants, contractors, or suppliers as may reasonably be required by the Department.

### ARTICLE V - RATES AND USE OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

#### 5.01. RATE COVERAGE.

The Project Sponsor shall maintain rates and charges for the services furnished by the Water and Sewer Systems which will be sufficient to provide, in each Fiscal Year, Pledged Revenues equal to or exceeding 1.15 times the sum of the Semiannual Loan Payments due in such Fiscal Year. In addition, the Project Sponsor shall satisfy the coverage requirements of all senior and parity debt obligations.

#### 5.02. NO FREE SERVICE.

The Project Sponsor shall not permit connections to, or furnish any services afforded by, the Water or Sewer System without making a charge therefore based on the Project Sponsor's uniform schedule of rates, fees, and charges.

#### 5.03. MANDATORY CONNECTIONS.

The Project Sponsor shall adopt, as necessary, and enforce requirements, consistent with applicable laws, for the owner, tenant or occupant of each building located on a lot or parcel of land which is served, or may reasonably be served, by the Sewer System to connect such building to the Sewer System.

#### 5.04. NO COMPETING SERVICE.

The Project Sponsor shall not allow any person to provide any services which would compete with the Water or Sewer System so as to adversely affect Gross Revenues.

#### 5.05. MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS.

The Project Sponsor shall operate and maintain the Water and Sewer Systems in a proper, sound and economical manner and shall make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements.

#### 5.06. ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS.

The Project Sponsor may make any additions, modifications or improvements to the Water and Sewer Systems which it deems desirable and which do not materially reduce the operational integrity of any part of the Water or Sewer System. All such renewals, replacements, additions, modifications and improvements shall become part of the Water and Sewer Systems.

#### 5.07. COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

The Project Sponsor shall use its best efforts to collect all rates, fees and other charges due to it. The Project Sponsor shall establish liens on premises served by the Water or Sewer System for the amount of all delinquent rates, fees and other charges where such action is permitted by law. The Project Sponsor shall, to the full extent permitted by law, cause to discontinue the services of the Water and Sewer Systems and use its best efforts to shut off water service furnished to persons who are delinquent beyond customary grace periods in the payment of Water and Sewer System rates, fees and other charges.

### ARTICLE VI - DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

#### 6.01. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

Each of the following events is hereby declared an event of default:

(1) Failure to make any Monthly Loan Deposit or to make any installment of the Semiannual Loan Payment when it is due and such failure shall continue for a period of 30 days.

(2) Except as provided in Subsections 6.01(1) and 6.01(7), failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement or failure in the performance or observance of any of the covenants or actions required by this Agreement and such failure shall continue for a period of 60 days after written notice thereof to the Project Sponsor by the Department.

(3) Any warranty, representation or other statement by, or on behalf of, the Project Sponsor contained in this Agreement or in any information furnished in compliance with, or in reference to, this Agreement, which is false or misleading.

(4) An order or decree entered, with the acquiescence of the Project Sponsor, appointing a receiver of any part of the Water or Sewer System or Gross Revenues thereof; or if such order or decree, having been entered without the consent or acquiescence of the Project Sponsor, shall not be vacated or discharged or stayed on appeal within 60 days after the entry thereof.

(5) Any proceeding instituted, with the acquiescence of the Project Sponsor, for the purpose of effecting a composition between the Project Sponsor and its creditors or for the purpose of adjusting the claims of such creditors, pursuant to any federal or state statute now or hereafter enacted, if the claims of such creditors are payable from Gross Revenues of the Water or Sewer System.

(6) Any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar proceeding instituted by, or against, the Project Sponsor under federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency law now or hereafter in effect and, if instituted against the Project Sponsor, is not dismissed within 60 days after filing.

(7) Failure of the Project Sponsor to give immediate written notice of default to the Department and such failure shall continue for a period of 30 days.

## 6.02. REMEDIES.

Upon any event of default and subject to the rights of others having prior liens on the Pledged Revenues, the Department may enforce its rights by any of the following remedies:

(1) By mandamus or other proceeding at law or in equity, cause to establish rates and collect fees and charges for use of the Water and Sewer Systems, and to require the Project Sponsor to fulfill this Agreement.

(2) By action or suit in equity, require the Project Sponsor to account for all moneys received from the Department or from the ownership of the Water and Sewer Systems and to account for the receipt, use, application, or disposition of the Pledged Revenues.

(3) By action or suit in equity, enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the Department.

(4) By applying to a court of competent jurisdiction, cause to appoint a receiver to manage the Water and Sewer Systems, establish and collect fees and charges, and apply the revenues to the reduction of the obligations under this Agreement.



(5) By certifying to the Auditor General and the Chief Financial Officer delinquency on loan repayments, the Department may intercept the delinquent amount plus six percent, expressed as an annual interest rate, penalty of the amount due to the Department from any unobligated funds due to the Project Sponsor under any revenue or tax sharing fund established by the State, except as otherwise provided by the State Constitution or State law. Penalty interest shall accrue on any amount due and payable beginning on the 30th day following the date upon which payment is due.

(6) By notifying financial market credit rating agencies and potential creditors.

(7) By suing for payment of amounts due, or becoming due, with interest on overdue payments together with all costs of collection, including attorneys' fees.

(8) By accelerating the repayment schedule or increasing the interest rate on the unpaid principal of the Loan to as much as 1.667 times the Loan interest rate for a default under Subsection 6.01(1).

#### 6.03. DELAY AND WAIVER.

No delay or omission by the Department to exercise any right or power accruing upon an event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised as often as may be deemed expedient. No waiver or any default under this Agreement shall extend to or affect any subsequent event of default, whether of the same or different provision of this Agreement, or shall impair consequent rights or remedies.

### ARTICLE VII - THE PLEDGED REVENUES

#### 7.01. SUPERIORITY OF THE PLEDGE TO THE DEPARTMENT.

From and after the effective date of this Agreement, the Department shall have a lien on the Pledged Revenues, which along with any other Department State Revolving Fund liens on the Pledged Revenues, on equal priority, will be prior and superior to any other lien, pledge or assignment with the following exception. All obligations of the Project Sponsor under this Agreement shall be junior, inferior, and subordinate in all respects in right of payment and security to the Senior Revenue Obligations defined in Section 1.01 of this Agreement and to any additional senior obligations issued with the Department's consent pursuant to Section 7.02. Any of the Pledged Revenues may be released from the lien on such Pledged Revenues in favor of the Department if the Department makes a determination, based upon facts deemed sufficient by the Department, that the remaining Pledged Revenues will, in each Fiscal Year, equal or exceed 1.15 times the debt service coming due in each Fiscal Year under the terms of this Agreement.

#### 7.02. ADDITIONAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS.

The Project Sponsor may issue additional debt obligations on a parity with, or senior to, the lien of the Department on the Pledged Revenues provided the Department's written consent is obtained. Such consent may be granted if the Project Sponsor demonstrates at the time of such

issuance that the Pledged Revenues, which may take into account reasonable projections of growth of the Water and Sewer Systems and revenue increases, plus revenues to be pledged to the additional proposed debt obligations will, during the period of time Semiannual Loan Payments are to be made under this Agreement, equal or exceed 1.15 times the annual combined debt service requirements of this Agreement and the obligations proposed to be issued by the Project Sponsor and will satisfy the coverage requirements of all other debt obligations secured by the Pledged Revenues.

## ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 8.01. DISCHARGE OF OBLIGATIONS.

All Semiannual Loan payments required to be made under this Agreement shall be cumulative and any deficiencies in any Fiscal Year shall be added to the payments due in the succeeding year and all years thereafter until fully paid. Payments shall continue to be secured by this Agreement until all of the payments required shall be fully paid to the Department. If at any time the Project Sponsor shall have paid, or shall have made provision for the timely payment of, the entire principal amount of the Loan and interest, the pledge of, and lien on, the Pledged Revenues to the Department shall be no longer in effect. Deposit of sufficient cash, securities, or investments, authorized by law from time to time may be made to effect defeasance of this Loan. However, the deposit shall be made in irrevocable trust with a banking institution or trust company for the sole benefit of the Department. There shall be no penalty imposed by the Department for early retirement of this Loan.

### 8.02. PROJECT RECORDS AND STATEMENTS.

Books, records, reports, engineering documents, contract documents, and papers shall be available to the authorized representatives of the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Inspector General for inspection at any reasonable time after the Project Sponsor has received a disbursement and until five years after the date that the Project-specific audit report, required under Subsection 2.03(4), is issued.

### 8.03. ACCESS TO PROJECT SITE.

The Project Sponsor shall provide access to Project sites and administrative offices to authorized representatives of the Department at any reasonable time. The Project Sponsor shall cause its engineers and contractors to cooperate during Project inspections, including making available working copies of plans and specifications and supplementary materials.

### 8.04. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER AGREEMENT.

The Department may assign any part of its rights under this Agreement after notification to the Project Sponsor. The Project Sponsor shall not assign rights created by this Agreement without the written consent of the Department.

#### 8.05. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT.

This Agreement may be amended in writing, except that no amendment shall be permitted which is inconsistent with statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, or written agreements between the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This Agreement may be amended after all construction contracts are executed to re-establish the Project cost, Loan amount, Project schedule, and Semiannual Loan Payment amount. A final amendment establishing the final Project costs shall be completed after the Department's final inspection of the Project records.

#### 8.06. ANNULMENT OF AGREEMENT.

The Department may unilaterally annul this Agreement if the Project Sponsor has not drawn any of the Loan proceeds by the date set in Section 10.07 for establishing the Loan Debt Service Account. If the Department unilaterally annuls this Agreement, the Department will provide written notification to the Project Sponsor.

#### 8.07. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.

#### 8.08. DAVIS-BACON ACT REQUIREMENTS.

(1) The Project Sponsor shall periodically interview 10% of the work force entitled to Davis-Bacon prevailing wages (covered employees) to verify that contractors or subcontractors are paying the appropriate wage rates. Project Sponsors shall immediately conduct interviews in response to an alleged violation of the prevailing wage requirements. As provided in 29 CFR 5.6(a)(5) all interviews must be conducted in confidence. The Project Sponsor must use Standard Form 1445 or equivalent documentation to memorialize the interviews. Copies of the SF 1445 are available from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on request.

(2) The Project Sponsor shall periodically conduct spot checks of a representative sample of weekly payroll data to verify that contractors or subcontractors are paying the appropriate wage rates. The Project Sponsor shall establish and follow a spot check schedule based on its assessment of the risks of noncompliance with Davis-Bacon posed by contractors or subcontractors and the duration of the contract or subcontract. At a minimum, if practicable, the subrecipient should spot check payroll data within two weeks of each contractor or subcontractor's submission of its initial payroll data and two weeks prior to the completion date the contract or subcontract. Project Sponsors must conduct more frequent spot checks if the initial spot check or other information indicates that there is a risk that the contractor or subcontractor is not complying with Davis-Bacon. In addition, during the examinations the Project Sponsor shall verify evidence of fringe benefit plans and payments thereunder by contractors and subcontractors who claim credit for fringe benefit contributions.

(3) The Project Sponsor shall periodically review contractors and subcontractors use of apprentices and trainees to verify registration and certification with respect to apprenticeship and training programs approved by either the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) or a state, as appropriate, and that contractors and subcontractors are not using disproportionate numbers of laborers, trainees, and apprentices. These reviews shall be conducted in accordance with the schedules for spot checks and interviews described in items (1) and (2) above.

(4) Project Sponsors must immediately report potential violations of the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements to the EPA Davis-Bacon contact Sheryl Parsons at [Parsons.Sheryl@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Parsons.Sheryl@epamail.epa.gov) and to the appropriate DOL Wage and Hour District Office listed at <http://www.dol.gov/whd/america2.htm>.

#### 8.09. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENT.

The Project Sponsor's subcontracts must contain requirements that all of the iron and steel products used in the Project are in compliance with the American Iron and Steel requirement as described in H. R. 3547, "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014" unless the Project Sponsor has obtained a waiver pertaining to the Project or the Department has advised the Project Sponsor that the requirement is not applicable to the Project.

#### 8.10. SIGNAGE.

The Project Sponsor agrees to comply with the SRF signage guidance in order to enhance public awareness of EPA assistance agreements nationwide. A copy of this guidance is listed as on the Department's SRF webpage at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wff/index.htm> as "Signage Guidance for Capitalization Grant Projects".

### ARTICLE IX - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND INSURANCE

#### 9.01. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

The following documentation is required to receive the Department's authorization to award construction contracts:

- (1) Proof of advertising.
- (2) Award recommendation, bid proposal, and bid tabulation (certified by the responsible engineer).
- (3) Certification of compliance with the conditions of the Department's approval of competitively or non-competitively negotiated procurement, if applicable.
- (4) Certification Regarding Disbarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion.
- (5) Certification by the Authorized Representative that affirmative steps were taken to encourage Minority and Women's Business Enterprises participation in Project construction.

(6) Current certifications for Minority and Women's Business Enterprises participating in the contract. If the goals as stated in the plans and specifications are not met, documentation of actions taken shall be submitted.

(7) Assurance that the Project Sponsor and contractors are in compliance with Section 1606 labor standards, including prevailing wage rates established for its locality by the DOL under the Davis-Bacon Act for Project construction.

(8) Certification that all procurement is in compliance with Section 8.09 which states that all iron and steel products used in the Project must be produced in the United States unless (a) a waiver is provided to the Project Sponsor by EPA or (b) compliance would be inconsistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

#### 9.02. SUBMITTAL OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

After the Department's authorization to award construction contracts has been received, the Project Sponsor shall submit:

- (1) Contractor insurance certifications.
- (2) Executed Contract(s).
- (3) Notices to proceed with construction.

#### 9.03. INSURANCE REQUIRED.

The Project Sponsor shall cause the Project, as each part thereof is certified by the engineer responsible for overseeing construction as completed, and the Water and Sewer Systems (hereafter referred to as "Revenue Producing Facilities") to be insured by an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Florida against such damage and destruction risks as are customary for the operation of Revenue Producing Facilities of like size, type and location to the extent such insurance is obtainable from time to time against any one or more of such risks.

The proceeds of insurance policies received as a result of damage to, or destruction of, the Project or the other Revenue Producing Facilities, shall be used to restore or replace damaged portions of the facilities. If such proceeds are insufficient, the Project Sponsor shall provide additional funds to restore or replace the damaged portions of the facilities. Repair, construction or replacement shall be promptly completed.

### ARTICLE X - DETAILS OF FINANCING

#### 10.01. PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF LOAN.

The estimated principal amount of the Loan is \$3,416,895 which consists of \$3,395,595 to be disbursed to the Project Sponsor and \$21,300 of Capitalized Interest.

Capitalized Interest is not disbursed to the Project Sponsor, but is amortized via periodic Loan repayments to the Department as if it were actually disbursed. Capitalized Interest is computed at the interest rate, or rates, set for the Loan. It accrues and is compounded annually from the time when disbursements are made until six months before the first Semiannual Loan Payment is due. Capitalized Interest is estimated prior to establishing the schedule of actual disbursements.

#### 10.02. LOAN SERVICE FEE.

The Loan Service Fee is \$67,912 for the Loan amount authorized to date. The fee represents two percent of the Loan amount excluding Capitalized Interest; that is, two percent of \$3,395,595. An additional Loan Service Fee amount will be assessed for any additional funding provided by amendment to this Agreement. The fee shall be adjusted downward if adjustment of Project costs results in a Loan decrease, provided that the decrease amendment is executed before the first Semiannual Loan Payment due date.

Interest shall accrue on the Loan Service Fee at the rate, or rates, set for the Loan until the fee is paid. Loan Service Fee interest shall be compounded annually from the effective date of the Loan until six months before the first Semiannual Loan Payment is due at which time it is capitalized. The estimated Loan Service Fee capitalized interest is \$850.

#### 10.03. INTEREST RATE.

The rate of interest on the unpaid principal of the Loan amount specified in Section 10.01 is 0.86 percent per annum. However, if this Agreement is not executed by the Project Sponsor and returned to the Department before October 1, 2016, the interest rate may be adjusted. A new interest rate shall be established for any additional funds provided by amendment to this Agreement.

#### 10.04. LOAN TERM.

The Loan shall be repaid in 40 Semiannual Loan Payments.

#### 10.05. REPAYMENT SCHEDULE.

The Semiannual Loan Payment shall be computed based upon the principal amount of the Loan plus the Loan Service Fee and Loan Service Fee capitalized interest and the principle of level debt service. The Department will deduct the Loan Service Fee and all associated interest from the first two payments. The Semiannual Loan Payment amount may be adjusted, by amendment of this Agreement, based upon revised information. After the final disbursement of Loan proceeds, the Semiannual Loan Payment shall be based upon the actual Project costs and actual dates and amounts of disbursements, taking into consideration any previous payments. Actual Project costs shall be established after the Department's inspection of the completed Project and associated records.

Each Semiannual Loan Payment shall be in the amount of \$95,037 until the payment amount is adjusted by amendment. The interest portion of each Semiannual Loan Payment shall

be computed on the unpaid balance of the principal amount of the Loan, including Capitalized Interest. Interest also shall be computed on the unpaid balance of the Loan Service Fee and Loan Service Fee capitalized interest. Interest shall be computed as of the due date of each Semiannual Loan Payment.

Semiannual Loan Payments shall be received by the Department beginning on July 15, 2018 and semiannually thereafter on January 15 and July 15 of each year until all amounts due hereunder have been fully paid. Funds transfer shall be made by electronic means.

The Semiannual Loan Payment amount is based on the total amount to be repaid of \$3,485,657, which consists of the Loan principal plus the Loan Service Fee with its capitalized interest.

#### 10.06. PROJECT COSTS.

The Project Sponsor and the Department acknowledge that the actual Project costs have not been determined as of the effective date of this Agreement. Project cost adjustments may be made as a result of construction bidding or mutually agreed upon Project changes. Capitalized Interest will be recalculated based on actual dates and amounts of Loan disbursements. If the Project Sponsor receives other governmental financial assistance for this Project, the costs funded by such other governmental assistance will not be financed by this Loan. The Department shall establish the final Project costs after its final inspection of the Project records. Changes in Project costs may also occur as a result of the Project Sponsor's Project audit or a Department audit. The Project Sponsor agrees to the following estimates of Project costs:

#### **PROJECT COSTS**

CATEGORY	COST(\$)
Construction and Demolition	2,829,663
Contingencies	282,966
Technical Services After Bid Opening	282,966
SUBTOTAL (Disbursable Amount)	3,395,595
Capitalized Interest	21,300
TOTAL (Loan Principal Amount)	3,416,895

#### 10.07. SCHEDULE.

The Project Sponsor agrees by execution hereof:

- (1) Invoices submitted for work performed on or after January 20, 2016 shall be eligible for reimbursement.
- (2) Completion of Project construction is scheduled for January 15, 2018.
- (3) The Loan Debt Service Account shall be established and Monthly Loan Deposits shall begin no later than January 15, 2018.

(4) The initial annual certification required under Subsection 2.01(10) of this Agreement shall be due April 15, 2018. Thereafter the certification shall be submitted no later than September 30 of each year until the final Semiannual Loan Payment is made.

(5) The first Semiannual Loan Payment in the amount of \$95,037 shall be due July 15, 2018.

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ARTICLE XI - EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

This Loan Agreement DW580430 may be executed in two or more counterparts, any of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Secretary or Designee and the Project Sponsor has caused this Agreement to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Representative and by its affixed seal. The effective date of this Agreement shall be as set forth below by the Department.

for  
**CITY OF VENICE**

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Mayor

Attest:

I attest to the opinion expressed in Section 2.02,  
entitled Legal Authorization.

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City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

SEAL

for  
**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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Secretary or Designee

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Date