

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the **CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, herein referred to as "**CITY**" located at 1301 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401, and **SOUTH STATE, INC.** located 202 Reeves Road, P.O. Box 68,¹Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302 hereinafter referred to as the "**CONTRACTOR**", pursuant to Resolution No 535 adopted by City Council on July 16, 2025 a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City requires the services of a contractor to perform Pacific Avenue signal optimization from Atlantic Avenue/Black Horse Pike to New Hampshire Avenue as set forth herein and as needed by City; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is ready, willing, and able to undertake such services; and

WHEREAS, the City believes the Contractor to be well able to undertake and perform such services for the City and desires to contract with Contractor for the performance of such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**SECTION ONE
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The services to be performed under this Agreement are as follows: **PACIFIC AVENUE SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE/BLACK HORSE PIKE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE** as described in the proposal attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. In the event that there is a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and attachments, this Agreement shall supersede and control.

**SECTION TWO
CONTRACT PRICE**

The City shall pay to the Contractor, and the Contractor agrees to accept as full and

complete compensation for all of the work performed under this Agreement a total sum not to exceed **SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$6,263,480.05)**.

SECTION THREE CONTRACT PERIOD

The Agreement shall be for a term of four hundred thirty-one (431) calendar days from the date of an approved purchase order as outlined in the specifications.

SECTION FOUR CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

The contract documents which comprise the contract between City and Contractor are as follows:

- a. This Agreement.
- b. Form of Advertisement, Notice to Contractors, Proposal Form, Specifications and Addenda, approved and adopted by the Council of the **CITY** and the bid or proposal of the **CONTRACTOR** received and publicly opened and read at a meeting of the Purchasing Board held on July 10, 2025 covering the items set forth in this Agreement, all of which documents are attached hereto and on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the **CITY**, and are hereby made a part of this Agreement as though each were set forth verbatim herein.
- c. Any work required by one or more of said documents and not by the other shall be performed as if required by both. Any requirements pursuant to this Agreement in conflict with any requirement in the Bid documents shall be governed by this Agreement.
- d. Contractor shall be required to comply with City Ordinance No. 44 of 2014 and specifically subsections (a) and (b) of Article 1 establishing a first source employment linkage program to facilitate and encourage private sector

employment opportunities for Atlantic City residents.

- e. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Specifications and the vendor's proposal, Specifications control.
- f. Specifications and bid documents drafted by the Contractors shall include terms requiring bidders to make every effort to give preference when hiring subcontractors, laborers or other professionals to local Atlantic City residents and businesses to the extent allowable by law.

SECTION FIVE PAYMENT METHOD

Payment to CONTRACTOR shall be made upon submission of invoices for payment to the City Engineer and approval of the same by the City Engineer.

It is expressly understood and agreed that payment of monies authorized under and by this Agreement shall only be funds appropriated by the Council of the City for the purpose of this Agreement and paid into the treasury of the City, therefore. Pursuant to NJSA 40:A:11-16.7 regarding changed conditions, should there be any additional work required, Contractor may not proceed to bill for any additional services without prior written consent of the City.

SECTION SIX STATUS OF CONTRACTOR

It is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the status of the CONTRACTOR and its employees, officers, and agents shall be that of independent contractors. It is not intended, nor shall it be construed, that the CONTRACTOR or any of its employees, officers and agents is an employee or officer of the City for any purpose whatsoever.

SECTION SEVEN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes arising under the Agreement shall be submitted to a process of resolution pursuant to alternative dispute resolution practices, such as mediation, binding arbitration or non-binding arbitration pursuant to industry standards, prior to being submitted to a court for adjudication.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the City from seeking injunctive or declaratory relief in court at any time. The alternative dispute resolution practices required by this section shall not apply to disputes concerning the bid solicitation or award process, or the formation of contracts or subcontracts. In addition, the Architect/Engineer or other interested parties to the dispute shall be joined in any proceeding as a necessary party unless the arbitrator or person appointed to resolve the dispute determines that such joinder is inappropriate. (N.J. Stat. § 40A:11-50)

**SECTION EIGHT
TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, EXPIRATION**

The parties agree that either party can cancel this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice. At the termination, cancellation or expiration of this Agreement in any manner, the acceptance of final payment by the CONTRACTOR shall be in full satisfaction of all claims against the CITY under this Agreement.

**SECTION NINE
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

CONTRACTOR represents that it is in compliance with all laws of the State of New Jersey, all Ordinances of the City of Atlantic City, including Ordinance No. 24 of 1993, Executive Order No. 1 of 1993, and Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, involving Affirmative Action and minority business participation and will remain so for the term of this Agreement, and failure to continue in compliance shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement.

**SECTION TEN
ASSIGNMENT**

CONTRACTOR cannot assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the CITY.

**SECTION ELEVEN
CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any

interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the within Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall knowingly be employed by the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors.

SECTION TWELVE EFFECT OF ILLEGALITY

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be illegal or against public policy or to violate any provisions of law or code by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION THIRTEEN FULL AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and any prior understandings or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Agreement shall not be binding on either party except to the extent incorporated in this Agreement.

SECTION FOURTEEN CHOICE OF LAW

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Jersey and the ordinances of the City of Atlantic City. All actions, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement shall be instituted in the courts of New Jersey and in the County of Atlantic and in no other.

SECTION FIFTEEN INDEMNIFICATION

The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the CITY from and against any claim (including any claim brought by employees of Contractor), liability, damage or expense (including attorneys' fees) that City may incur relating to, arising out of or existing by

reason of (i) Contractor's performance of this Agreement or the conditions created thereby (including use, misuse or failure of any equipment used by Contractor or its subcontractors, servants or employees) or (ii) Contractor's breach of this Agreement or the inadequate or improper performance of this Agreement by Contractor or its subcontractors, servants or employees.

SECTION SIXTEEN INSURANCE

Before commencing work, and as a condition precedent for payment, the Contractor shall purchase and maintain insurance, in conformance with the provisions contained in this Agreement. This insurance will provide a defense and indemnify the City against any such claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use, which arises out of the Contractor's operations under this Agreement. This insurance shall apply regardless of whether the operations, actions, derelictions or failures to act from which the claim arises, are attributable to the Contractor, any of its Contractors, officers, agents, subcontractors, employees, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them including anyone for whose acts of the aforementioned may be liable by operation of statute, government regulation, or applicable case law and the City, unless, caused by the sole negligence of the City.

Proof of this insurance shall be provided to the City before the work commences as set forth below. In no event shall the failure to provide this proof, prior to the commencement of work, be deemed a waiver by the City of the Contractor's insurance obligations set forth herein.

In the event that the insurance company (ies) issuing the policy (ies) required by this section deny coverage to the City, the Contractor will defend and indemnify the City at the Contractor's expense.

Minimum of Liability:

The Contractor must obtain the required insurance with the carrier rated A-VII or better by A. M. Best. The Contractor and all subcontractors and vendors retained by the Contractor shall

maintain at least the limits of liability as set forth below:

Commercial General Liability Insurance

\$ 1,000,000.00 Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)

\$ 2,000,000.00 General Aggregate

\$ 2,000,000.00 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate

\$ 1,000,000.00 Personal and Advertising Injury

Contractual liability that will respond to Section Fifteen, Indemnification, shall be included in the policy. The General Aggregate Limit shall apply separately to the work as defined in Section One, Scope of Services. As an alternative, the Contractor may provide Commercial general Liability Insurance with no aggregate. All subcontractors must also maintain all of the following insurances.

Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance

\$ 1,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Coverage must include all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used by the Contractor.

Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance

\$ 500,000.00 Each Accident

\$ 500,000.00 Each Employee for Injury by Disease

\$ 500,000.00 Aggregate for Injury by Disease

If the Contractor is a Sole Proprietor, Partnership or LLC, Insurance Policy and Certificate must indicate that the proprietor/partners/members are "included". This requirement does not apply if inclusion is not allowed by law.

Additional Insured Status and Certificate of Insurance

The City, along with their respective elected or appointed officials, officers, agents and employees, shall be named as Additional Insureds for Operations and Products/Completed Operations on the Contractor's Commercial general Liability Policy which must be primary and noncontributory with respect to the Additional Insureds.

It is expressly understood by the parties to this Agreement that it is the intent of the parties that any insurance obtained by the City is deemed excess, noncontributory and not co-primary in relation to the coverage (s) procured by the Contractor, any of its Contractor's, officers, agents,

subcontractors, employees or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts any of the aforementioned may be liable by operations of statute, government regulation or applicable case law.

A Waiver of Subrogation clause shall be added to the General Liability and Automobile policies in favor of the City, and this clause shall apply to the City's elected or appointed officials, officers, agents, and employees. It should also apply to the Contractor's Worker's Compensation policy if allowed by state law. If the Contractor's actual policy limits are greater than these requirements, the requirements in this Agreement are automatically increased to the actual policy limits.

If the Contractor hires any independent contractor, mechanic etc. to perform service on the premises of the City, that independent contractor will be required to meet these insurance requirements. Prior to commencement of work, Contractor shall submit a Certificate of Insurance in favor of the City and as an Additional Insured Endorsement (in a form acceptable to the City) as required hereunder.

No Limitation on Liability

In any and all claims against the Additional Insureds by any employee of the Contractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor or anyone for whose acts the Contractor may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited by any limitation on the amount or type of damage, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor under Workers' Compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

Failure to Obtain/Maintain, Cancellation and Renewal

The Contractor shall maintain in effect all insurance coverages required under this Agreement at the Contractor's sole expense and with insurance companies acceptable to the City. In the event the Contractor fails to obtain or maintain any insurance coverage required under this Agreement, the City may, at its sole discretion, purchase such coverage as desired for the City's benefit and charge the expense to the Contractor, or, in the alternative, terminate this Agreement. In the event the coverage is cancelled or non-renewed, the Contractor will provide 21 days advance notice of the cancellation or non-renewal.

**SECTION SEVENTEEN
PREFERENCE DOMESTIC PRODUCTS**

It is understood by and between the parties hereto that only manufactured products of the United States, wherever available, shall be used in connection with this Agreement, pursuant to R.S. 40A:11-18.

**SECTION EIGHTEEN
WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION**

No waiver or renunciation by either party to this Agreement with respect to any breach or default or of any right or remedy consequent thereon shall be deemed to constitute a continuing waiver or renunciation or a waiver or renunciation of any other breach or default or any other right or remedy consequent thereon unless such waiver or renunciation be expressed in writing, signed by the party making such waiver or renunciation and specifying the nature and extent of such waiver or renunciation.

**SECTION NINETEEN
BINDING**

This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, assigns, and/or successors in right, title or interest of the parties to the Agreement.

**SECTION TWENTY
CAPTIONS**

All captions in this Agreement are for convenience only. They should not be deemed part of this Agreement and in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof.

**SECTION TWENTY-ONE
MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.

Further, the City will not accept invoices representing time and expenses that were performed or incurred outside or beyond the contract end date.

Any work not specifically authorized may be rejected for payment at the discretion of the City.

**SECTION TWENTY-TWO
POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE**

This Agreement has been awarded to **SOUTH STATE, INC.** based on the merits and abilities of **SOUTH STATE, INC.** to provide the goods or services as described herein. This Agreement was awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. Nevertheless, the undersigned does hereby attest that **SOUTH STATE, INC.** their subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company have neither made a contribution that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this Agreement, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the Agreement that would affect its ability to perform under the Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused the Seal of the City of Atlantic City to be hereto affixed and this Agreement to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk thereof, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be executed by its President and attested by its Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed the day and year first below written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY

By: Paula Geletei
Paula Geletei, City Clerk

By: Marty Small, Sr.
Marty Small, Sr., Mayor

Date: 8/20/2025

WITNESS:

SOUTH STATE, INC.

[Signature]
Robert Bryan, Assistant Secretary

By: [Signature]
President Chester J. Ottinger, Jr.

The Agreement approved as to form and execution.

Date: 8/14/25

By: [Signature]
Peter T. Sallata, Esq.
Assistant City Solicitor

STATE OF New Jersey)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Cumberland)

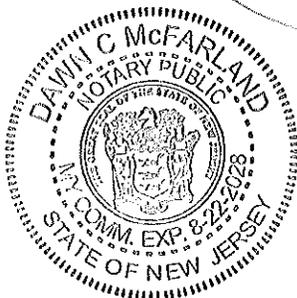
I CERTIFY that on August 12, 2025,
Robert Bryan, the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Corporation,
personally came before me, and this person acknowledged under oath, to my satisfaction, that:

- (a) this person is the secretary or assistant secretary of
South State, Inc.
(the corporation named in this document);
- (b) this person is the attesting witness to the signing of this document by the proper corporate officer of the corporation;
- (c) this document was signed and delivered by the corporation as its voluntary act duly authorized by a proper resolution of its Board of Directors and;
- (d) this person signed this proof to attest to the truth of these facts.

Signed and sworn to before me on

August 12, 2025

[Signature]
Secretary or Asst. Secretary



Resolution of the City of Atlantic City

No. 535

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

Factual contents certified to by

Assistant City Solicitor /s/ Karl Timbers

Director of Public Works/s/ Crystal Lewis

Prepared by City Solicitor's Office

Council Member RANDOLPH presents the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO SOUTH STATE INC.,
FOR PACIFIC AVENUE SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION FROM ATLANTIC AVE/ BLACK HORSE
PIKE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,263,480.05**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the bid of **SOUTH STATE, INC.**, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at P.O. Box 68, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302, received and publicly opened and read at a meeting of the Purchasing Board held July 10, 2025, **FOR PACIFIC AVENUE SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE/BLACK HORSE PIKE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE** said bid is hereby **ACCEPTED**, said Corporation being the lowest responsible bidder for the undertaking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that authority is hereby given to the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest an agreement, to be entered into between the City of Atlantic City and **SOUTH STATE, INC.**, for the hereinabove undertaking, in strict compliance with the Advertisement, Proposal Form, and the Specifications and Instructions to bidders therefore, approved and adopted by the City Council said agreement and the required accompanying performance bond to be approved as to form and execution by the City Solicitor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certification from the Chief Financial Officer has been attached to this Resolution, showing the availability of funds from Account Nos. G-02-41-812-A21-963(\$1,200,000.00) and G-02-41-813-022-950 (\$5,063,480.05) for a total not to exceed **SIX MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$6,263,580.05)**.

July 18, 2025 11:17 AM

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RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT								X					
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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the City Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION: JULY 16, 2025

Paula Geletei

/s/ Paula Geletei, City Clerk

The within bond issued by
Travelers Casualty Surety Co. of America
is hereby approved as surety
for the faithful performance of
the contract attached.


Peter T Sallata, Asst. Solicitor

Date 8/14/25