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CONTRACT #2014.154

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# CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A CONTRACT BETWEEN

**DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA**

AND

**WESTERN BOTANICAL SERVICES, INC.**

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This Contract for Services by an Independent Contractor (the "Contract") is entered into by and between Douglas County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, through the Board of County Commissioners (the "County"), and Western Botanical Services, Inc. ("Contractor"). The County and Contractor are at times collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party."

**WHEREAS**, Douglas County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, from time to time requires the services of independent contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed that the services of Contractor herein specified are both necessary and desirable and in the best interests of Douglas County; and

**WHEREAS**, Contractor represents that Contractor is duly qualified, equipped, staffed, ready, willing and able to perform and render the services hereinafter described.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein made, the County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

**1. TERM AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT.** The Contract will become effective on the date it is approved and signed by representatives of both Parties. Time is of essence for performance of the professional services described herein and all tasks must be completed by Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

**2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** The Parties agree Contractor will have the status of an independent contractor and that the Contract, by explicit agreement of the Parties, incorporates and applies the provisions of NRS 333.700, as necessarily adapted to the Parties, including the express understanding that Contractor is not an employee of the County and that:

There shall be no:

- (1) Withholding of income taxes by the County;
- (2) Industrial insurance coverage provided by the County;
- (3) Participation in group insurance plans which may be available to employees of the County;

- (4) Participation or contributions by either the Contractor or the County to the public employee's retirement system;
- (5) Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave; and
- (6) Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the County if the requirements of NRS 612.085 for independent contractors are met.

**3. INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE.** Contractor further agrees that, prior to the commencement of any work and as a precondition to any obligation of the County to make any payment under the Contract, Contractor will provide the County with a work certificate and/or a certificate issued by a qualified insurer in accordance with NRS 616B.627. Contractor also agrees that, prior to commencing any work under the Contract, Contractor will complete and provide evidence to the County that Contractor has made the following written request to Contractor's insurer:

Western Botanical Services, Inc. has entered into a contract with Douglas County to perform work through Wednesday, December 31, 2014 and requests that an authorized insurer provide to Douglas County: (1) A certificate of coverage issued pursuant to NRS 616B.627 and (2) Notice of any lapse in coverage or nonpayment of coverage that the Contractor is required to maintain.

The certificate and notice should be mailed to:

Douglas County  
Public Works Department  
Post Office Box 218  
Minden, Nevada 89423

Contractor agrees to maintain all required workers' compensation coverage throughout the entire term of the Contract. If Contractor does not maintain the required coverage throughout the entire term of the Contract, Contractor agrees that the County may, at any time the coverage is not maintained by Contractor, order the Contractor to stop work, suspend the Contract, or terminate the Contract at the sole discretion of the County. For each six-month period this Contract is in effect, Contractor agrees, prior to the expiration of the six-month period, to provide another written request to the insurer for the provision of a certificate and notice of lapse in, or nonpayment of, insurance coverage. If Contractor does not make the request or does not provide the certificate before the expiration of the six-month period, Contractor agrees that the County may order the Contractor to stop work, suspend the Contract, or terminate the Contract at the sole discretion of the County.

**4. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The Parties agree that the Contractor will perform the following:

- a. Conduct a site review of the North County Waterline alignment from the vicinity of the Sunridge Booster Station across the Hill and Conway parcels to North Sunridge Drive and to the connection with Carson City.
- b. Prepare technical specifications for revegetation of the waterline alignment.

- c. Provide submittal review, construction observation and documentation during construction of revegetation.
- d. Work is generally described in the attached July 17, 2014, letter from Western Botanical Services, Inc.

**5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.** Contractor agrees to provide the services set forth in Paragraph 4 on a time and materials cost not to exceed Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$4,540) (the "Contract Price"). Unless Contractor has received a written exemption from the County, Contractor shall submit monthly requests for payment for services performed under this Contract. Requests for payment shall be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of a month and must include a detailed summary of the expenditures reported in a form that supports the approved budget. Specifically, Contractor agrees to provide with each request for payment a schedule of actual expenditures for the period, cumulative total expenditures for the entire contract, and a comparison of cumulative total expenditures to the maximum expected fee for the services and tasks set forth in Paragraph 4.

**6. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.** Either Party may terminate the Contract if either Party fails to correct any breach of the terms of the Contract within 30 days after receiving notice of such breach and having been given a reasonable opportunity to cure the breach.

**7. NONAPPROPRIATION.** All payments required pursuant to the Contract are contingent upon the availability of County funds. In accordance with NRS 354.626 and any other applicable provision of law, the financial obligations between the Parties will not exceed those monies appropriated and approved by the County for the Contract for the then current fiscal year under the Local Government Budget Act. The Contract will terminate and the County's obligations will be extinguished if the County fails to appropriate the necessary funding.

Nothing in the Contract will be construed to provide Contractor with a right of payment from any entity other than the County. Any funds budgeted by the County pursuant to the terms of the Contract that are not paid to Contractor will automatically revert to the County's discretionary control upon the completion, termination, or cancellation of the Contract. The County will not have any obligation to re-award or to provide, in any manner, the unexpended funds to Contractor. Contractor will have no claim of any sort to the unexpended funds.

**8. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT.** The Contract will be construed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Nevada. There will be no presumption for or against the drafter in interpreting or enforcing the Contract. In the event a dispute arises between the Parties, the Parties promise and agree to first meet and confer to resolve any dispute. If such meeting does not resolve the dispute, then the Parties agree to mediate any dispute arising from or relating to the Contract before an independent mediator mutually agreed to by the parties. The fee, rate or charge of the mediator will be shared equally by the Parties, who will otherwise be responsible for their own attorney's fees and costs. If mediation is unsuccessful, litigation may only proceed before a department of the Ninth Judicial Court of the State of Nevada in and for the County of Douglas that was not involved in the mediation process and attorney's fees and costs will be awarded to the prevailing party at the discretion of the court.

**9. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.** Contractor promises and agrees to fully and completely comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, orders, or

requirements of any sort in carrying out the obligations of the Contract, including, but not limited to, all federal, state, and local accounting procedures and requirements, all hazardous materials regulations, and all immigration and naturalization laws.

**10. ASSIGNMENT.** Contractor will neither assign, transfer nor delegate any rights, obligations or duties under the Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

**11. COUNTY INSPECTION.** The books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices of Contractor related to the Contract will be subject to inspection, examination and audit by the County, including, but not limited to, the contracting agency, the County Manager, the District Attorney, and, if applicable, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any authorized representative of those entities.

**12. DISPOSITION OF CONTRACT MATERIALS.** Any books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials prepared by or supplied to Contractor in the performance of its obligations under the Contract (the "Materials") will be the exclusive property of the County and all such materials will be remitted and delivered, at Contractor's expense, to the County by Contractor upon the completion, termination or cancellation of the contract. Alternatively, if the County provides its written approval to Contractor, the Materials must be retained by Contractor for a minimum of six years after Contractor's receipt of the final payment from County and all other pending matters are closed. If, at any time during the retention period, the County, in writing, requests any or all of the Materials, then Contractor will promptly remit and deliver the materials, at Contractor's expense, to the County. Unless the County has requested the remittance and delivery by Contractor of the Materials, Contractor will not use, willingly allow or cause to have such Materials used for any purpose other than the performance of Contractor's obligations under the terms of the Contract without the prior written consent of the County.

**13. PUBLIC RECORDS LAW.** Contractor expressly understands and agrees that all documents submitted, filed, or deposited with the County by Contractor, unless designated as confidential by a specific statute of the State of Nevada, will be treated as public records pursuant to NRS chapter 239 and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person, as defined in NRS 0.039, or any governmental entity. Contractor expressly and indefinitely waives all of its rights to bring, including but not limited to, by way complaint, interpleader, intervention, or any third party practice, any claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, or executions, for damages or any other relief, in any administrative or judicial forum, against the County or any of its officers or employees, in either their official or individual capacity, for violations of or infringement of the copyright laws of the United States or of any other nation.

**14. INDEMNIFICATION.** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and save and hold the County, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, causes of action or liability arising from or related to Contractor's negligent performance pursuant to the terms of the Contract by Contractor or Contractor's agents or employees.



**15. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT.** The Contract and the attached exhibits constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties and may only be modified by a written amendment signed by both of the Parties.

**16. AUTHORITY.** The Parties represent and warrant that they have the authority to enter into this agreement.

**17. STANDARD OF CARE.** Contractor will perform all services in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other members of Contractor's profession currently practicing in the same locality under similar conditions.

**18. WAIVER OF LIEN.** Contractor understands and agrees that the services it will render to the County are not intended for the improvement of real property or to otherwise grant any rights to Contractor pursuant to NRS chapter 108.

**19. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY.** Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to convey any rights or to create a contractual relationship with any third party or to otherwise allow a third party to assert a cause of action against either Contractor or County.

**20. NOTICES.** All notices, requests, demands and other communications hereunder must be in writing and will be deemed delivered when sent via certified mail, return receipt requested or by commercial courier, provided the courier's regular business is delivery service and provided further that it guarantees delivery to the addressee by the end of the next business day following the courier's receipt from the sender, addressed as follows (or any other address that the Party to be notified may have designated to the sender by like notice):

**To County:**

Douglas County  
Attn: Public Works Director  
1120 Airport Road  
Post Office Box 218  
Minden, Nevada 89423  
Telephone: (775) 782-6227

**To Contractor:**

Western Botanical Services, Inc.  
5859 Mt. Rose Highway  
Reno, NV 89511  
Telephone: (775) 849-3223

**21. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** By signing the Contract, Contractor agrees that any information obtained from Douglas County, in whatever form, will not be divulged to other competing interests without the permission of the County Manager. In the event of a breach of this provision, Douglas County may immediately withdraw, without penalty or any payment, from the Contract. Contractor must notify Douglas County of any other contracts or projects Contractor is working on that may impact Douglas County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have caused the Contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

**Western Botanical Services, Inc.**

By: *Julie Etra* *July 22, 2014*  
(Date)

**Julie Etra, MS, CPESC**

**Douglas County**

By: *Carl Ruschmeyer* *7/28/14*  
**Carl Ruschmeyer - Public Works Director** (Date)



## WESTERN BOTANICAL SERVICES, INC.

July 17, 2014

Ron Roman  
Engineering Manager  
Douglas County Public Works  
1120 Airport Road, F2  
P.O. Box 218  
Minden, NV 89423

Dear Ron:

Western Botanical Services Inc. (WBS) is pleased to submit the following Scope of Services (Scope) to provide revegetation and erosion control design and construction inspection services for the North County Water Line Project

Thank you for taking the time to show me the project yesterday. I believe I have a good handle on how to proceed. If the proposal is acceptable I will need approximate acreage of sites requiring re-treatment before I proceed with design.

Our rates are as follows:

Revegetation and Erosion Control Specialist: \$125/hr.

Technical Assistant: \$85/hr.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Julie Etra, MS, CPESC

Attachment (1)



**PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK AND FEE ESTIMATE**

North County Water Line

<b>TASK</b>	<b>HRS</b>	<b>\$TOTAL</b>
<b>A. SITE REVIEW/ANALYSIS</b>		
Revegetation and Erosion Control Specialist	4	500.00
Technical Assistant		
<b>B. 100% PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE</b>		
Revegetation and Erosion Control Specialist	8	1,000.00
Technical Assistant	2	270.00
<b>C. SUBMITTAL REVIEW, CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT, DOCUMENTATION</b>		
Revegetation and Erosion Control Specialist	20	2,500.00
Technical Assistant	2	270.00
<b>SUBTOTAL CONSULTING</b>		<b>\$4,540.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Mileage @ .56/mi	<b>QTY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
		NA
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>NA</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,540.00</b>

Douglas County

State of Nevada

**CERTIFIED COPY**

I certify that the document to which this certificate is attached is a full and correct copy of the original record on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office on this

14 day of August, 2014  
By [Signature] Deputy

**This quote is valid for net 30 days. All plans and specifications are site-specific and may not be applied to other projects without the written consent of WBS.**