

## Abra Water Company, Inc. – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Contract Addendum

**Notice:** The contract or purchase order to which this addendum is attached is made using federal assistance provided to Abra Water Company, Inc. by the US Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA Funds”), Sections 602(b) and 603(b) of the Social Security Act, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021). In using such funds, the Utility must comply with the terms of ARPA, regulations issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) governing the expenditure of monies distributed from the ARPA Funds (including, without limitation, the Interim Final Rule (86 Fed. Reg. 26,786 (May 17, 2021) and Final Rule (87 Fed. Reg. 4,338 (Jan. 27, 2022)), the Award Terms and Conditions applicable to the ARPA Funds, and such other guidance as Treasury has issued or may issue governing the expenditure of monies distributed from the ARPA Funds (collectively, the “Regulatory Requirements”). Additionally, pursuant to the Regulatory Requirements, the Utility must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200 other than such provisions as Treasury has determined or may determine are inapplicable to the ARPA Funds and pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.327 the Utility must include within any contract applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, each of which is contained in this Addendum.

The following terms and conditions apply to you, the contractor or vendor, as a contractor of the Abra Water Company, Inc., according to the Utility’s Award Terms and Conditions signed on May 11, 2021; by ARPA and its implementing regulations; and as established by the Treasury Department.

**A. Equal Employment Opportunity.** If this contract is a Federally Assisted Construction Contract (as defined in 41 C.F.R. §60-1.3) exceeding \$10,000, during the performance of this contract, contractor agrees as follows:

1. Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for

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employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

3. Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with Contractor's legal duty to furnish information.
4. Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
5. Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
6. Contractor will furnish to the Administering Agency (as specified in 41 C.F.R. §60-1.3) and the Secretary of Labor all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
7. In the event of contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and contractor may be declared ineligible for further government contracts or Federally Assisted Construction Contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965. Such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
8. Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph A.1. of this section and the provisions of paragraphs A.1. through A.7. in every

subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor

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or vendor. Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Administering Agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Provided, however, that in the event contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Administering Agency, contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The Utility further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work. Provided, that if the Utility so participating is a state or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the Contract.

9. The Utility agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractor and any subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor; that it will furnish the Administering Agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance; and that it will otherwise assist the Administering Agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.
10. The Utility further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and Federally Assisted Construction Contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and that it will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractor and any subcontractors by the Administering Agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the Utility agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the Administering Agency may take any or all of the following actions: cancel, terminate, or suspend, in whole or in part, this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

**B. Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act.** Contractor and any subcontractors performing work under the contract shall comply with 18 U.S.C. §874. The Utility shall report all suspected

or reported violations to Treasury.

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**C. Suspension and Debarment.**

1. This contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 CFR §180.210 and 31 CFR §19.2103000. Therefore, this Contract is a lower-tier covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and 31 C.F.R. Part 19 if (1) the amount of this Contract is greater than or equal to \$25,000 (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(1); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(1)); (2) the Contract requires the consent of an official of the Department of the Treasury (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(2); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(2)); or (3) this Contract is for federally required audit services (2 C.F.R. § 180.220(b)(3); 31 C.F.R. § 19.220(b)(3)).
2. As such, the contractor is required to verify that contractor's principals (defined at 2 CFR § 180.995) or its affiliates (defined at 2 CFR § 180.905) of both contractor and contractor's principals are not excluded (defined at 2 CFR § 180.935) and are not disqualified (defined at 2 CFR § 180.935). If any of the foregoing persons are excluded or disqualified and the Secretary of the Treasury has not granted an exception pursuant to 31 C.F.R. §19.120(a) (a) this contract shall be void; (b) Utility shall not make any payments of federal financial assistance to contractor; and (c) Utility shall have no obligations to contractor under this contract.
3. The contractor must comply with 2 CFR pt. 180, subpart C and 31 CFR pt. 19, and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by the Utility and all liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by the contractor.
4. If it is later determined that the contractor did not comply with 2 CFR pt. 180, subpart C and 31 CFR pt. 19, in addition to remedies available to the Utility, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.

**D. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as amended.**

1. Contractor certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. §1352. Contractor shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with

obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier, up to the recipient who in turn will forward the certification(s) to the awarding agency. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which Utility has relied when

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entering into this contract, and all liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by contractor.

2. **\*Purchases over \$100,000 - Contractors must sign the certification on the last page of this addendum and shall cause any subcontractors with a subcontract (at any tier) exceeding \$100,000 to file with the tier above it the same certification.**

#### **E. Access to Records.**

1. Contractor agrees to provide Abra Water Company, Inc., the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this contract for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, investigations and transcriptions. The Contractor agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed, and agrees to cooperate with all such requests. No language in this contract is intended to prohibit audits or internal reviews by the Treasury Department or the Comptroller General of the United States.
2. Contractor agrees to retain all records covered by this section through December 31, 2031, or such longer period as is necessary for the resolution of any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other inquiry involving the contract.

#### **F. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement.**

1. The Government reserves a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for "Government purposes," any subject data or copyright described below. "Government purposes" means use only for the direct purposes of the Government. Without the copyright owner's consent, the Government may not extend its federal license to any other party.

(a) Any subject data developed under the contract, whether or not a copyright has been obtained, and

(b) Any rights of copyright purchased by contractor using federal assistance funded in whole or in part by the Department of the Treasury.

2. Unless Treasury determines otherwise, a contractor performing experimental,

developmental, or research work required as part of this contract agrees to permit Treasury to make available to the public either (a) Treasury's license in the copyright to any subject data developed in the course of the Contract or (b) a copy of the subject data first produced under the contract for which a copyright has not been obtained. If the experimental, developmental, or research work which is the subject of this contract is not completed for any reason whatsoever, all data developed under the contract shall

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become subject data as defined herein and shall be delivered as the Government may direct.

3. Unless prohibited by North Carolina law, upon request by the Government, contractor agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless the Government, its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties against any liability, including costs and expenses, resulting from any willful or intentional violation by contractor of proprietary rights, copyrights, or right of privacy arising out of the publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, use, or disposition of any data furnished under the contract. Contractor shall be required to indemnify the Government for any such liability arising out of the wrongful act of any employee, official, or agent of the contractor.
4. Nothing contained in this clause shall imply a license to the Government under any patent or be construed as affecting the scope of any license or other right otherwise granted to the Government under any patent.
5. Data developed by contractor and financed entirely without using federal assistance provided by the Government that has been incorporated into work required by the underlying contract is exempt from the requirements herein, provided that contractor identifies that data in writing at the time of delivery of the contract work. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract for experimental, developmental, or research work financed in whole or in part with federal assistance.
6. For the purposes of this section "subject data" means "recorded information, whether or not copyrighted, . . . that is delivered or specified to be delivered as required by the contract." Examples of "subject data" include, but are not limited to, "computer software, standards, specifications, engineering drawings and associated lists, process sheets, manuals, technical reports, catalog item identifications, and related information, but do not include financial reports, cost analyses or other similar information used for performance or administration of the contract."

**G. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327 through 333) (applies only to purchases over \$100,000, when laborers or mechanics are used.)**

Where applicable, all contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §3702 and

§3704 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under §3702 of the Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. §3704 are applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of

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supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

**H. Clean Air Act & Federal Water Pollution Control Act (applies to purchases of more than \$150,000).**

1. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
2. The contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.
3. The Contractor agrees to report each violation of the Clean Air Act and the Water Pollution Control Act to Abra Water Company, Inc. and understands and agrees that the Utility will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
4. Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance.

**I. Prohibition on Contracting for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.**

1. Definitions. Unless otherwise defined in this contract, capitalized terms used in this section shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in this section.
  - (a) "Backhaul" means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (e.g., connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (e.g., fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

(b) “Covered Foreign Country” means the People’s Republic of China.

(c) “Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services” means (i) telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); (ii) for the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); (iii) telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment;

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or (iv) telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a Covered Foreign Country.

(d) “Critical Technology” means (i) defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations; (ii) items included on the Commerce Control List set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administration Regulations under subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations and controlled (a) pursuant to multilateral regimes, including for reasons relating to national security, chemical and biological weapons proliferation, nuclear nonproliferation, or missile technology, or (b) for reasons relating to regional stability or surreptitious listening; (iii) specially designed and prepared nuclear equipment, parts and components, materials, software, and technology covered by part 810 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to assistance to foreign atomic energy activities); (iv) nuclear facilities, equipment, and material covered by part 110 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to export and import of nuclear equipment and material); (v) select agents and toxins covered by part 331 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations; part 121 of title 9 of such Code; or part 73 of title 42 of such Code; or (vi) emerging and foundational technologies controlled pursuant to §1758 of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. §4817).

(e) “Interconnection Arrangements” means arrangements governing the physical connection of two or more networks to allow the use of another’s network to hand off traffic where it is ultimately delivered (e.g., connection of a customer of



telephone provider A to a customer of telephone company B) or sharing data and other information resources.

(f) “Roaming” means cellular communications services (e.g., voice, video, data) received from a visited network when unable to connect to the facilities of the home network either because signal coverage is too weak or because traffic is too high.

(g) “Substantial or Essential Component” means any component necessary for the proper function or performance of a piece of equipment, system, or service.

(h) “Telecommunications Equipment or Services” means telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services, such as, but not limited to, mobile phones, land lines, internet, video surveillance, and cloud services.

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## 2. Prohibitions.

(a) Section 889(b) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. No. 115-232, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 prohibit the head of an executive agency on or after August 13, 2020, from obtaining or expending grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds on certain telecommunications products or from certain entities for national security reasons.

(b) Unless an exception in applies, contractor and any subcontractors may not use grant, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan guarantee funds (including, without limitation, Fiscal Recovery Funds) received from a federal government to:

i. Procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology of any system;

ii. Enter into, extend, or renew a contract to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology of any system;

iii. Enter into, extend, or renew contracts with entities that use Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system; or

iv. Provide, as part of its performance of this contract, any subcontract; any

other contractual instrument; or any equipment, system, or service that uses Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system.

### 3. Exceptions.

(a). This clause does not prohibit contractor or subcontractors from providing:

i. A service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as Backhaul, Roaming, or Interconnection Agreements, or

ii. Telecommunications equipment that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(b). By necessary implication and regulation, the prohibitions also do not apply

to: i. Covered telecommunications equipment that:

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(a) Is not used as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system and

(b) Is not used as Critical Technology of any system.

ii. Other telecommunications equipment or services that are not considered Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

### 4. Reporting Requirement.

(a). In the event contractor identifies, during contract performance, covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services used as a Substantial or Essential Component of any system or as Critical Technology as part of any system, or if contractor is notified of such by a subcontractor at any tier or by any other source, contractor shall report the information in paragraph 4(b) of this section to Utility, unless procedures for reporting the information are established elsewhere in this contract.

(b). Contractor shall report the following information to Utility pursuant to paragraph 4(a) of this section:

i. Within one business day from the date of such identification or notification: contract number; order number(s), if applicable; supplier name; supplier unique entity identifier (if known); supplier Commercial

and Government Entity (CAGE) code (if known); brand; model number (original equipment manufacturer number, manufacturer part number, or wholesaler number); item description; and any readily available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended.

ii. Within ten business days of submitting the information in paragraph 4(b)(i) of this section, any further available information about mitigation actions undertaken or recommended. In addition, contractor shall describe (1) the efforts it undertook to prevent use or submission of Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services and (2) any additional efforts that will be incorporated to prevent future use or submission of Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services.

5. Subcontractor. Contractor shall cause to be inserted into all subcontracts and other contractual instruments relating to the performance of this contract the substance of this Section I, including this paragraph 5.

**J. Buy USA - Domestic preference for certain procurements using federal funds.**

Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable under a Federal award, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other

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manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all sub awards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award. For purposes of this section:

1. "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
2. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

**K. Procurement of Recovered Materials.**

1. This section shall apply if (1) this contract involves the purchase of an item designated by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that exceeds \$10,000 or (2) the total value of such designated items acquired during the Utility's preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000.
2. In the performance of this contract, the contractor shall make maximum use of

products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired:

- a. Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
  - b. Meet contract performance requirements; or
  - c. Be acquired at a reasonable price.
3. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA- designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website. The contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable requirements of Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

**L. Minority and Women Business Enterprises.** Contractor hereby agrees to comply with the following when applicable: The requirements of Executive Orders 11625 and 12432 (concerning Minority Business Enterprise), and 12138 (concerning Women's Business Enterprise), *when applicable*. Accordingly, the contractor hereby agrees to take affirmative steps to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as sources

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of supplies, equipment, construction and services. Affirmative steps shall include the following:

1. Including qualified women's business enterprises and small and minority businesses on solicitation lists;
2. Assuring that women's enterprises and small and minority businesses are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
3. When economically feasible, dividing total requirements into smaller tasks or quantities so as to permit maximum participation by small and minority business, and women's business enterprises;
4. Where the requirement permits, establishing delivery schedules which will encourage participation by women's business enterprises and small and minority business; and
5. Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Office of Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and the North Carolina Office for Historically Underutilized

## Businesses.

For the purposes of these requirements, a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by members of the following groups: Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaskan Natives. A Women Business Enterprise (WBE) is defined as an enterprise that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled in its daily operation by women. Additionally, an MBE or WBE qualifies if it is currently certified as a North Carolina “historically underutilized business” under N.C.G.S. §143-128.4(a) and qualifies as a “small business” if it is independently owned and operated and is qualified under the Small Business Administration criteria and size standards at 13 C.F.R. Part 21.

**M. Assurances of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.** Contractor and any subcontractor, or the successor, transferee, or assignee of contractor or any subcontractor, shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract. Title VI also provides protection to persons with “Limited English Proficiency” in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, as implemented by Treasury’s Title VI regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

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**N. Publications.** Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: “This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.”

**O. Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States.** Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 Fed. Reg.19216 (Apr. 18, 1997), contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for your employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

**P. Reducing Text Messaging While Driving.** Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 Fed. Reg. 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), contractor is encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

**Q. Conflicts and Interpretation.** To the extent that any portion of this Addendum conflicts with any term or condition of this contract expressed outside of this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall govern.

**R. Other Non-Discrimination Statutes.** Contractor acknowledges that Utility is bound by and agrees, to the extent applicable to contractor, to abide by the provisions contained in the federal statutes enumerated below and any other federal statutes and regulations that may be applicable to the expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds: The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 *et seq.*), and Treasury’s implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

**S. Conflicts of Interest; Gifts and Favors.**

1. Contractor understands that (1) Utility will use ARPA Funds to pay for the cost of this contract and (2) the expenditure of ARPA Funds is governed by the *Conflict of Interest Policy* of the Utility, the Regulatory Requirements (including, without limitation, 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c)(1)), and North Carolina law (including, without limitation, G.S. 14-234(a)(1) and -234.3(a)).

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2. Contractor certifies to Utility that as of the date hereof, to the best of its knowledge after reasonable inquiry, no employee, officer, elected official, or agent of Utility involved in the selection, award, or administration of this contract (each a “Covered Individual”); no member of a Covered Individual’s immediate family; no partner of a Covered Individual; and no organization (including contractor) which employs or is about to employ a Covered Individual has a financial or other interest in, or has received a tangible personal benefit from, contractor. Should contractor obtain knowledge of any such interest or any tangible personal benefit described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, contractor shall promptly disclose the same to Utility in writing.
3. Contractor certifies to Utility that it has not provided, nor offered to provide, any gratuities, favors, or anything of value to an officer, employee, elected official or agent of Utility. Should contractor obtain knowledge of the provision, or offer of any provision, of any gratuity, favor, or anything of value to an officer, employee, elected official or agent described in the preceding sentence after the date hereof, contractor shall promptly disclose the same to Utility in writing.

**CONTRACTOR:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Abra Water Company, Inc.:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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*- This form is required only for purchases of more than \$100,000 -*

**31 CFR Part 21 – New Restrictions on Lobbying –  
CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of

Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all contractors shall certify and disclose accordingly.
4. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The contractor, \_\_\_\_\_, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Ch. 38, Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

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Signature of Contractor's authorized official

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Print name and title of person signing above)