

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
BIOCHAR WASTE DIVERSION FACILITY BUILDING**

THIS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, STATE OF COLORADO** (the “County”) and **BAUEN STUDIOS, LLC**, authorized to do business in Colorado (the “Contractor”). The County and the Contractor, hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually to as a “Party.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County advertised that sealed bids would be received for furnishing planning, design, engineering, permitting, mobilization, materials, labor, and construction installation, bonding, and insurance needed for the construction of the Biochar Waste Diversion Facility Building project; and

WHEREAS, bids from said advertisement have been received by the County, and it has been recommended that a contract for said work be made and entered into with the above-named Contractor who was the lowest, responsive, responsible, qualified bidder therefore; and

WHEREAS, said Contractor is now willing and able to perform all of said work in accordance with the Contract Documents and its bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the compensation to be paid the Contractor, the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, and subject to the terms hereinafter stated, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: It is agreed by the Parties hereto that the following list of instruments, drawings and documents which are attached hereto and bound herewith or incorporated herein by reference constitute and shall be referred to either as the Contract Documents or the Contract, and all of said instruments, drawings and documents taken together as a whole constitute the Contract between the Parties hereto, and they are as fully a part of and incorporated into this Agreement as if they were set out verbatim and in full herein:

- This Contract, Sections 1 through 24
- Performance Bond
- Payment Bond
- Irrevocable Directive of Draw Proceeds
- Notices to Proceed
- General Contract Conditions (Standard Specifications for Construction)
- Invitation to Bid
- Contractor Bid
- Technical Specifications (if any)
- Special Conditions (if any)
- Addenda (if any)
- Contract Drawings (if any)
- Change Directives (if any)

Change Orders (if any)
Shop Drawings (if any)

2. SCOPE OF WORK: The Contractor agrees to and shall furnish all labor and tools, supplies, equipment, superintendence, materials and everything necessary for and required to do, perform and complete all of the work described, drawn, set forth, shown and included in said Contract Documents and Exhibit A.

3. TERMS OF PERFORMANCE: The Contractor agrees to begin the performance of the work required under this Contract within ten (10) days after being notified to commence work by the County's Authorized Representative pursuant to a Notice to Proceed and agrees to substantially complete said work in its entirety by **January 31, 2027**. The exact number of days for completion will be determined upon Notice to Proceed. This period of performance is also referred to as the Contract Time. The Contractor is not authorized to commence work prior to its receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

4. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: There will be no liquidated damages for this Contract.

5. TERMS OF PAYMENT: Subject to additions and deletions pursuant to Change Order and other provisions of the Contract Documents, including Exhibit B, the County agrees to pay the Contractor for the performance and completion of all of the work as required by the Contract Documents, and the Contractor agrees to accept as its full and only compensation therefore, subject to additions and deletions pursuant to Change Order and other provisions of the Contract Documents, the total lump sum amount of **SEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-ONE CENTS (\$7,876,169.81)** payable pursuant to the Contract Documents. Any work accomplished and put in place by the Contractor above and beyond the appropriated and allocated funds for each budget year will be done at the Contractor's risk.

This maximum contract amount includes the Contractor's services of seven million one hundred sixty thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars and eighty-one cents (\$7,876,169.81); and construction contingency of seven hundred sixteen thousand fifteen dollars and zero cents (\$716,015.00).

6. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS: This appropriation is for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. The County is not under obligation to make any future apportionment or allocation to this Contract. Any work performed in excess of amounts appropriated shall be solely the risk of the Contractor. Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, it is expressly understood and agreed that: (1) any County financial obligation, whether direct or contingent, for all or any part of the work under this Contract, shall extend only to monies duly and lawfully appropriated and budgeted by the County and encumbered for the purposes of this Contract; (2) County does not by this Contract irrevocably pledge present cash reserves for payments in this or future fiscal years; (3) this Contract is not intended to create a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or financial obligation of County; (4) the obligation of County for expenditure obligations, if any, arising during any subsequent fiscal year in which this Contract could be extended and be in effect shall only extend to utilization and payment of monies appropriated and budgeted and encumbered for the purpose of this Contract in the fiscal year in which obligations arise; and (5) no change order may be issued requiring compensation work which causes the aggregate amount payable under the Contract to exceed the amounts appropriated, budgeted and encumbered for the payment of this Contract in the fiscal year in which such obligations arise, unless the Contractor is given written assurance by the County that lawful appropriations to cover the cost of the additional work have been made or unless such work is covered

under a remedy-granting provision in the Contract. Any work completed for this Contract shall be secured from harm until future moneys are appropriated so that additional work may commence. In the event a future appropriation is made by the County, County will inform contractor in writing of any amounts appropriated for work proposed herein.

7. TAXES: The Contractor shall apply to the State Revenue Department for an exemption certificate to exempt it from having to pay sales and use tax.

8. PERMITS AND LICENSES: Unless otherwise provided, the Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses pay all charges and fees including, but not limited to, all inspection charges of agencies having appropriate jurisdiction, give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful construction of the Project. County may assist Contractor, when necessary, in obtaining such permits and licenses.

9. BADGE ACCESS TO COUNTY FACILITIES: If this Contract requires access to multiple facilities within Douglas County, including law enforcement and judicial buildings such as the Douglas County Justice Center, 4000 Justice Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109, that may contain Criminal Justice Information (CJI) material, additional provisions are necessary. If applicable, Douglas County will perform prescreening background checks of successful bidders and associated personnel. In addition, successful bidders and associated personnel must pass state and federal fingerprint and background checks prior to the start of work and access to any Douglas County facility. To complete the fingerprinting and background checks, successful bidders and associated personnel must set up vendor accounts with the Colorado Bureau of Investigations (CBI): <https://cbi.colorado.gov/sections/biometric-identification-and-records-unit/new-accounts>. Depending on access requirements, the successful bidders and associated personnel may be required to sign an additional CJIS security addendum.

10. INDEMNIFICATION: The County cannot and by this Contract does not agree to indemnify, hold harmless, exonerate or assume the defense of the Contractor or any other person or entity whatsoever, for any purpose whatsoever. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever, including Workers' Compensation claims, in any way resulting from or arising from the services rendered under this Contract; provided, however, that the Contractor need not indemnify or save harmless the County, its officers, agents and employees from damages resulting from the sole negligence of the County's commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees.

11. CONTRACT BINDING: It is agreed that this Contract shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto, their heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and successors.

12. ASSIGNMENT: The Contractor shall not assign the whole or any part of its duties, rights and interest in this Contract without first obtaining the written consent of the County.

13. SEVERABILITY: If any part, portion or provision of this Contract shall be found or declared null, void, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever by any court of competent jurisdiction or any governmental agency having authority thereover, only such part, portion or provision shall be affected thereby and all other parts, portions and provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.

14. JOINT VENTURE: If the Contractor is a Joint Venture, the partners to the Joint Venture shall be jointly and severally liable to the County for the performance of all duties and obligations of the Contractor which are set forth in the Contract.

15. NO WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT: The Parties hereto understand and agree that the County, its commissioners, officials, officers, directors, agents and employees, are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive by any provisions of this Contract, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101 to 120, C.R.S., or otherwise available to the County.

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: Contractor is an independent contractor. Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract, all personnel assigned by Contractor to perform work under this Contract shall be and remain at all times, employees of Contractor for all purposes. It is not intended nor shall it be construed that the Contractor, its employees or volunteers are agents, employees or officers of the County for any purpose whatsoever.

17. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS: Drawings, specifications, guidelines and any other documents prepared by Contractor in connection with this Agreement shall be the property of the County.

18. INSURANCE: The Contractor shall be required to maintain the insurance requirements provided in Exhibit C, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

19. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS PROHIBITED: Pursuant to Section 15 of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, there is a presumption of impropriety between contributions to any campaign and sole source government contracts. Therefore, the Contractor agrees, that in the event Contractor is awarded sole source contracts by the State or any of its political subdivisions exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) cumulatively from any and all governmental entities within a calendar year, Contractor shall, for the duration of this Agreement and for two (2) years thereafter, cease making, causing to be made, or inducing by any means, a contribution, directly or indirectly, on behalf of any political party or for the benefit of any candidate for any elected office of the State or any of its political subdivisions. Further, pursuant to Section 16 of Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution, in the event that the Contractor is awarded sole source contracts in excess of the amounts discussed herein, Contractor shall promptly prepare and deliver to the executive director of the Colorado Department of Personnel, a true and correct "Government Contract Summary," for this Agreement in a form acceptable to that office.

20. COLORADO LABOR PREFERENCE: The provisions of Sections 8-17-101 and 102, C.R.S., are applicable to this Contract. Colorado labor must be employed to perform the work to the extent of not less than eighty percent of each type or class of labor in the several classifications of skilled and common labor employed on the Project. "Colorado labor" means any person who is a resident of the State of Colorado, at the time of employment, without discrimination as to race, color, creed, sex, age, or religion except when sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification.

21. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS: All of the work performed under this Contract by the Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes of the United States and the State of Colorado. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable ordinances, regulations, and resolutions of the County and shall commit no trespass on any public or private property in the performance of any of the work embraced by this Contract.

22. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: The Parties acknowledge and agree that the provisions contained herein constitute the entire agreement and that all representations made by any commissioner, official, officer, director, agent or employee of the respective parties unless included herein are null and void and of no effect. No alterations, amendments, changes or modifications to this Contract, except those which are expressly reserved herein to the Authorized Representative, shall be valid unless they are contained in writing and executed by all the Parties with the same formality as this Contract.

23. COUNTY EXECUTION OF CONTRACT: This Contract is expressly subject to and shall not be or become effective or binding on the County, until execution by all signatories of the County.

24. FORCE MAJEURE: No party shall be liable for failure to perform hereunder if such failure is the result of *force majeure*. Any time limit shall be extended for the period of any delay resulting from any *force majeure*, or this Contract may be terminated if such delay makes performance of the Contract impossible or impracticable. *Force majeure* shall mean causes beyond the reasonable control of a party such as, but not limited to, weather conditions, acts of God, strikes, work stoppages, unavailability of or delay in receiving labor or materials, faults by contractors, subcontractors, utility companies or third parties, fire or other casualty or action of government authorities.

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PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned [**Contractor**], a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor" and [**Bond Company name**], a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [**Bond company state**], and authorized to transact business in the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY", in the penal sum of [**Amount**] **dollars (\$000,000.00)** lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum the Contractor and Surety bind themselves and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above Contractor has on the ____ day of _____, 2026, entered into a written contract with the County for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, tools, superintendence, and other facilities and accessories for the construction of Contract No. _____, in accordance with the all Contract Documents therefor which are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, and are herein referred to as the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this performance bond is such that if the Contractor:

1. Promptly and faithfully observes, abides by and performs each and every covenant, condition and part of said Contract, including, but not limited to, its warranty provisions, in the time and manner prescribed in the Contract, and
2. Pays the County all losses, damages (liquidated or actual, including, but not limited to, damages caused by delays in the performance of the Contract), expenses, costs and attorneys' fees, that the County sustains resulting from any breach or default by the Contractor under the Contract, then this bond is void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect.

IN ADDITION, if said Contractor fails to duly pay for any labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or any other supplies used or consumed by said Contractor or its subcontractors in its performance of the work contracted to be done or fails to pay any person who supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment, all amounts due as the result of the use of such machinery, tools, or equipment in the prosecution of the work, the Surety shall pay the same in an amount not exceeding the amount of this obligation, together with interest as provided by law.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the said Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that any and all changes in the Contract or compliance or noncompliance with the formalities in the Contract for making such changes shall not affect the Surety's obligations under this bond and the Surety hereby waives notice of any such changes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Contractor and said Surety have executed these presents as of this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
President

SURETY

By: _____
Attorney-in-Fact

(Accompany this bond with Attorney-in-Fact's authority from the Surety to execute bond, certified to include the date of the bond.)

PAYMENT BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned [**Contractor**], a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor" and [**Bond Company name**], a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [**Bond company state**], and authorized to transact business in the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY", in the penal sum of [**Amount**] **dollars (\$000,000.00)** lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum the Contractor and Surety bind themselves and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this payment bond obligation is such that if the Contractor shall at all times promptly make payments of all amounts lawfully due to all persons supplying or furnishing it or its subcontractors with labor and materials, rental machinery, tools, or equipment, used or performed in the prosecution of work provided for in the above Contract and shall indemnify and save harmless the County to the extent of any and all payments in connection with the carrying out of such Contract which the County may be required to make under the law, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect;

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the said Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that any and all changes in the Contract, or compliance or noncompliance with the formalities in the Contract for making such changes shall not affect the Surety's obligations under this bond and the Surety hereby waives notice of any such changes.

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EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Per IFB -BIOCHAR WASTE DIVERSION FACILITY BUILDING.

EXHIBIT B

FEE SCHEDULE OR METHOD OF PAYMENT

A Purchase Order will be issued to the Contractor for this project, and the Purchase Order number must be included on all invoices/payment applications.

Payment terms are Net 30.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. The Contractor agrees to procure and maintain with insurers with an A- or better rating as determined by Best's Key Rating Guide, at its own expense, the following policies of insurance:

(a) Workers' Compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by applicable laws for any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract, and Employers' Liability insurance with the following limits:

Workers' Compensation:	Statutory
Employers' Liability:	\$1,000,000

(b) Commercial General Liability insurance with minimum combined single limits of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence and TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) aggregate. The policy will be applicable to all premises and operations. The policy will include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage (including completed operations), personal injury (including coverage for contractual and employee acts), blanket contractual, independent contractors, products, and completed operations. The policy will include coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards. The policy will contain a severability of interests provision.

(c) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with minimum combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) each occurrence with respect to each of Contractor's owned, hired and non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in performance of the services. The policy will contain a severability of interests provision.

2. The required Commercial General Liability and Commercial Automobile Liability policies will be endorsed to include Douglas County as a Certificate Holder and name Douglas County, its officers and employees as additional insureds. The required Workers' Compensation policy will be endorsed to include Douglas County as a Certificate Holder. Douglas County reserves the right to request and receive a certified copy of any policy and any endorsement thereto.

3. The certificates of insurance will be provided to Douglas County by the Contractor's insurance agent or carrier as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions, and minimum limits are in full force and effect. The completed certificates of insurance and any notices, within 20 days of cancellation, termination, or material change will be sent to:

Megan Datwyler
Douglas County
Risk Management
100 Third Street
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

4. The Contractor will not be relieved of any liability, claims, demands, or other obligations assumed by its failure to procure or maintain insurance, or its failure to procure or maintain insurance in sufficient amounts, durations, or types.

5. Failure on the part of the Contractor to procure or maintain policies providing the required coverages, conditions and minimum limits will constitute a material breach of contract upon which Douglas County may immediately terminate this contract.

6. The parties hereto understand and agree that Douglas County is relying on, and does not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this contract, the monetary limitations (presently \$150,000 per person and \$600,000 per occurrence) or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Sections 24-10-101 et seq., C.R.S., as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to Douglas County, its officers, or its employees.

Approved by:
Megan Datwyler,
Risk Manager