

CS-22-035

BOCC CONTRACT APPROVAL FORM

(Request for Contract Preparation)

CONTRACT TRACKING NO. 3242

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requesting Department: OMB

Contact Person: Marshall Eyerman

Telephone: 904-530-6010 Email: meyerman@nassaucountyfl.com

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name: We Decorate, LLC.

Address: 1796 South Metro Parkway Dayton OH 45459
City State Zip

Contractor's Administrator Name: Josh Johnston Title: CEO

Telephone: 937-886-4848 Fax: () _____ Email: joshj4@hotmail.com

IDENTIFY WHO WILL SIGN CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF CONTRACTOR (NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS)

Authorized Signatory Name: Josh Johnston

Authorized Signatory Email: joshj4@hotmail.com

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Contract Name: Holiday Lighting Service

Description: Professional Holiday Lighting Services and to assist County with designing, installing and servicing a Christmas Lighting display in Fernandina Beach town.

GOODS AND/OR SERVICES TO BE PROCURED, PHYSICAL LOCATION, ETC.

Total Amount of Contract: \$185,613.19 Term: Execution through September 30th 2023
APPROXIMATE IF NECESSARY

Source of Funds: County State Federal Other _____ Account: 37523552-548520 HOLDY

Authorized Signatory: Jeff Gray

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Contract Dates: From: Execution to: September 30, 2023 Termination/Cancellation:

Status: New Renew Amend# WA/Task Order Supplemental Agreement

How Procured: Exemption Sole Source Single Source ITB RFP RFQ Coop
 Piggyback Quotes Other _____

If Processing an Amendment:

Contract #: _____ Increased Amount to Existing Contract: _____

New Contract Dates: _____ to _____ Total or Amended Amount: Continued on next page

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CHECKLIST		
<i>Review/Complete before sending contract for final signature</i>		
Requirement	Description	Complete By
Contract, Exhibits and Appendices	1) The contract and all documents incorporated by reference in the contract, including exhibits and appendices are attached (including E-Verify, Pricing, Scope, etc.) and properly identified; and 2) All such documents have been read and agreed to in their entirety by originating department and staff members who have obligations under this contract.	Dept LG
Name, Address, Contact Person	The full name, address, legal status (i.e., corporation, partnership, etc.) and contact person of other party are included.	Dept LG
Understanding	Written contract matches the verbal understanding of all parties. All terms and conditions conform to the final negotiations/agreement of the parties.	Dept LG
Competition/Conflicts and Existing Contracts/Compliance	This contract does not conflict with any other contracts, promises or obligations of the BOCC. The requesting department verifies the BOCC can comply with all terms and conditions.	Dept LG Cnty Atty
Other Necessary Agreements	All other necessary agreements or waivers referred to in contract have been obtained and are attached and properly identified for reference.	Cnty Atty
Indemnification	BOCC may not indemnify, hold harmless, be liable to, or reimburse any other party to the contract for claims, lawsuits, damages, attorney fees, or losses incurred by that party in connection with the contract.	Cnty Atty
Term of Contract	Start and end dates of contract are included. Any renewals are included.	Cnty Atty
Warranties/Guarantees	Warranties or guarantees give satisfactory protection.	Cnty Atty/Risk
Insurance	Risk manager has or will approve insurance clauses. Levels confirmed in requirements	Dept LG
Governing Law	The contract is governed under the laws of the State of Florida. The contract may be silent on this issue but in no event will another state's law govern the agreement.	Cnty Atty
Confidentiality Agreements	All nondisclosure clauses include exceptions regarding disclosure as required by law. If not applicable, indicate "n/a."	Cnty Atty
Printed/Typed Names	Names of all persons signing contracts are printed or typed below signatures.	Router

APPROVALS PURSUANT TO NASSAU COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY

1. Marshall Eyerman 10/28/2022
Department Head/Contract Manager Date *GL*
2. Kenneth Belmont 11/1/2022 10/28/2022
Procurement Date
3. Chris Lacambra 11/1/2022
Office of Mgmt & Budget Date
4. Denise C. May 11/1/2022 *DJ*
County Attorney Date 11/1/2022

COUNTY MANAGER – FINAL SIGNATURE APPROVAL

5.  11/1/2022
County Manager Date

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into on November 9, 2022, by and between the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "County", and **WE DECORATE, LLC.**, located at to 1796 South Metro Parkway, Dayton, OH 45459, hereinafter referred to as "Consultant":

WHEREAS, County desires to obtain professional services. Said services and pricing are more fully described in the Proposal, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Consultant desires to render certain consulting services as described in Exhibit "A", and has the qualifications, experience, staff and resources to perform those services; and

WHEREAS, County, through a competitive selection process conducted in accordance with the requirements of law and County policy, and based upon Consultant's assurance that it has the qualifications, staff, experience and resources, County has determined that it would be in the best interest of Nassau County to award a contract to Consultant for the rendering of those services described in Exhibit "A"

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - EMPLOYMENT OF CONSULTANT

County hereby agrees to engage Consultant, and Consultant hereby agrees to perform the services set forth in Exhibit "A".

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

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2.1 Consultant shall provide professional services in accordance with Exhibit "A".

2.2 Services requested by County or County's representative that are in addition to Exhibit "A" will be considered additional services and reviewed, at that time for additional fees. Any additional services shall be mutually agreed upon and provided in writing.

ARTICLE 3 - COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Except as provided in Exhibit "A", County shall provide Consultant with all required data, information, and services regarding the requirements and objectives for the services under this Contract. Consultant shall rely upon the accuracy and completeness of any information, reports, data supplied by County or others authorized by County.

County's responsibilities are to furnish required information, services, render approvals and decisions as necessary for the orderly progress of Consultant's services. County hereby designates the County Manager, or his designee, to act on County's behalf with respect to the Exhibit "A". The County Manager, or his designee, under the supervision of the County Manager, shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define County's policies and decisions with respect to materials, elements and systems pertinent to Consultant's services.

ARTICLE 4 - TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of this Contract shall begin upon full execution of this Contract by all parties and terminate on September 30, 2023. The term of this Contract may be extended for two (2) one (1) year periods upon mutual written agreement between both

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parties, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Any extension of the term under this Contract shall be in County's best interest. Any agreement, renewal, amendment or modification to the term of the Contract shall be subject to fund availability and mutual written agreement between County and Consultant.

In the event that the Contract is continued beyond the term provided, by mutual consent, the Contract shall be carried out on a month-to-month basis only and shall not constitute an implied renewal of the Contract. Said month-to-month extension shall be upon the same terms of the contract and at the compensation and payment provided herein.

ARTICLE 5 - COMPENSATION

5.1 Consultant shall be compensated in accordance with Exhibit "A".

5.2 Consultant shall prepare and submit to the Assistant County Manager, for approval, an invoice for the services rendered, with a copy provided to invoices@nassaucountyfl.com. Invoices for services shall be paid in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act. All invoices shall be accompanied by a report or statement identifying the nature of the work performed, the hours required and compensation for the work performed. The report or statement shall show a summary of fees. County reserves the right to withhold payment to Consultant for failure to perform the work in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, and County shall promptly notify Consultant in writing if any invoice or report is found to be unacceptable and will specify the reasons therefor. Consultant will have thirty (30) days to cure any failure upon written notice.

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5.3 All representation, indemnifications, warranties and guaranties made in, required by or given in accordance with this Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in this Contract, will survive final payment and termination or completion of this Contract.

5.4 Final Invoice: In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, Consultant will clearly state "Final Invoice" on Consultant's final/last billing to County. This indicates that all services have been performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to County and that there is no further work to be performed on the specific project.

ARTICLE 6 – EXPENSES

Consultant shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while performing the services, unless otherwise detailed in Exhibit "A". This includes, without limitation, license fees, memberships and dues; automobile and other travel expenses; meals and entertainment; insurance premiums; and all salary, expenses and other compensation paid to Consultant's agents, if any, hired by Consultant to complete the work under this Contract.

ARTICLE 7 - STANDARD OF CARE

Consultant shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the services as is ordinarily provided by a professional under similar circumstances, at the same time, and in the same locality. At County's sole discretion, Consultant shall, at no additional cost to County, re-perform services which fail to satisfy the foregoing standard of care.

ARTICLE 8 - DOCUMENTS

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The documents which comprise this Contract between County and Consultant are attached hereto and made a part hereof and consist of the following:

- 8.1 This Contract; and
- 8.2 Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and
- 8.3 *Certificate of Liability Insurance* attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and
- 8.4 Any work authorizations, written amendments, modifications or addenda to this Contract.

ARTICLE 9 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

In connection with the work to be performed under this Contract, Consultant agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of State and Federal Equal Employment Opportunity statutes and regulations.


ARTICLE 10 – TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION/PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES AFFIDAVIT

Consultant certifies that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual costs. Consultant represents that it has furnished a Public Entity Crimes Affidavit pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 11 - INDEMNIFICATION

Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless County and its officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or

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intentionally wrongful conduct of Consultant and other persons employed or utilized by Consultant, in the performance of the Contract.

ARTICLE 12 - INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

12.1 Consultant undertakes performance of the services as an independent consultant under this Contract and shall be wholly responsible for the methods of performance. County shall have no right to supervise the methods used, but County shall have the right to observe such performance. Consultant shall work closely with County in performing services under this Contract.

12.2 This Contract shall not render Consultant or any of Consultant's agents an employee, partner, agent of, or joint venturer with County for any purpose. Consultant is and will remain an independent consultant in its relationship to County and Consultant's agents are not and will not become County employees. County shall not be responsible for withholding taxes with respect to Consultant's compensation hereunder. County shall report all payments made to Consultant on a calendar year basis using IRS Form 1099, if required by law. Consultant agrees to report all such payments to the appropriate federal, state and local taxing authorities. County shall not and shall have no obligation to: (a)(i) withhold FICA (Social Security and Medicare taxes) from Consultant's payments or make FICA payments on Consultant's or Consultant's agent's behalf, (ii) make state or federal unemployment compensation contributions or payments on Consultant's or Consultant's agent's behalf, or (iii) withhold state or federal income tax from Consultant's payments; or (b) obtain workers' compensation insurance or any other insurance coverage of any kind on behalf of Consultant or Consultant's agents. If Consultant hires employees to perform any work

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under this Contract, Consultant shall cover them with worker's compensation insurance and provide County with a certificate of workers' compensation insurance before the employees begin the work. Neither Consultant not Consultant's agents are eligible to participate in any employee health, vacation pay, sick pay, or other fringe benefit plan of County. If any government agency or court determines that Consultant should be reclassified as an employee, Consultant hereby waives any right to County benefits and acknowledges and understands that such reclassification shall not entitle Consultant to any benefits offered to County's employees. Consultant and County agree that: (a) Consultant has the right to perform services for others during the term of this Contract; (b) Consultant has the sole right to control and direct the means, manner and method by which the services required by this Contract will be performed; (c) Consultant has the right to perform the services required by this Contract at any location or time; (d) Consultant has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors, or to use employees to provide the services required by this Contract.

ARTICLE 13 – EXTENT OF CONTRACT

13.1 This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between County and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreement, either written or oral.

13.2 This Contract may only be amended, supplemented, modified, changed or canceled by a duly executed written instrument.

ARTICLE 14 - COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

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In performance of the services, Consultant will comply with applicable regulatory requirements including federal, state, and local laws, rules regulations, orders, codes, criteria and standards.

ARTICLE 15 - INSURANCE

Consultant shall maintain such commercial or comprehensive general liability, workers compensation, professional liability, and other insurance as is detailed in Exhibit "B" and as is appropriate for the services being performed hereunder by Consultant, its employees or agents.

ARTICLE 16 – ACCESS TO PREMISES

County shall be responsible for providing access to all project sites (if required), and for providing project-specific information.

ARTICLE 17 - TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

17.1 Termination for Convenience: This Contract may be terminated by County for convenience, upon thirty (30) days of written notice to Consultant. In such event, Consultant shall be paid its compensation for services performed prior to the termination date. In the event that Consultant abandons this Contract or causes it to be terminated, Consultant is liable to County for all loss pertaining to this termination.

17.2 Default by Consultant: In addition to all other remedies available to County, County may terminate this Contract for cause should Consultant neglect, fail to perform, or observe any of the terms, provisions, conditions, or requirements herein contained. Prior to termination, County shall provide written notice of the specific conditions warranting default, and County shall allow thirty (30) days for Consultant to cure.

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ARTICLE 18 - NONDISCLOSURE OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Consultant shall consider all information provided by County and all reports, studies, calculations, and other documentation resulting from Consultant's performance of the services to be proprietary unless such information is available from public sources. Consultant shall not publish or disclose proprietary information for any purpose other than the performance of the services without the prior written authorization of County or in response to legal process.

ARTICLE 19 – UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES

19.1 Neither County nor Consultant shall be considered to be in default of this Contract if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to uncontrollable forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing party could not avoid. The term “uncontrollable forces” shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Contract and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage and governmental actions.

19.2 Neither party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces, which are preventable, removable, or remediable, and which the nonperforming party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed, or remedied with reasonable dispatch. The nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an uncontrollable force, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances

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and uncontrollable forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Contract.

ARTICLE 20 - GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. All legal action necessary to enforce the Contract will be held in Nassau County, Florida.

ARTICLE 21 - MISCELLANEOUS

21.1 Non-waiver: A waiver by either County or Consultant of any breach of this Contract shall not be binding upon the waiving party unless such waiver is in writing. In the event of a written waiver, such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach. The making or acceptance of a payment by either party with knowledge of the existence of a default or breach shall not operate or be construed to operate as a waiver of any subsequent default or breach.

21.2 Severability: Any provision in this Contract that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provisions in any other jurisdiction. The non-enforcement of any provision by either party shall not constitute a waiver of that provision nor shall it affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Contract.

21.3 Public Records: County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. **IF CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING**

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TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, SUITE 6, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097. Under this Contract, to the extent that Consultant is providing services to County, and pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, Consultant shall:

a. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.

b. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.

c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the agreement term and following completion of the Contract if Consultant does not transfer the records to the public agency.

d. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of Consultant or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If Consultant transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, Consultant shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If Consultant keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, Consultant shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public

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agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

e. A request to inspect or copy public records relating to a Nassau County contract for services must be made directly to the Nassau County Custodian of Public Records. If Nassau County does not possess the requested records due to Consultant maintaining the public records, then Nassau County shall immediately notify Consultant of the request for records. Consultant must provide the records to Nassau County or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time. If Consultant does not comply with Nassau County's request for records, Nassau County shall be entitled to enforce the contract provisions herein for failure to comply with the terms of the contract. Any Consultant which fails to provide public records to Nassau County within a reasonable time may also be subject to penalties as provided under Section 119.10, Florida Statutes, including punishment by fine or may be guilty of committing a misdemeanor of the first degree for any willful and knowing violation.

21.4 The provisions of this section shall not prevent the entire Contract from being void should a provision, which is of the essence of the Contract, be determined to be void.

ARTICLE 22 – EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

Consultant must comply with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by Consultant during the term of this Contract to work in Florida. Additionally, if Consultant uses subcontractors to perform any portion of the work (under this Contract), Consultant must include a requirement in

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the subcontractor's contract that the subcontractor use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by subcontractor to perform any such portion of the work. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: www.uscis.gov/e-verify.

ARTICLE 23 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

County and Consultant each binds itself and its director, officers, partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives to the other party to this Contract and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, assigns, and legal representatives.

ARTICLE 24 - CONTINGENT FEES

Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

ARTICLE 25 - OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Consultant shall be required to work in harmony with other consultants relative to providing information requested in a timely manner and in the specified form. All documents, records, disks, original drawings, or other information shall become the property of the County upon completion for its use and distribution as may be deemed appropriate by County.

ARTICLE 26 - FUNDING

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This Contract shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the expenditures provided for in the Contract have been appropriated by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners in the annual budget for each fiscal year of this Contract and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

ARTICLE 27 - NOTICE

27.1 Whenever either party desires or is required under this Contract to give notice to any other party, it must be given by written notice either delivered in person, sent by U.S. Certified Mail, U.S. Express Mail, air or ground courier services, or by messenger service, as follows:

COUNTY:

Marshall Eyerman
Assistant County Manager
96135 Nassau Place, Suite 1, Yulee, FL 32097
Phone: (904) 530-6010
Email: meyerman@nassaucountyfl.com

CONSULTANT:

Josh Johnston
We Decorate, LLC.
1796 South Metro Parkway, Dayton, OH 45459
Phone: (937) 886-4848
Email: joshj4@hotmail.com

27.2 Notices shall be effective when received at the address specified above. Changes in the respective addresses to which such notice may be directed may be made from time to time by any party by written notice to the other party. Email and facsimile are acceptable notice effective when received, however, notices received (i.e.; printed) after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends or holidays, will be deemed received on the

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next business day. The original of the notice must additionally be mailed as required herein.

27.3 Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of Consultant and County.

ARTICLE 28 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

28.1 County may utilize this section, at their discretion, as to disputes regarding contract interpretation. County may send a written communication to Consultant by email, overnight mail, UPS, FedEx, or certified mail. The written notification shall set forth County's interpretation of the Contract. A response shall be provided in the same manner prior to the initial meeting with the County Manager. This initial meeting shall take place no more than twenty (20) days from the written notification of the dispute addressed to Consultant. Consultant should have a representative, at the meeting that can render a decision on behalf of Consultant.

28.2 If there is no satisfactory resolution as to the interpretation of the Contract, the dispute may be submitted to mediation in accordance with mediation rules as established by the Florida Supreme Court. Mediators shall be chosen by County and the cost of mediation shall be borne by Consultant. Consultant shall not stop work during the pendency of mediation or dispute resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract as of the day and year first written above:

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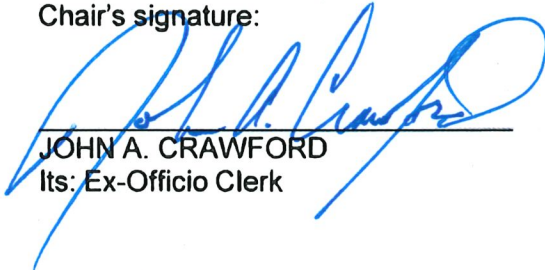
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Jeff Gray,
Its: Chairman

Date: November 9, 2022

Attest as to authenticity of the
Chair's signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the
Nassau County Attorney

Denise C. May 11/1/2022
DENISE C. MAY

WE DECORATE, LLC.

By: Jose Johnston
CEO

Its: _____

Date: 11/1/2022

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Company ID Number: 1731924

**THE E-VERIFY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR EMPLOYERS**

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY**

The parties to this agreement are the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and We Decorate (Employer). The purpose of this agreement is to set forth terms and conditions which the Employer will follow while participating in E-Verify.

E-Verify is a program that electronically confirms an employee's eligibility to work in the United States after completion of Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9). This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) explains certain features of the E-Verify program and describes specific responsibilities of the Employer, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and DHS.

Authority for the E-Verify program is found in Title IV, Subtitle A, of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), Pub. L. 104-208, 110 Stat. 3009, as amended (8 U.S.C. § 1324a note). The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 22.18, "Employment Eligibility Verification" and Executive Order 12989, as amended, provide authority for Federal contractors and subcontractors (Federal contractor) to use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of certain employees working on Federal contracts.

**ARTICLE II
RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMPLOYER

1. The Employer agrees to display the following notices supplied by DHS in a prominent place that is clearly visible to prospective employees and all employees who are to be verified through the system:
 - a. Notice of E-Verify Participation
 - b. Notice of Right to Work
2. The Employer agrees to provide to the SSA and DHS the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the Employer representatives to be contacted about E-Verify. The Employer also agrees to keep such information current by providing updated information to SSA and DHS whenever the representatives' contact information changes.
3. The Employer agrees to grant E-Verify access only to current employees who need E-Verify access. Employers must promptly terminate an employee's E-Verify access if the employer is separated from the company or no longer needs access to E-Verify.



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4. The Employer agrees to become familiar with and comply with the most recent version of the E-Verify User Manual.
5. The Employer agrees that any Employer Representative who will create E-Verify cases will complete the E-Verify Tutorial before that individual creates any cases.
 - a. The Employer agrees that all Employer representatives will take the refresher tutorials when prompted by E-Verify in order to continue using E-Verify. Failure to complete a refresher tutorial will prevent the Employer Representative from continued use of E-Verify.
6. The Employer agrees to comply with current Form I-9 procedures, with two exceptions:
 - a. If an employee presents a "List B" identity document, the Employer agrees to only accept "List B" documents that contain a photo. (List B documents identified in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.2(b)(1)(B)) can be presented during the Form I-9 process to establish identity.) If an employee objects to the photo requirement for religious reasons, the Employer should contact E-Verify at 888-464-4218.
 - b. If an employee presents a DHS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Document), or U.S. Passport or Passport Card to complete Form I-9, the Employer agrees to make a photocopy of the document and to retain the photocopy with the employee's Form I-9. The Employer will use the photocopy to verify the photo and to assist DHS with its review of photo mismatches that employees contest. DHS may in the future designate other documents that activate the photo screening tool.

Note: Subject only to the exceptions noted previously in this paragraph, employees still retain the right to present any List A, or List B and List C, document(s) to complete the Form I-9.
7. The Employer agrees to record the case verification number on the employee's Form I-9 or to print the screen containing the case verification number and attach it to the employee's Form I-9.
8. The Employer agrees that, although it participates in E-Verify, the Employer has a responsibility to complete, retain, and make available for inspection Forms I-9 that relate to its employees, or from other requirements of applicable regulations or laws, including the obligation to comply with the antidiscrimination requirements of section 274B of the INA with respect to Form I-9 procedures.
 - a. The following modified requirements are the only exceptions to an Employer's obligation to not employ unauthorized workers and comply with the anti-discrimination provision of the INA: (1) List B identity documents must have photos, as described in paragraph 6 above; (2) When an Employer confirms the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employee using E-Verify procedures, the Employer establishes a rebuttable presumption that it has not violated section 274A(a)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) with respect to the hiring of that employee; (3) If the Employer receives a final nonconfirmation for an employee, but continues to employ that person, the Employer must notify DHS and the Employer is subject to a civil money penalty between \$550 and \$1,100 for each failure to notify DHS of continued employment following a final nonconfirmation; (4) If the Employer continues to employ an employee after receiving a final nonconfirmation, then the Employer is subject to a rebuttable presumption that it has knowingly



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employed an unauthorized alien in violation of section 274A(a)(1)(A); and (5) no E-Verify participant is civilly or criminally liable under any law for any action taken in good faith based on information provided through the E-Verify.

b. DHS reserves the right to conduct Form I-9 compliance inspections, as well as any other enforcement or compliance activity authorized by law, including site visits, to ensure proper use of E-Verify.

9. The Employer is strictly prohibited from creating an E-Verify case before the employee has been hired, meaning that a firm offer of employment was extended and accepted and Form I-9 was completed. The Employer agrees to create an E-Verify case for new employees within three Employer business days after each employee has been hired (after both Sections 1 and 2 of Form I-9 have been completed), and to complete as many steps of the E-Verify process as are necessary according to the E-Verify User Manual. If E-Verify is temporarily unavailable, the three-day time period will be extended until it is again operational in order to accommodate the Employer's attempting, in good faith, to make inquiries during the period of unavailability.

10. The Employer agrees not to use E-Verify for pre-employment screening of job applicants, in support of any unlawful employment practice, or for any other use that this MOU or the E-Verify User Manual does not authorize.

11. The Employer must use E-Verify for all new employees. The Employer will not verify selectively and will not verify employees hired before the effective date of this MOU. Employers who are Federal contractors may qualify for exceptions to this requirement as described in Article II.B of this MOU.

12. The Employer agrees to follow appropriate procedures (see Article III below) regarding tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending. Further, when employees contest a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer must take additional steps (see Article III.B. below) to contact DHS with information necessary to resolve the challenge.

13. The Employer agrees not to take any adverse action against an employee based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status while SSA or DHS is processing the verification request unless the Employer obtains knowledge (as defined in 8 C.F.R. § 274a.1(l)) that the employee is not work authorized. The Employer understands that an initial inability of the SSA or DHS automated verification system to verify work authorization, a tentative nonconfirmation, a case in continuance (indicating the need for additional time for the government to resolve a case), or the finding of a photo mismatch, does not establish, and should not be interpreted as, evidence that the employee is not work authorized. In any of such cases, the employee must be provided a full and fair opportunity to contest the finding, and if he or she does so, the employee may not be terminated or suffer any adverse employment consequences based upon the employee's perceived employment eligibility status



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(including denying, reducing, or extending work hours, delaying or preventing training, requiring an employee to work in poorer conditions, withholding pay, refusing to assign the employee to a Federal contract or other assignment, or otherwise assuming that he or she is unauthorized to work) until and unless secondary verification by SSA or DHS has been completed and a final nonconfirmation has been issued. If the employee does not choose to contest a tentative nonconfirmation or a photo mismatch or if a secondary verification is completed and a final nonconfirmation is issued, then the Employer can find the employee is not work authorized and terminate the employee's employment. Employers or employees with questions about a final nonconfirmation may call E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218 (customer service) or 1-888-897-7781 (worker hotline).

14. The Employer agrees to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and section 274B of the INA as applicable by not discriminating unlawfully against any individual in hiring, firing, employment eligibility verification, or recruitment or referral practices because of his or her national origin or citizenship status, or by committing discriminatory documentary practices. The Employer understands that such illegal practices can include selective verification or use of E-Verify except as provided in part D below, or discharging or refusing to hire employees because they appear or sound "foreign" or have received tentative nonconfirmations. The Employer further understands that any violation of the immigration-related unfair employment practices provisions in section 274B of the INA could subject the Employer to civil penalties, back pay awards, and other sanctions, and violations of Title VII could subject the Employer to back pay awards, compensatory and punitive damages. Violations of either section 274B of the INA or Title VII may also lead to the termination of its participation in E-Verify. If the Employer has any questions relating to the anti-discrimination provision, it should contact OSC at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD).

15. The Employer agrees that it will use the information it receives from E-Verify only to confirm the employment eligibility of employees as authorized by this MOU. The Employer agrees that it will safeguard this information, and means of access to it (such as PINS and passwords), to ensure that it is not used for any other purpose and as necessary to protect its confidentiality, including ensuring that it is not disseminated to any person other than employees of the Employer who are authorized to perform the Employer's responsibilities under this MOU, except for such dissemination as may be authorized in advance by SSA or DHS for legitimate purposes.

16. The Employer agrees to notify DHS immediately in the event of a breach of personal information. Breaches are defined as loss of control or unauthorized access to E-Verify personal data. All suspected or confirmed breaches should be reported by calling 1-888-464-4218 or via email at E-Verify@dhs.gov. Please use "Privacy Incident – Password" in the subject line of your email when sending a breach report to E-Verify.

17. The Employer acknowledges that the information it receives from SSA is governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(i)(1) and (3)) and the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)). Any person who obtains this information under false pretenses or uses it for any purpose other than as provided for in this MOU may be subject to criminal penalties.

18. The Employer agrees to cooperate with DHS and SSA in their compliance monitoring and evaluation of E-Verify, which includes permitting DHS, SSA, their contractors and other agents, upon



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reasonable notice, to review Forms I-9 and other employment records and to interview it and its employees regarding the Employer's use of E-Verify, and to respond in a prompt and accurate manner to DHS requests for information relating to their participation in E-Verify.

19. The Employer shall not make any false or unauthorized claims or references about its participation in E-Verify on its website, in advertising materials, or other media. The Employer shall not describe its services as federally-approved, federally-certified, or federally-recognized, or use language with a similar intent on its website or other materials provided to the public. Entering into this MOU does not mean that E-Verify endorses or authorizes your E-Verify services and any claim to that effect is false.

20. The Employer shall not state in its website or other public documents that any language used therein has been provided or approved by DHS, USCIS or the Verification Division, without first obtaining the prior written consent of DHS.

21. The Employer agrees that E-Verify trademarks and logos may be used only under license by DHS/USCIS (see [M-795 \(Web\)](#)) and, other than pursuant to the specific terms of such license, may not be used in any manner that might imply that the Employer's services, products, websites, or publications are sponsored by, endorsed by, licensed by, or affiliated with DHS, USCIS, or E-Verify.

22. The Employer understands that if it uses E-Verify procedures for any purpose other than as authorized by this MOU, the Employer may be subject to appropriate legal action and termination of its participation in E-Verify according to this MOU.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

1. If the Employer is a Federal contractor with the FAR E-Verify clause subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR, it will become familiar with and comply with the most current version of the E-Verify User Manual for Federal Contractors as well as the E-Verify Supplemental Guide for Federal Contractors.

2. In addition to the responsibilities of every employer outlined in this MOU, the Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor subject to the employment verification terms in Subpart 22.18 of the FAR it must verify the employment eligibility of any "employee assigned to the contract" (as defined in FAR 22.1801). Once an employee has been verified through E-Verify by the Employer, the Employer may not create a second case for the employee through E-Verify.

a. An Employer that is not enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor at the time of a contract award must enroll as a Federal contractor in the E-Verify program within 30 calendar days of contract award and, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to verify employment eligibility of new hires using E-Verify. The Employer must verify those employees who are working in the United States, whether or not they are assigned to the contract. Once the Employer begins verifying new hires, such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the hire date. Once enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor, the Employer must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.



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- b. Employers enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 days or more at the time of a contract award must use E-Verify to begin verification of employment eligibility for new hires of the Employer who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract, within three business days after the date of hire. If the Employer is enrolled in E-Verify as a Federal contractor for 90 calendar days or less at the time of contract award, the Employer must, within 90 days of enrollment, begin to use E-Verify to initiate verification of new hires of the contractor who are working in the United States, whether or not assigned to the contract. Such verification of new hires must be initiated within three business days after the date of hire. An Employer enrolled as a Federal contractor in E-Verify must begin verification of each employee assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after date of contract award or within 30 days after assignment to the contract, whichever is later.
- c. Federal contractors that are institutions of higher education (as defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001(a)), state or local governments, governments of Federally recognized Indian tribes, or sureties performing under a takeover agreement entered into with a Federal agency under a performance bond may choose to only verify new and existing employees assigned to the Federal contract. Such Federal contractors may, however, elect to verify all new hires, and/or all existing employees hired after November 6, 1986. Employers in this category must begin verification of employees assigned to the contract within 90 calendar days after the date of enrollment or within 30 days of an employee's assignment to the contract, whichever date is later.
- d. Upon enrollment, Employers who are Federal contractors may elect to verify employment eligibility of all existing employees working in the United States who were hired after November 6, 1986, instead of verifying only those employees assigned to a covered Federal contract. After enrollment, Employers must elect to verify existing staff following DHS procedures and begin E-Verify verification of all existing employees within 180 days after the election.
- e. The Employer may use a previously completed Form I-9 as the basis for creating an E-Verify case for an employee assigned to a contract as long as:
- i. That Form I-9 is complete (including the SSN) and complies with Article II.A.6,
 - ii. The employee's work authorization has not expired, and
 - iii. The Employer has reviewed the Form I-9 information either in person or in communications with the employee to ensure that the employee's Section 1, Form I-9 attestation has not changed (including, but not limited to, a lawful permanent resident alien having become a naturalized U.S. citizen).
- f. The Employer shall complete a new Form I-9 consistent with Article II.A.6 or update the previous Form I-9 to provide the necessary information if:
- i. The Employer cannot determine that Form I-9 complies with Article II.A.6,
 - ii. The employee's basis for work authorization as attested in Section 1 has expired or changed, or
 - iii. The Form I-9 contains no SSN or is otherwise incomplete.

Note: If Section 1 of Form I-9 is otherwise valid and up-to-date and the form otherwise complies with



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Article II.C.5, but reflects documentation (such as a U.S. passport or Form I-551) that expired after completing Form I-9, the Employer shall not require the production of additional documentation, or use the photo screening tool described in Article II.A.5, subject to any additional or superseding instructions that may be provided on this subject in the E-Verify User Manual.

g. The Employer agrees not to require a second verification using E-Verify of any assigned employee who has previously been verified as a newly hired employee under this MOU or to authorize verification of any existing employee by any Employer that is not a Federal contractor based on this Article.

3. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, its compliance with this MOU is a performance requirement under the terms of the Federal contract or subcontract, and the Employer consents to the release of information relating to compliance with its verification responsibilities under this MOU to contracting officers or other officials authorized to review the Employer's compliance with Federal contracting requirements.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSA

1. SSA agrees to allow DHS to compare data provided by the Employer against SSA's database. SSA sends DHS confirmation that the data sent either matches or does not match the information in SSA's database.

2. SSA agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides through E-Verify procedures. SSA also agrees to limit access to such information, as is appropriate by law, to individuals responsible for the verification of Social Security numbers or responsible for evaluation of E-Verify or such other persons or entities who may be authorized by SSA as governed by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a), the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and SSA regulations (20 CFR Part 401).

3. SSA agrees to provide case results from its database within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry. E-Verify provides the information to the Employer.

4. SSA agrees to update SSA records as necessary if the employee who contests the SSA tentative nonconfirmation visits an SSA field office and provides the required evidence. If the employee visits an SSA field office within the eight Federal Government work days from the date of referral to SSA, SSA agrees to update SSA records, if appropriate, within the eight-day period unless SSA determines that more than eight days may be necessary. In such cases, SSA will provide additional instructions to the employee. If the employee does not visit SSA in the time allowed, E-Verify may provide a final nonconfirmation to the employer.

Note: If an Employer experiences technical problems, or has a policy question, the employer should contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHS

1. DHS agrees to provide the Employer with selected data from DHS databases to enable the Employer to conduct, to the extent authorized by this MOU:

a. Automated verification checks on alien employees by electronic means, and



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- b. Photo verification checks (when available) on employees.
2. DHS agrees to assist the Employer with operational problems associated with the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS agrees to provide the Employer names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of DHS representatives to be contacted during the E-Verify process.
3. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer with access to E-Verify training materials as well as an E-Verify User Manual that contain instructions on E-Verify policies, procedures, and requirements for both SSA and DHS, including restrictions on the use of E-Verify.
4. DHS agrees to train Employers on all important changes made to E-Verify through the use of mandatory refresher tutorials and updates to the E-Verify User Manual. Even without changes to E-Verify, DHS reserves the right to require employers to take mandatory refresher tutorials.
5. DHS agrees to provide to the Employer a notice, which indicates the Employer's participation in E-Verify. DHS also agrees to provide to the Employer anti-discrimination notices issued by the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
6. DHS agrees to issue each of the Employer's E-Verify users a unique user identification number and password that permits them to log in to E-Verify.
7. DHS agrees to safeguard the information the Employer provides, and to limit access to such information to individuals responsible for the verification process, for evaluation of E-Verify, or to such other persons or entities as may be authorized by applicable law. Information will be used only to verify the accuracy of Social Security numbers and employment eligibility, to enforce the INA and Federal criminal laws, and to administer Federal contracting requirements.
8. DHS agrees to provide a means of automated verification that provides (in conjunction with SSA verification procedures) confirmation or tentative nonconfirmation of employees' employment eligibility within three Federal Government work days of the initial inquiry.
9. DHS agrees to provide a means of secondary verification (including updating DHS records) for employees who contest DHS tentative nonconfirmations and photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmations. This provides final confirmation or nonconfirmation of the employees' employment eligibility within 10 Federal Government work days of the date of referral to DHS, unless DHS determines that more than 10 days may be necessary. In such cases, DHS will provide additional verification instructions.

ARTICLE III

REFERRAL OF INDIVIDUALS TO SSA AND DHS

A. REFERRAL TO SSA

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by SSA, the Employer must print the notice as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify



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case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer agrees to provide written referral instructions to employees and instruct affected employees to bring the English copy of the letter to the SSA. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.

2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. After a tentative nonconfirmation, the Employer will refer employees to SSA field offices only as directed by E-Verify. The Employer must record the case verification number, review the employee information submitted to E-Verify to identify any errors, and find out whether the employee contests the tentative nonconfirmation. The Employer will transmit the Social Security number, or any other corrected employee information that SSA requests, to SSA for verification again if this review indicates a need to do so.
4. The Employer will instruct the employee to visit an SSA office within eight Federal Government work days. SSA will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.
5. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.
6. The Employer agrees not to ask the employee to obtain a printout from the Social Security Administration number database (the Numident) or other written verification of the SSN from the SSA.

B. REFERRAL TO DHS

1. If the Employer receives a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer must promptly notify employees in private of the finding and provide them with the notice and letter containing information specific to the employee's E-Verify case. The Employer also agrees to provide both the English and the translated notice and letter for employees with limited English proficiency to employees. The Employer must allow employees to contest the finding, and not take adverse action against employees if they choose to contest the finding, while their case is still pending.
2. The Employer agrees to obtain the employee's response about whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation as soon as possible after the Employer receives the tentative nonconfirmation. Only the employee may determine whether he or she will contest the tentative nonconfirmation.
3. The Employer agrees to refer individuals to DHS only when the employee chooses to contest a tentative nonconfirmation.
4. If the employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation issued by DHS, the Employer will instruct the



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employee to contact DHS through its toll-free hotline (as found on the referral letter) within eight Federal Government work days.

5. If the Employer finds a photo mismatch, the Employer must provide the photo mismatch tentative nonconfirmation notice and follow the instructions outlined in paragraph 1 of this section for tentative nonconfirmations, generally.

6. The Employer agrees that if an employee contests a tentative nonconfirmation based upon a photo mismatch, the Employer will send a copy of the employee's Form I-551, Form I-766, U.S. Passport, or passport card to DHS for review by:

- a. Scanning and uploading the document, or
- b. Sending a photocopy of the document by express mail (furnished and paid for by the employer).

7. The Employer understands that if it cannot determine whether there is a photo match/mismatch, the Employer must forward the employee's documentation to DHS as described in the preceding paragraph. The Employer agrees to resolve the case as specified by the DHS representative who will determine the photo match or mismatch.

8. DHS will electronically transmit the result of the referral to the Employer within 10 Federal Government work days of the referral unless it determines that more than 10 days is necessary.

9. While waiting for case results, the Employer agrees to check the E-Verify system regularly for case updates.

ARTICLE IV SERVICE PROVISIONS

A. NO SERVICE FEES

1. SSA and DHS will not charge the Employer for verification services performed under this MOU. The Employer is responsible for providing equipment needed to make inquiries. To access E-Verify, an Employer will need a personal computer with Internet access.

ARTICLE V MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION

A. MODIFICATION

1. This MOU is effective upon the signature of all parties and shall continue in effect for as long as the SSA and DHS operates the E-Verify program unless modified in writing by the mutual consent of all parties.

2. Any and all E-Verify system enhancements by DHS or SSA, including but not limited to E-Verify checking against additional data sources and instituting new verification policies or procedures, will be covered under this MOU and will not cause the need for a supplemental MOU that outlines these changes.



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B. TERMINATION

1. The Employer may terminate this MOU and its participation in E-Verify at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the other parties.
2. Notwithstanding Article V, part A of this MOU, DHS may terminate this MOU, and thereby the Employer's participation in E-Verify, with or without notice at any time if deemed necessary because of the requirements of law or policy, or upon a determination by SSA or DHS that there has been a breach of system integrity or security by the Employer, or a failure on the part of the Employer to comply with established E-Verify procedures and/or legal requirements. The Employer understands that if it is a Federal contractor, termination of this MOU by any party for any reason may negatively affect the performance of its contractual responsibilities. Similarly, the Employer understands that if it is in a state where E-Verify is mandatory, termination of this by any party MOU may negatively affect the Employer's business.
3. An Employer that is a Federal contractor may terminate this MOU when the Federal contract that requires its participation in E-Verify is terminated or completed. In such cases, the Federal contractor must provide written notice to DHS. If an Employer that is a Federal contractor fails to provide such notice, then that Employer will remain an E-Verify participant, will remain bound by the terms of this MOU that apply to non-Federal contractor participants, and will be required to use the E-Verify procedures to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees.
4. The Employer agrees that E-Verify is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise, if the Employer is terminated from E-Verify.

ARTICLE VI PARTIES

- A. Some or all SSA and DHS responsibilities under this MOU may be performed by contractor(s), and SSA and DHS may adjust verification responsibilities between each other as necessary. By separate agreement with DHS, SSA has agreed to perform its responsibilities as described in this MOU.
- B. Nothing in this MOU is intended, or should be construed, to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any third party against the United States, its agencies, officers, or employees, or against the Employer, its agents, officers, or employees.
- C. The Employer may not assign, directly or indirectly, whether by operation of law, change of control or merger, all or any part of its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of DHS, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Any attempt to sublicense, assign, or transfer any of the rights, duties, or obligations herein is void.
- D. Each party shall be solely responsible for defending any claim or action against it arising out of or related to E-Verify or this MOU, whether civil or criminal, and for any liability wherefrom, including (but not limited to) any dispute between the Employer and any other person or entity regarding the applicability of Section 403(d) of IIRIRA to any action taken or allegedly taken by the Employer.
- E. The Employer understands that its participation in E-Verify is not confidential information and may be disclosed as authorized or required by law and DHS or SSA policy, including but not limited to,



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Congressional oversight, E-Verify publicity and media inquiries, determinations of compliance with Federal contractual requirements, and responses to inquiries under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

F. The individuals whose signatures appear below represent that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of the Employer and DHS respectively. The Employer understands that any inaccurate statement, representation, data or other information provided to DHS may subject the Employer, its subcontractors, its employees, or its representatives to: (1) prosecution for false statements pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or; (2) immediate termination of its MOU and/or; (3) possible debarment or suspension.

G. The foregoing constitutes the full agreement on this subject between DHS and the Employer.

To be accepted as an E-Verify participant, you should only sign the Employer's Section of the signature page. If you have any questions, contact E-Verify at 1-888-464-4218.



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Approved by:

Employer We Decorate	
Name (Please Type or Print) Bruce M Jaffe	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 08/27/2021
Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division	
Name (Please Type or Print) USCIS Verification Division	Title
Signature Electronically Signed	Date 08/27/2021



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Information Required for the E-Verify Program	
Information relating to your Company:	
Company Name	We Decorate
Company Facility Address	1796 S. Metro Parkway Dayton, OH 45459
Company Alternate Address	
County or Parish	MONTGOMERY
Employer Identification Number	823946918
North American Industry Classification Systems Code	238
Parent Company	3ECJ LLC
Number of Employees	10 to 19
Number of Sites Verified for	1 site(s)



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Are you verifying for more than 1 site? If yes, please provide the number of sites verified for in each State:

OH

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Information relating to the Program Administrator(s) for your Company on policy questions or operational problems:

Name Bruce M Jaffe
Phone Number 9378864848
Fax
Email biaffe@archalite.com



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This list represents the first 20 Program Administrators listed for this company.



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12th day of December, A.D. 2017.

Jon Husted
Ohio Secretary of State

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Articles of Organization for a Domestic Limited Liability Company

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(1) Articles of Organization for Domestic
 For-Profit Limited Liability Company (115-LCA)

(2) Articles of Organization for Domestic
 Nonprofit Limited Liability Company (115-LCA)

Name of Limited Liability Company

Optional: Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY) (The legal existence of the corporation begins upon the filing of the articles or on a later date specified that is not more than ninety days after filing.)

Optional: This limited liability company shall exist for Period of Existence

Optional: Purpose

**** Note for Nonprofit LLCs**
 The Secretary of State does not grant tax exempt status. Filing with our office is not sufficient to obtain state or federal tax exemptions. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that the nonprofit limited liability company secures the proper state and federal tax exemptions. These agencies may require that a purpose clause be provided. **

Original Appointment of Statutory Agent

The undersigned authorized member(s), manager(s) or representative(s) of

WE DECORATE, LLC

(Name of Limited Liability Company)

hereby appoint the following to be Statutory Agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is:

SS&D S.A., INC.

(Name of Statutory Agent)

40 N. MAIN ST., 1900 KETTERING TOWER

(Mailing Address)

DAYTON

(Mailing City)

OH

(Mailing State)

45423

(Mailing ZIP Code)

Acceptance of Appointment

The Undersigned, SS&D S.A., INC., named herein as the
(Name of Statutory Agent)

Statutory agent for WE DECORATE, LLC
(Name of Limited Liability Company)

hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said limited liability company.

Statutory Agent Signature THOMAS J. WHALEN, ESQ.
(Individual Agent's Signature / Signature on Behalf of Business Serving as Agent)

By signing and submitting this form to the Ohio Secretary of State, the undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has the requisite authority to execute this document.

Required

Articles and original appointment of agent must be signed by a member, manager or other representative.

If the authorized representative is an individual, then they must sign in the "signature" box and print his/her name in the "Print Name" box.

If the authorized representative is a business entity, not an individual, then please print the entity name in the "signature" box, an authorized representative of the business entity must sign in the "By" box and print his/her name and title/authority in the "Print Name" box.

SEBALY SHILLITO + DYER

Signature

THOMAS J. WHALEN, ESQ.

By (if applicable)

Print Name

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

VENDOR NAME & ADDRESS
 Vendor We Decorate, LLC.
 Address 101 North Monroe Street, Suite 1000
 1796 South Metro Parkway Centerville, OH 45459

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REQUISITION 2023

REQUESTED BY: Marshall Eyerman

VENDOR NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER DATE	PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL	DISCOUNT TERMS	
DATE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT	FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER
Upon Execution	Down Payment for Holiday Tree Lighting in town of Fernandina Beach.	1	\$ 92,806.60	\$ 92,806.60	37523552-548520-HOLDY
12/11/2022	Final Payment after the event	1	\$ 92,806.59	\$ 92,806.59	37523552-548520-HOLDY
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<p>Purchasing Process</p> <p>4.2 Sole Source/Single Source (see attached form)</p> <p>Single Source Letter attached</p>					

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Subtotal:
Total: \$185,613.19

Department Head / Managing Agent

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this requisition reflects accurate information, has been reviewed, budgeted for and follows the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

Marshall Eyerman 10/28/2022

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10/28/2022

Office of Management and Budget

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this requisition reflects accurate information, has been reviewed, budgeted for and follows the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

Chris Lacambra 11/1/2022

Procurement Director

I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, this requisition is accurate and necessary and is consistent with the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

Andrew (Tom) Moore 11/1/2022

County Manager

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the appropriate staff have reviewed and approved this Requisition and no other conditions would prevent approval.

Chris Lacambra 11/1/2022

Exemptions / Sole Source / Single Source Certification Form

Date: 10/26/2022 Project: HOLDY (Holiday Tree Lights)
Vendor Name: We Decorate, LLC. FY Cost: \$185,613.19
Address: 1796 South Metro Parkway, Dayton, OH 45459 Total Cost: \$185,613.19
Phone: 937-886-4848 Account: 37523552-548520-HOLDY
Contact Name: Josh Johnston

Description of Goods and/or Services: Professional Lighting Services and to assist County with designing, installing and servicing a Christmas Lighting display in Fernandina Beach town.

Source of Funds: [X] County [] State [] Federal [] Other

Check one (1) of the following choices:

- Exempt purchase: Artistic Services FS 287.057 (3)(e)1. as defined under FS 287.012
Professional Services: Nassau County Purchasing Policy (Chapter 1, Article VII, Section 1-141) - Purchasing policy Section (e) Purchases exempt from competitive or alternative methods.
Communications (5.2 - Nassau County Purchasing Policy Exemption)
Publications (5.3 - Nassau County Purchasing Policy Exemption)
Lodging and Transportation (5.5 - Nassau County Purchasing Policy Exemption)
Other Professional Services (5.8 - Nassau County Purchasing Policy Exemption)
[X] Single Source: The goods or services can be purchased from multiple sources, but in order to meet certain functional or performance requirements, there is only one economically feasible source for this purchase. (Attach letter from the vendor)
Sole Source: The goods or services can be legally purchased from only one source. (Attach letter from the vendor). Were alternatives evaluated? Yes [] (If yes, explain why alternatives are unacceptable) No [] (If no, explain why no alternatives were evaluated)

If Sole or Single Source: Why are the requested goods or services the only goods or services that can satisfy your requirements? Indicate the unique features of the product or qualifications that are not available in any other product or service. Provide what steps have been undertaken to make this determination.

Although We Decorate is not the least expensive vendor they have been selected for the project based on their superior product, knowledge of the downtown tree area coverage and proven track record in providing this service.

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Department Head/Managing Agent - I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this requisition reflects accurate information, 10/28/2022 has been reviewed, budgeted for, and follows the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

Procurement Director - I certify that I have reviewed this request and concur that it is an Exempt, Sole or Single Source and is consistent with the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

Marshall Eyerma 10/28/2022

Office of Management and Budget Director - I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, funds are available for payment and this purchase is consistent with the Nassau County Purchasing Policy.

clris lacambra 11/1/2022

County Manager - I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the appropriate staff have reviewed and approved this Requisition and no other conditions would prevent approval.

[Signature] 11/1/2022



We Decorate has been the holiday lighting partner for the last three years and we do outstanding work. We provide holiday lighting installations throughout the United States and design and install lighting for Walt Disney World, Epcot, and Sea World in central Florida. We provide full installation, rental equipment, and breakdown after the holidays.

Prepared for: AI CVB 2022

Prepared by: Josh Johnston

Date 08-25-2022