

YADKIN COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL SERVICES

(Munis Contract Number)

This Agreement is made and entered into this 15 day of August, 2017
("Effective Date") between Yadkin County, North Carolina ("County") and
Wilkes Connections, Inc. ("Provider").

WHEREAS, the County and the Provider wish to enter into a contract under which the Provider will provide certain specified services and/or materials to the County in exchange for payment. NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, terms, conditions, and agreements herein, the County and the Provider agree as follows:

1. **Services To Be Performed.** The Provider agrees to perform the services and to provide the materials (all collectively called the "Services") for the County as authorized by the County Manager. Provider acknowledges that this Agreement does not guarantee that the County will assign the Provider any work; however, that the County from time to time may request the Provider to perform services for Yadkin County.

The Provider warrants that all materials it provides shall be of good quality and shall meet industry standards and the County's expectations and approval, and the Provider warrants that it shall perform all Services in a good and workmanlike manner, in accordance with industry standards and the County's expectations, and to the County's full satisfaction.

For the County to be liable for paying for any Services provided under this Agreement, the requested Services (along with Provider's cost estimate and a list of the number and types of equipment to be used) must be approved in writing before any work is performed.

In performing services under this Agreement, Provider shall comply with all County instructions and with any plans or specifications provided by the County. The compensation to be provided to Provider pursuant to Item 3 of this Contract, shall be deemed to fully compensate Provider for the Services and for all costs and expenses incurred by Provider, including (by example only) equipment costs, fuel, and labor costs.

Any work performed by Provider for the County or at the County's request while this Agreement is in effect will be governed by this Agreement unless the County and the Provider have signed another written contract to govern that work.

2. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall remain in effect until it terminates on August 14, 2022.

3. **Payment to the Provider.** For each request for service made by the County, the County shall pay the Provider at an agreed upon amount approved in writing and signed before any work is performed. Each Service provided shall be known as a PURCHASE ORDER. Each purchase order shall have an amount NOT TO EXCEED. The County shall in no event be required to pay any amount beyond that specified in a written task.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall the total amount paid by the County under this Agreement exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in any single fiscal year (which runs from July 1 through June 30). Any services that exceed \$15,000 must be approved in a separate contract by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners.

In accordance with Item 3, Payment to the Provider, the County agrees to pay the Provider for Services satisfactorily performed in accordance with this Agreement. The County shall pay each properly submitted invoice within thirty (30) days of its submission. Each invoice shall document, to the County's satisfaction, the work performed and the basis for the amount of payment sought. If the Provider fails to perform in accordance with this Agreement, the County may, without penalty, withhold any payment(s) associated with Services not properly performed until and unless the Provider completes or corrects its performance, as applicable. The County's remedies under this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law.

4. **E-Verify.** North Carolina General Statutes prohibit counties from entering into contracts with contractors and subcontractors under the formal bid process and/or proposals who have not complied with the requirement of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes. Said Article 2 of Chapter 64 states *The prohibition applies to all contracts subject to G.S. 143-129, which are purchase contracts with an estimated cost of \$90,000 or more, and construction or repair contracts with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more. GS 143-129 applies to virtually all public entities, including cities, counties, local school boards, water and sewer authorities, and other special purpose local government districts and authorities.* The Contractor must submit the E-Verify Affidavit with bid proposals and/or contracts as required by NC General Statutes.

5. **Non-waiver.** If the County at any time does not require the Provider to satisfy any of the Provider's obligations under this Agreement, or if the County fails at any time to exercise any right or privilege granted to it by this Agreement, that shall not waive or limit the County's ability to require the Provider to satisfy those obligations in the future or the County's ability to enforce its rights or privileges in the future. If the County waives any breach of this Agreement by the Provider that shall not be deemed a waiver of any later breach by the Provider, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of this section of the Agreement.

6. **Independent Contractor.** For purposes of this Agreement, the Provider at all times shall be considered an independent contractor, and the County shall not be deemed the employer of the Provider or of any of the Provider's agents or employees, nor shall the County be responsible for the actions or omissions of the Provider or its agents and employees. For purposes of this Agreement, the Provider and its agents and employees shall not be deemed an employee of the County for any purpose, including (by example only and not for purposes of limitation) federal or state income taxation, unemployment benefits, or worker's compensation benefits.

7. **Insurance.** During this Agreement's term, the Provider shall maintain at its sole expense all insurances as set out in this section. All insurance policies shall be issued by a company authorized to issue insurance in the State of North Carolina. Before beginning to perform under this Agreement, the Provider shall provide the County with a certificate of insurance showing that all insurance required by this Agreement is in effect, and the Provider shall keep that certificate current by submitting to the County updated certificates as the Provider's insurance policies are renewed or otherwise modified. The Provider shall notify the County immediately if any insurance required by this Agreement will be or has been cancelled or not renewed or if the amount of coverage of any such insurance will be or has been reduced.

The Provider shall maintain worker's compensation insurance as required by North Carolina law to cover all of the Provider's employees engaged in any work under the Agreement.

The Provider shall also maintain the following insurance to cover its performance under this Agreement during the Agreement's term:

- General commercial liability in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate.
- Workers' Compensation in the amount of \$500,000 employer's liability.
- Automobile liability covering all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used in connection with this Agreement. The minimum combined single limit shall be \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage; and \$1,000,000 uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage.

8. **Indemnity.** The Provider agrees that it shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officials, employees, and agents from and against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, demands, suits, costs, damages, or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising from or related to this Agreement and/or the Services, including (by example only and not for purposes of limitation) those for bodily injury, death, or property damage. The Provider's obligations under this section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

9. **Termination.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual written agreement of the County and the Provider, or it may be terminated by the County upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Provider. Ten days' written notice for termination by the County is not required if the County is terminating because the Provider has breached the Agreement.

10. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement (including any attached Exhibits) constitute the complete and entire Agreement between the County and the Provider concerning the subject matter of the Agreement and supersedes any and all prior agreements, discussions, understandings, promises, or representations concerning that subject matter. This Agreement may be modified only by a writing signed by both the County and the Provider.

11. **Governing Law and Forum for Disputes.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to North Carolina's choice of law provisions. Any lawsuit or other legal proceeding concerning this Agreement and/or the Services must be filed in Yadkin County, North Carolina, unless it is properly filed in Federal Court, in which case it must be filed in the Federal District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

12. **Severance Clause.** If any part of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that part shall be enforced to the greatest extent legally possible, and the rest of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

13. **Compliance With Laws.** The Provider acknowledges and agrees that it will perform all Services and will satisfy all of its obligations under this Agreement in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

14. **Repair of Damages.** The Provider shall promptly and fully repair any damages that it or its employees or agents cause to the County's property. Alternatively, the County may choose in its discretion to require the Provider to fully compensate the County for any such damages rather than have the Provider repair them.

15. **Titles and Headings.** Titles and headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not limit or modify the language within each section of this Agreement.

16. **Non-Assignment.** The Provider may not assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement, nor may it sub-contract any part of this Agreement, without written approval from the County.

17. **Notices.** Any notice or communication to the County or the Provider for purposes of this Agreement shall be delivered or shall be deposited in the United States Mail, first class, addressed to the addressee below:

THE COUNTY

Yadkin County
Dale Ring
217 E Willow St
Yadkinville, NC 27055
dring@yadkincountync.gov
336-849-7700, Cell 336-467-7211

THE PROVIDER

Wilkes Connections, Inc.
Gwyn Cleary, President
573 Elledge Rd
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
Wilkesconn@AOL.com
336-670-3388

18. **Number and gender.** This Agreement's use of singular, plural, masculine, feminine, and neuter pronouns shall include the others as the context may require.

19. **Exhibits.** To the extent of a conflict between the above language of this Agreement and any attachments, the above language of this Agreement will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Provider have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

THE COUNTY

BY: 
Name: Lisa Hughes
Title: County Manager

THE PROVIDER

BY: Gwyn Cleary
Name: H. Gwyn Cleary
Title: President

Digitally signed by Gwyn Cleary
DN: cn=Gwyn Cleary, o=Wilkes
Connections, Inc., ou=President,
email=wilkesconn@aol.com, c=US
Date: 2017.07.25 14:45:37 -0400

This instrument has been pre-audited in
the manner required by the Local
Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

 8/8/17
Yadkin County Finance Officer