

5. The Contractor shall commence the work to be performed under this Agreement on a date specified in a written Notice to Proceed and shall substantially complete all work hereunder, except as otherwise provided in these documents for extension of the time limit, within 365 calendar days. Substantial completion is the time at which the project can be fully utilized for its intended purpose. Upon written notification to the County that the project is substantially complete, a final site visit will be made and a punch list of deficient items will be generated. The Contractor will receive a written copy of the punch list, and must achieve final completion by correcting all punch list items within 30 days of receipt. Time is of the essence on this contract, and the Contractor shall pay to the County, not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, the sum of \$500.00 each calendar day that they shall be in default of completing the work, both substantial completion and final completion, within the time named herein. Because of the difficulty of fixing damages suffered by Lowndes County on account of such default, damages are herein agreed upon as stated.
6. The work shall be done in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia under the direct supervision and to the entire satisfaction of the County. The decision of the Utilities Director upon any question connected with the execution or fulfillment of this agreement and interpretation of the specifications or upon any failure or delay in the prosecution of the work by the Contractor shall be final and conclusive.
7. It is mutually agreed upon that the Contractor shall warranty all work done as a part of this contract agreement for a period of one year from the date of final acceptance by the County.
8. Lowndes County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement for non-compliance by issuing ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor.
9. Employees, aides, staff helpers, or any person who receives any form of consideration for services or who performs any services towards the execution of this Agreement are deemed to be the sole responsibility of the Contractor for the purposes of all Workers' Compensation and insurance claims. Lowndes County reserves the right to superintend the performance of this Agreement only to the extent that the desired results are obtained. No recommendation or requirement in this Agreement and list of specifications should be deemed to obligate the County under the Workers' Compensation Act to Contractor's employees, aides, staff, helpers or any person who receives any form of consideration for services or who performs any services towards the execution of the Agreement.
10. Nothing contained in the Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or cause of action of a third party against Lowndes County.