STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PURCHASING, TRAVEL AND FLEET MANAGEMENT

STATE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR: Deere and Company

STATE CONTRACT #: 8200016927

SUPPLIER #: 3100031160

SMART CONTRACT #: 1130-15-C-SWCT-00590

COMMODITIES COVERED: Grounds Maintenance Equipment

EFFECTIVE: March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016

This State Contract Agreement is made this 26th day of February 2015, between the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management for the State of Mississippi (hereinafter the "State") and Deere and Company, 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, North Carolina 27513 (hereinafter the "Contractor").

SCOPE: The Contractor agrees to furnish the State its normal requirements of grounds maintenance equipment on a nonexclusive basis for a period of twelve (12) months beginning March 1, 2015, and ending February 29, 2016, in accordance with all requirements in the *State of Mississippi Proposal Format and Guidelines For Grounds Maintenance Equipment* and the Contractor's Proposal submitted on January 9, 2015

AUTHORIZED PURCHASERS: The State, as referred to herein, enters into this State Contract Agreement for the benefit of all state agencies, boards, commissions, departments, institutions, counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions of the State of Mississippi. These entities are authorized to purchase from this Contract in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 31-7-1, et seq., and the *Mississippi Procurement Manual.*

Purchase Orders prepared by these authorized purchasers shall include this State Contract Agreement Number referenced above.

PRICE GUARANTEE: The prices established herein shall prevail for the term of this Agreement, except in the event of a general market decline in prices of such commodities at any time during the period of this Contract, the Contractor agrees that the State of Mississippi shall receive full benefit of such decline.

The State Bureau of Financial Control shall not approve any account nor order and direct payment of any account for the purchase of any commodity covered by this Contract when the purchase price is in excess of the maximum price fixed in this Agreement.

PRICE DATA: The Contractor has furnished a price list for the new period for authorized purchasers. The State agrees to notify all authorized purchasers of the existence of this Contract and to give the specific instructions relative to the procedures to be followed in making purchases under the provisions hereof.

Entities making purchases over $50,000 may consider obtaining two competitive quotes from the authorized dealers' list on this manufacturer's contract. If this manufacturer does not have a dealers' list, the manufacturer should be prepared to submit a quote.

PAYMENT: Payment for commodities or equipment purchased under the provisions of this Contract shall be made to the Contractor or to the authorized dealer making delivery in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §§ 31-7-301, et seq. (as amended). Such payment is to be made only upon receipt, by the authorized purchaser, of

properly certified invoices, which are priced strictly in accordance with the pricing provisions of this Contract. Net Forty-five (45) days without penalty.

QUANTITY TO BE PURCHASED: It is understood and agreed that the Contractor is entering into this Agreement as a multiple source of supply without any guarantee from the State as to the quantity of the items covered by this Contract that might be ordered during the specified period.

TRANSPORTATION TERMS: The Contractor shall deliver F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid.

INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate the State of Mississippi, its Commissioners, Board Members, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, and attorneys' fees, arising out of or caused by Contractor's and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees, and/or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement. In the State's sole discretion, Contractor may be allowed to control the defense of any such claim, suit, etc. In the event Contractor defends said claim, suit, etc., Contractor shall use legal counsel acceptable to the State; Contractor shall be solely liable for all reasonable costs and/or expenses associated with such defense and the State shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Contractor shall not settle any claim, suit, etc., without the State's concurrence, which the State shall not unreasonably withhold.

ASSIGNMENT: The Contractor shall not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer in whole or in part, its right or obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent of the State. Any attempted assignment or transfer without said consent shall be void and of no effect.

CANCELLATION: It is agreed that either party may cancel this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notice prior to the effective date of cancellation. Contractor is advised that cancellation of this Agreement by the Contractor may result in disqualification from the awarding of future contracts with the State.

TAXES: No Federal Excise Tax or Mississippi Sales Tax will be added to or otherwise included in the prices submitted by the Contractor. The Contractor understands and agrees that the State and its authorized purchasers exempt from the payment of taxes.

RECEDENCE: This Contract consists of this Agreement, the Proposal Format and Guidelines referenced herein above, and the Contractor's Proposal. Any ambiguities, conflicts, or questions of interpretation of this Contract shall be resolved by first reference to this Agreement and, if still unresolved, by reference to the Proposal Format and Guidelines, and, if still unresolved, by reference to the Contractor's Proposal.

ORDERING INFORMATION: Please place all orders under this agreement with an approved dealer/distributor from the attached list.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

BY: _____

OFFICE OF PURCHASING, TRAVEL AND FLEET MANAGEMENT

DATE: 2/27/15

THIS MUST BE SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL
OF THE COMPANY

BY: Andrew Hill

TITLE: Contract Administrator

DATE: February 27, 2015