

EXHIBIT B

CONTRACT, LEASE, AGREEMENT CONTROL FORM

Date: 6/16/00

Contract/Lease Control #: C00-0416-EMI-20

Bid #: N/A Contract/Lease Type: AGREEMENT

Award To/Lessee: WALTON COUNTY

Lessor: _____

Effective Date: 6/16/2000

Term: INDEFINITE

Description of Contract/Lease: WILD FIRE TASK FORCE

Department Manager: EMERG MGT

Department Monitor: COLLINS

Monitor's Telephone #: 651-7560

Monitor's FAX #: 651-8082

Date Closed: _____

**AGREEMENT for MUTUAL AID BETWEEN
The FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF WALTON COUNTY and the
OKALOOSA COUNTY WILDLAND FIRE TASK FORCE**

THIS AGREEMENT, MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS 16th day of JUNE, 2000 by and between the following: City of Fort Walton Beach; Eglin Air Force Base Fire Department; Jackson Guard Fire Suppression Unit; Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District; Okaloosa County Office of Emergency Management; Okaloosa Island Fire District; North Bay Fire District; and the South Walton County Fire District (Members of the Okaloosa County Wildland Fire Task Force (OCWTF)); the following Walton County Fire Districts: Argyle Fire District, Freeport Fire Dept., Tri-Village Fire Dept., Red Bay Fire Dist., Mossyhead Fire Dist., Darlington Fire Dept., Glendale Fire Dept., Liberty Fire District, Paxton Fire Department, United Fire Control District.

WITNESSETH:

WHERE AS, the parties hereto are not geographically located in proximity to each other in the Counties of Okaloosa and Walton, and

WHERE AS, it is to the mutual advantage and benefit of the parties hereto that each of the other parties effectively assist the other in the event of an urban/wildland interface fire that endangers life or property,


NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual covenants, the parties hereto agree as follows;

1. That it is hereby set forth that the participating fire districts and departments of Walton County will form a Wildland Task Force. This task force to be composed of as a minimum three engine companies, two tankers, and three command officers.
2. It is hereby set forth that the Walton County Wildland Task Force be deployed prior to calling for the OCWTF, and that the Walton County Office of Emergency Management will be responsible for requesting of the OCWTF. This is not to restrict the deployment of the OCWTF if sufficient resources from the volunteer departments can not be generated.
3. That it is hereby the responsibility of the Chief's of each department to coordinate the alarm assignments and response of equipment and personnel in such a manner as to insure that an adequate level of fire protection service remains available within each jurisdiction.
4. No party of this agreement shall be required to pay any compensation to any other party to this agreement for services rendered.
5. It is mutually understood and agreed that this agreement does not relieve any of the parties hereto from the necessity and obligation of providing adequate fire protection within its own areas, and each party here to agrees that it shall use reasonable diligence in keeping the fire fighting equipment and personnel in its possession up to the minimum standards recommend by the Insurance Service Office for the cities/districts of comparable size.

6. It is hereby agreed that the command of the OCWTF shall remain with its command officers, that plain language will be used on the radio – no codes or signals, the Incident Management System be utilized, and a system of fire fighter accountability must be in place.
7. It is hereby agreed that forces will be employed as companies as directed by command. It is also agreed that there will be no forces employed without the specific orders of the Incident Commander or Operations Officer.
8. Any services performed or expenditure made in conjunction with furnishing mutual aid under this agreement by either party hereto shall be deemed conclusively for the direct protection of such party.
9. It is hereby agreed that upon request of the Okaloosa County Office of Emergency Management, the Walton County Wildland Task Force will deploy to support Okaloosa County. To the maximum extent possible deploying personnel will arrive on their respective fire apparatus, and the use of privately owned vehicles will be held to the absolute minimum, and the Task Force will report to the designated staging area.
10. Any party to this agreement may withdraw at any time, upon thirty days written notice to each of the other parties, and thereafter, such withdrawing party shall no longer be a party to this Agreement.
11. To the extent permitted by law, and without waving sovereign immunity, each Party to this Agreement shall be responsible for any claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes of action related to or arising out of or in any way connected with its own actions, and the actions of its personnel, in providing mutual wildland fire fighting assistance rendered or performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: this agreement has been executed the day and year written by the parties hereto:

FOR THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH




City Manager




Fire Chief

FOR EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE




Base Commander



Fire Chief

FOR JACKSON GUARD

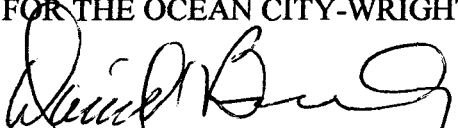


Base Commander

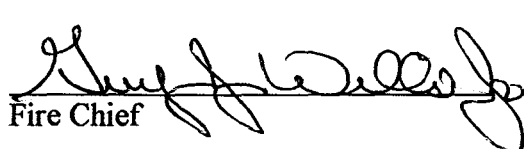


Supervisor of Fire Suppression

FOR THE OCEAN CITY-WRIGHT FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT



Chairman of Fire Board

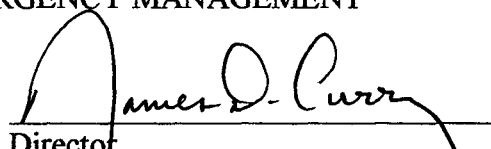


Fire Chief

FOR THE OKALOOSA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT




County Manager



Director

FOR THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT

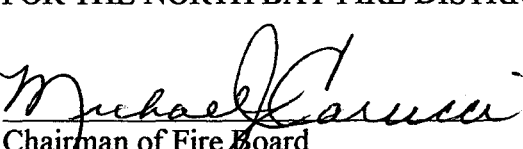


Chairman of Fire Board



Fire Chief

FOR THE NORTH BAY FIRE DISTRICT




Chairman of Fire Board



Fire Chief

FOR THE SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT



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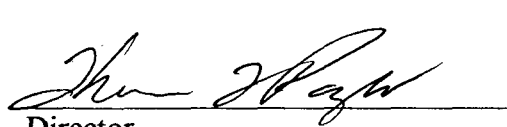


Fire Chief

WALTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



County Manager



Director

UNITED FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

R.H.M.
Chairman of the Board

Robert H. M. CHIEF
Fire Chief

ARGILE FIRE DISTRICT

Glen McAnelly
Chairman of the Board

Charles Allen Day
Fire Chief

FREEPORT FIRE DEPT.

Wayne Chalk
Chairman of the Board

Wayne Chalk
Fire Chief

MOSSYHEAD FIRE DIST.

R.B.A.
Chairman of the Board

Richard B. All
Fire Chief

DARLINGTON FIRE DIST.

R.S.P.
Chairman of the Board

Ronald S. Proffey
Fire Chief

LIBERTY FIRE DIST.

Frank Hall
Chairman of the Board

Frank Hall
Fire Chief

GLENDALE FIRE DIST.

Kir Dell
Chairman of the Board

Kir Dell
Fire Chief

PAXTON FIRE DEPT.

JMW
Chairman of the Board

Thomas A. Wright Jr
Fire Chief

TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DIST.

AS
Chairman of the Board

Thomas A. Byrne
Fire Chief

RED BAY FIRE DIST.

OK
Chairman of the Board

Sonny Thome
Fire Chief

ATTEST:

Gary Stanford
GARY STANFORD,
DEPUTY Clerk of the Circuit Court

Chris Holley
CHRIS HOLLEY,
COUNTY MANAGER

