



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

CONTRACT NO. 110179

**AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,
SURFACING, SITE FURNISHINGS AND RELATED
PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of this 17th Day of September, 2010_(the "Effective Date"), by and between PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime (the "Company") a corporation doing business in North Carolina (the "Company"), and Mecklenburg County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the "County").

Statement of Background and Intent

- A. The County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP Number 269-2010-183) dated March 19, 2010 requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide the County and other Participating Public Agencies with Playground Equipment, Surfacing, Site Furnishings, and Related Products and Services hereafter referred to as ("Products"). This Request for Proposals, together with all attachments and any amendments, is referred to herein as the "RFP".
- B. The Company submitted a proposal in response to RFP Number 269-2010-183 on May 5, 2010. This bid, together with all attachments and separately sealed confidential trade secrets, is referred to herein as the "Proposal."
- C. The County awarded this contract on July 6, 2010, to Company to provide Playground Equipment, Surfacing, Site Furnishings, and Related Products and Services to the County all in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- D. Charlotte-Mecklenburg (herein "Lead Public Agency"), in cooperation with the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (herein "U.S. Communities"), and on behalf of other public agencies that elect to access the Master Agreement (herein "Participating Public Agencies"), competitively solicited and awarded the Master Agreement to the Company. Lead Public Agency has designated U.S. Communities as the administrative and marketing conduit for the distribution of the Master Agreement to Participating Public Agencies.

Lead Public Agency is acting as the "Contracting Agent" for the Participating Public Agencies, and shall not be liable or responsible for any costs, damages, liability or other obligations incurred by the Participating Public Agencies. The Company shall deal directly with each Participating Public Agency concerning the placement of orders, issuance of purchase orders, contractual disputes, invoicing, payment and all other matters relating or referring to such Participating Public Agency's access to the Master Agreement.

The Master Agreement shall be construed to be in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State in which the Participating Public Agency exists. Participating Public Agencies are required to register on-line with U.S. Communities at www.uscommunities.org. The registration allows the Participating Public Agency to enter into a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement ("MICIPA"), which is intended to allow the Participating Public Agencies to meet applicable legal requirements and facilitate access to the Master Agreement and the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

A G R E E M E N T

1. **INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS.** The following Exhibits are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement by reference:

Exhibit A:	Contract Pricing, Discount Structures and Pricing Incentives
Exhibit B:	Installation Fees
Exhibit C:	National Network of Distributors and Certified Installers
Exhibit D:	U.S. Communities Administrative Agreement
Exhibit E:	Freight Rate Schedules
Exhibit F:	Product Warranties
Exhibit G:	Company's Proposal (not attached, but incorporated herein by reference)
Exhibit H:	RFP #269-2010-183 (not attached, but incorporated herein by reference)

Each reference to the Agreement shall be deemed to include all Exhibits. Any conflict between language in an Exhibit to this Agreement and the main body of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of the main body of this Agreement. Each reference to GameTime in the Exhibits and Appendices shall be deemed to mean the Company.

2. **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Agreement (including all Exhibits):

- 2.1. **AGREEMENT.** The term "Agreement" shall mean this Agreement including the Company's Proposal, the RFP and all attachments, exhibits, and addenda (all as defined in the Statement of Background and Intent).
- 2.2. **DOCUMENTATION.** The term "Documentation" shall mean all written, electronic, or recorded works, and all enhancements and updates thereto, that describe the use, functions, features, or purpose of the Products and Services, including without limitation all functional and technical specifications, end user manuals, guides and other materials which relate to the Products and Services, or which are necessary to fully utilize the Products and Services.
- 2.3. **DELIVERABLES.** The term "Deliverables" shall mean all equipment, materials, drawings, data, wiring, cable, installation services, incidentals and all other items that the Company is required to complete and deliver to the County in connection with this Agreement.
- 2.4. **DEFECT.** The term "Defect" shall mean any failure of the Products, or any component thereof, to conform fully to the Specifications and Requirements. Non-conformity is not a Defect if it results from the County's misuse, improper use, alteration, or damage of the Products.
- 2.5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The term "Effective Date" refers to the date this Agreement is fully executed by all parties to the Agreement.
- 2.6. **PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AGENCY.** The term shall mean any and all states, local governments, school districts, and higher education institutions and other public agencies and nonprofit organizations that have authority to purchase from another public agency's competitively solicited contract.

- 2.7. **PRODUCTS.** The term "Products" shall mean Playground Equipment, Surfacing, Site Furnishings, and Related Products that the Company agreed to provide in the Company's Proposal.
- 2.8. **SERVICES.** The term "Services" shall include all services that the Company agreed to provide in the Company's Proposal, including all design, assembly, installation, reporting, and optional work.
- 2.9. **SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.** The term "Specifications and Requirements" shall mean all definitions, descriptions, requirements, criteria, warranties and performance standards relating to the Products and Services which are set forth or referenced in: (a) this Agreement, including all Exhibits; (b) the Company's proposal; (c) the RFP; (d) the Documentation; and (e) any functional and/or technical specifications which are published or provided by the Company or its licensors or suppliers from time to time with respect to all or any part of the Products. Notwithstanding the forgoing, if the Company improves the Products or Services over time to incorporate new technology or improved features or functionality, and provided the improved Products or Services under this Agreement, the descriptions, specifications and requirements for such improvements shall be deemed part of the Specifications and Requirements. Also notwithstanding the forgoing, the Company's Bid shall only take precedence over the ITB to the extent the Company properly took exception to the terms of the ITB in the manner required by the ITB.

3. **TERM.**

The initial term of this Agreement will be for five (5) years from the Effective Date with an option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms. This Agreement may be extended only by a written amendment to the contract signed by both parties.

4. **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.**

The Company shall provide the Products and Services in accordance with the terms of the Company's proposal, and in compliance with all other conditions, covenants, stipulations, terms and provisions contained in this Agreement.

5. **SHIPPING AND DELIVERY.**

All shipments shall be F.O.B. destination with freight charges prepaid and listed separately. Actual freight charges shall be added at time of invoicing as determined and supported by the carrier's freight bill. Estimated freight charges shall be provided at the time of quotation utilizing the freight rate schedules incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit E.

6. **INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS.**

The County and Participating Public Agencies shall be responsible for contracting installation services on a project-by project basis as needed. If included with purchase, all equipment shall be installed by a GameTime Installer in accordance with the standards established by the terms, specifications, drawings, and construction notes for each project and meet manufacturer's specifications and industry standards. County and Participating Public Agencies shall be responsible for scheduling coordination and site preparation. Site should be level and permit installation equipment access. Participating Public Agency shall be responsible for unknown conditions such as buried utilities, tree stumps, bedrock or any concealed materials or conditions that may result in additional labor or material costs.

7. **COMPENSATION.**

- 7.1. The County shall pay the Company for Products and Services compliant with the Specifications and requirements of this Agreement based on the fixed percentage discounts from the current manufacturer's price index as identified and incorporated into this Agreement as Exhibit A.
- 7.2. The Company agrees the fixed percentage discounts will remain firm for the entire contract term.
- 7.3. Pricing shall remain in effect until December 31, 2011. Thereafter, the Company shall advise the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Procurement Services Department in writing of any proposed price increases no later than sixty (6) days prior to the effective date of the requested increase.

- 7.4. The Company shall be responsible for furnishing and delivering approved price lists and the most current catalogs to the County and other participating public entities, upon request.
- 7.5. The Company agrees that if a public agency is otherwise eligible for lower pricing through a federal, state, regional, or local contract, the Company will match the pricing.

8. **OPTIONAL WORK.**

The County and Participating Public Agencies may elect to request quotations for additional services not specifically listed in the Company's proposal or this Agreement. The Company shall provide quotations for optional products and services as requested, to provide a full turnkey solution.

9. **BILLING.**

Each invoice sent by the Company shall detail all items delivered which are necessary to entitle the Company to the requested payment under the terms of this Agreement. The Company shall mail all invoices to:

Mecklenburg County
Finance - Accounts Payable
600 East 4th St.
Charlotte, NC 28202

The County will pay all accurate, properly submitted, uncontested invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt. Proposals may include an incentive discount for early payment. Invoices must include state and local sales tax.

10. **GENERAL WARRANTIES.**

Company represents and warrants that:

- 10.1 It is a corporation duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of North Carolina, and is qualified to do business in North Carolina;
- 10.2 It has all the requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- 10.3 The execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by Company;
- 10.4 No approval, authorization or consent of any governmental or regulatory authority is required to be obtained or made by it in order for it to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- 10.5 In connection with its obligations under this Agreement, it shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and shall obtain all applicable permits and licenses; and
- 10.6 The Company shall not violate any agreement with any third party by entering into or performing this Agreement.

11. **ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.**

Company represents warrants and covenants that:

- 11.1 The Services shall satisfy all requirements set forth in this Agreement, including but not limited to the attached Exhibits;

- 11.2 All work performed by the Company and/or its subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement shall meet industry accepted standards, and shall be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner by staff with the necessary skills, experience and knowledge;
- 11.3 Neither the Services, nor any Deliverables provided by the Company under this Agreement will infringe or misappropriate any patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret rights of any third party; and
- 11.4 The Company has taken and will continue to take precautions sufficient to ensure that it will not be prevented from performing all or part of its obligations under this Agreement by virtue of interruptions in the computer systems used by the Company.

12. **TERMINATION.**

12.1. *TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE.* The County may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

12.2. *TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT BY EITHER PARTY.* By giving written notice to the other party, either party may terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- (a) The other party violates or fails to perform any covenant, provision, obligation, term or condition contained in this Agreement, provided that, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, such failure or violation shall not be cause for termination if both of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) such default is reasonably susceptible to cure; and (ii) the other party cures such default within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of default from the non-defaulting party; or
- (b) The other party attempts to assign, terminate or cancel this Agreement contrary to the terms hereof; or
- (c) The other party ceases to do business as a going concern, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, admits in writing its inability to pay debts as they become due, files a petition in bankruptcy or has an involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against it (except in connection with a reorganization under which the business of such party is continued and performance of all its obligations under this Agreement shall continue), or if a receiver, trustee or liquidator is appointed for it or any substantial part of other party's assets or properties.

Any notice of default pursuant to this Section shall identify and state the party's intent to terminate this Agreement if the default is not cured within the specified period.

12.3. *ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DEFAULT TERMINATION BY THE COUNTY.* By giving written notice to the Company, the County may also terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events (which shall each constitute grounds for termination without a cure period and without the occurrence of any of the other events of default previously listed):

- (a) The Company makes or allows to be made any material written misrepresentation or provides any materially misleading written information in connection with this Agreement, Company's Proposal, or any covenant, agreement, obligation, term or condition contained in this Agreement; or
- (b) The Company takes or fails to take any action which constitutes grounds for immediate termination under the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to failure to obtain or maintain the insurance policies and endorsements as required by this Agreement, or failure to provide the proof of insurance as required by this Agreement.

- 12.4. **CANCELLATION OF ORDERS AND SUBCONTRACTS.** In the event this Agreement is terminated by the County for any reason prior to the end of the term, the Company shall upon termination immediately discontinue all service in connection with this Agreement and promptly cancel all existing orders and subcontracts, which are chargeable to this Agreement. As soon as practicable after receipt of notice of termination, the Company shall submit a statement to the County showing in detail the services performed under this Agreement to the date of termination.
- 12.5. **NO EFFECT ON TAXES, FEES, CHARGES, OR REPORTS.** Any termination of the Agreement shall not relieve the Company of the obligation to pay any fees, taxes or other charges then due to the County, nor relieve the Company of the obligation to file any daily, monthly, quarterly or annual reports covering the period to termination nor relieve the Company from any claim for damages previously accrued or then accruing against the Company.
- 12.6. **OBLIGATIONS UPON EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION.** Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the Company shall promptly (a) return to the County all computer programs, files, documentation, data, media, related material and any other recording devices, information, or compact discs that are owned by the County; (b) deliver to the County all Work Product; (c) allow the County or a new service provider access to the systems, software, infrastructure, or processes of the Company that are necessary to migrate the Services to a new service provider; and (d) refund to the County all pre-paid Warranty Fees (other than pre-paid Warranty Fees for the then current year).
- 12.7. **NO SUSPENSION.** In the event that the County disputes in good faith an allegation of default by the Company, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company agrees that it will not terminate this Agreement or suspend or limit the delivery of Products or Services or any warranties or repossess, disable or render unusable any Software supplied by the Company, unless (i) the parties agree in writing, or (ii) an order of a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise.
- 12.8. **AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE.** The County Manager or their designee is authorized to terminate this Agreement on behalf of the County.
- 12.9. **AUDIT.** During the term of the Agreement and for a period of one (1) year after termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, the County shall have the right to audit, either itself or through a third party, all books and records (including but not limited to the technical records) and facilities of the Company necessary to evaluate Company's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the County's payment obligations. The County shall pay its own expenses, relating to such audits, but shall not have to pay any expenses or additional costs of the Company. However, if non-compliance is found that would have cost the County in excess of \$5,000 but for the audit, then the Company shall be required to reimburse the County for the cost of the audit.
13. **TRANSITION SERVICES UPON TERMINATION.** Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Company shall cooperate with the County to assist with the orderly transfer of the Services, functions and operations provided by the Company hereunder to another provider or to the County as determined by the County in its sole discretion. The transition services that the Company shall perform if requested by the County include but are not limited to:
- a. Working with the County to jointly develop a mutually agreed upon transition services plan to facilitate the termination of the Services; and

- b. Notifying all affected service providers and subcontractors of the Company of transition activities;
- c. Performing the transition service plan activities;
- d. Answering questions regarding the products and services on an as-needed basis; and
- e. Providing such other reasonable services needed to effectuate an orderly transition to a new system.

14. **AMENDMENTS.** In the event changes to the Agreement become necessary or desirable to the parties, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth in this Section. A Change shall be effective only when documented by a written, dated agreement executed by both parties which expressly references and is attached to this Agreement (an "Amendment"). The Amendment shall set forth in detail: (i) the Change requested, including all modifications of the duties of the parties; (ii) the reason for the proposed Change; and (iii) a detailed analysis of the impact of the Change on the results of the Services and time for completion of the Services, including the impact on any associated price.

In the event either party desires an Amendment, the party shall submit to the other party a proposed change. If the receiving party does not accept the Contract Amendment in writing within ten (10) days, the receiving party shall be deemed to have rejected the proposed change. If the parties cannot reach agreement on a proposed change, the Company shall nevertheless continue to render performance under this Agreement in accordance with its (unchanged) terms and conditions.

15. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Company shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County and the County's officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), obligations and other liabilities (including settlement amounts) paid or incurred any of them as a result of any claims, demands, lawsuits, actions, or proceedings: (i) copyright, trademark or patent infringement or other infringement of proprietary rights with respect to any of the Products or Services delivered to the County pursuant to this Agreement ("Infringement Claims"); (ii) seeking payment for labor or materials purchased or supplied by the Company or its subcontractors in connection with this Agreement; or (iii) arising from the Company's failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or from any act of negligence or willful misconduct by the Company or any of its agents, employees or subcontractors relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to any liability caused by an accident or other occurrence resulting in bodily injury, death, sickness or disease to any person(s) or damage or destruction to any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible; or (iv) arising from any claim that a Company employee or subcontractor is an employee of the County, including claims relating to worker's compensation, failure to withhold taxes and the like.

If an Infringement Claim occurs, the Company shall either: (i) procure for the County the right to continue using the affected Product or Service; or (ii) repair or replace the infringing Product or Service so that it becomes non-infringing, provided that the performance of the System or any component thereof shall not be adversely affected by such replacement or modification. If the Company is unable to comply with the preceding sentence within thirty days after the County is directed to cease use of a Product or Service, the Company shall promptly refund to the County all amounts paid under this Agreement, other than Extended Maintenance Fees.

The indemnification requirement is not intended to cover, and the Company is not responsible for, any damages that result from lack of maintenance; inadequate supervision; negligence; intentional acts of anyone other than the Company or their affiliates; inadequate surfacing; or vandalism.

It is the intent of any insurance provided by the Company to indemnify for product liability claims arising solely from the negligent design or manufacture of the Playground Equipment when such goods and services are provided by Company or Company's subcontractors. This clarifies and supersedes any other section of the contract concerning indemnification that could be interpreted otherwise.

16. **INSURANCE.** Throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company shall comply with the insurance requirements described in this Section. In the event the Company fails to procure and maintain each type of insurance required by this Agreement, or in the event the Company fails to provide the County with the required certificates of insurance, the County shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the Company.

16.1. General Requirements.

- (a) The Company shall not commence any work in connection with this Agreement until it has obtained all of the types of insurance set forth in this Section and such insurance has been approved by the County. The Company shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on its subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.
- (b) All insurance policies shall be with insurers qualified and doing business in North Carolina recognized by the Secretary of State and the Insurance Commissioner's Office. The Company shall furnish the County with proof of insurance coverage by certificates of insurance accompanying this Agreement and shall name the County as an additional named insured under the commercial general liability.
- (c) The County shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Company and/or subcontractor providing such insurance.

16.2. Types of Insurance. The Company agrees to purchase and maintain during the life of this Agreement with an insurance company, acceptable to the County, authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina the following insurance:

- (a) Automobile Liability. Bodily injury and property damage liability covering all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles for limits of not less than \$1,000,000 bodily injury each person, each accident and \$1,000,000 property damage, or \$1,000,000 combined single limit - bodily injury and property damage.
- (b) Commercial General Liability. Bodily injury and property damage liability as shall protect the Company and any subcontractor performing work under this Agreement, from claims of bodily injury or property damage which arise from operation of this Agreement, whether such operations are performed by the Company, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either. The amounts of such insurance shall not be less than \$1,000,000 bodily injury each occurrence/aggregate and \$1,000,000 property damage each occurrence/aggregate, or \$1,000,000 bodily injury and property damage combined single limits each occurrence/aggregate. This insurance shall include coverage for products, operations, personal injury liability and contractual liability, assumed under the indemnity provision of this Agreement.
- (c) Workers' Compensation Insurance. The Company shall meet the statutory requirements of the State of North Carolina, \$100,000 per accident limit, \$500,000 disease per policy limit, \$100,000 disease each employee limit.

The County shall be named as additional insured under the commercial general liability insurance for operations or services rendered under this Agreement. Certificates of all required insurance shall be furnished to the County and shall contain the provision that the County will be given thirty (30) day written notice of any intent to amend or terminate by either the insured or the insuring company.

It is understood that Playground Equipment will be in the care, custody, and control of the County or Participating Public Agency following installation. It is further understood that the Company cannot additionally insure the eventual owners of the equipment for Participating Public Agencies nationwide for any damages that result from lack of maintenance, inadequate supervision, negligence, or intentional acts

by anyone other than the Company or their affiliates; inadequate surfacing, or vandalism. The responsibility for maintenance and supervision belongs to the County or Participating Public Agency and the public user respectively.

17. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties established by this Agreement is solely that of independent contractors, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to (i) give any party the power to direct or control the day-to-day activities of the other; (ii) constitute such parties as partners, joint ventures, co-owners or otherwise as participants in a joint or common undertaking; (iii) make either party an agent of the other for any purpose whatsoever, or (iv) give either party the authority to act for, bind, or otherwise create or assume any obligation on behalf of the other. Nothing herein shall be deemed to eliminate any fiduciary duty on the part of the Company to the County that may arise under law or under the terms of this Agreement.

18. **SUBCONTRACTING.** The Company shall not subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement without the County's prior written consent. In the event the County does consent in writing to a subcontracting arrangement, Company shall be the prime contractor and shall remain fully responsible for performance of all obligations which it is required to perform under this Agreement. Any subcontract entered into by Company shall name the County as a third party beneficiary.

11. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** The Company agrees that it has adopted and will maintain and enforce a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

The Company agrees that it will inform the County of any alleged violation(s) of employment practices involving any employees who work on the Project which are asserted in any claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Labor Department or any other federal or state compliance agency. The Company will also inform the County of the final disposition of such cases.

19. **AUDIT.** During the term of this Agreement and for a period of one (1) year after termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, the County shall have the right to audit, either itself or through a third party, the books and records (including but not limited to the technical records) of the Company in connection with this Agreement, to ensure the Company's compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Agreement or the County's payment obligations.

20. **COMPANY WILL NOT SELL OR DISCLOSE DATA.** The Company will treat as confidential information all data provided by the County in connection with this agreement. County data processed by the Company shall remain the exclusive property of the County. The Company will not reproduce, copy, duplicate, disclose, or in any way treat the data supplied by the County in any manner except that contemplated by this agreement.

21. **WORK ON COUNTY'S PREMISES.** The Company will ensure that its employees and agents shall, whenever on the County's premises, obey all instructions and directions issued by the County's project manager with respect to work on the County's premises. The Company agrees that its personnel and the personnel of its subcontractors will comply with all rules, regulations and security procedures of the County when on the County's premises.

22. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE.** The County is a drug-free workplace employer. The Company hereby certifies that it has or it will within thirty (30) days after execution of this Agreement:

22.1. Notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying actions that will be taken for violations of such prohibition;

22.2. Establish a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about (i) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, (ii) the Company's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, (iii) any

available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and (iv) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations;

- 22.3. Notify each employee that as a condition of employment, the employee will (i) abide by the terms of the prohibition outlines in (a) above, and (ii) notify the Company of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace not later than five days after such conviction;
- 22.4. Impose a sanction on, or requiring the satisfactory participation in a drug counseling, rehabilitation or abuse program by an employee convicted of a drug crime;
- 22.5. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace for employees; and
- 22.6. Require any party to which it subcontracts any portion of the work under the contract to comply with the provisions of this Section.

A false certification or the failure to comply with the above drug-free workplace requirements during the performance of this Agreement shall be ground for suspension, termination or debarment.

23. **NOTICES.** Any notice, consent or other communication required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall be delivered in person, by U.S. mail, by overnight courier, by electronic mail or by telefax to the intended recipient at the address set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon the date of receipt by the intended recipient; provided that any notice which is sent by telefax or electronic mail shall also be simultaneously sent by mail deposited with the U.S. Postal Service or by overnight courier. Each party may change its address for notification purposes by giving the other party written notice of the new address and the date upon which it shall become effective.

23.1. Communications that relate to any breach, default, termination, delay in performance, prevention of performance, modification, extension, amendment, or waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be sent to:

For The Company:	For The County:
Don King	Karen Ruppe
PlayCore Wisconsin, Inc. dba GameTime	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Procurement Services
150 Playcore Drive	600 East 4 th Street
Fort Payne, AL 35967	Charlotte, NC 28202
Phone: 256.997.5255	Phone: 704.336.2992
Fax: 256.997.5455	Fax: 704.632.8254
E-mail: dking@playcore.com	E-mail: kruppe@ci.charlotte.nc.us
With Copy To:	With Copy To:
	Tyrone Wade
	Deputy County Attorney
	600 East Fourth Street
	Charlotte, NC 28202
	Phone: 704.336.4135
	Fax:
	E-mail: TyroneC.Wade@mecklenburgcountync

All other notices shall be sent to the other party's Project Manager at the most recent address provided in writing by the other party.

24. **MISCELLANEOUS**

24.1. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, (including all Exhibits) and the Confidentiality Agreement constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter

herein. There are no other representations, understandings, or agreements between the parties with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, representations and proposals, written or oral.

- 24.2. AMENDMENT. No amendment or change to this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the party against whom enforcement is sought.
- 24.3. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION. North Carolina law shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement, and any other matters relating to this Agreement (all without regard to North Carolina conflicts of law principles). All legal actions or other proceedings relating to this Agreement shall be brought in a state or federal court sitting in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. By execution of this Agreement, the parties submit to the jurisdiction of said courts and hereby irrevocably waive any and all objections which they may have with respect to venue in any court sitting in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.
- 24.4. BINDING NATURE AND ASSIGNMENT. This Agreement shall bind the parties and their successors and permitted assigns. Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any assignment attempted without the written consent of the other party shall be void. For purposes of this Section, a Change in Control, as defined in Section 25.10 constitute an assignment.
- 24.5. FORCE MAJEURE. Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Contract, and such failure or delay shall not be deemed a default of this Contract or grounds for termination hereunder if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) if such failure or delay:
 - i. could not have been prevented by reasonable precaution;
 - ii. cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing party through the use of alternate sources, work-around plans, or other means; and
 - iii. if, and to the extent, such failure or delay is caused, directly or indirectly, by fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, elements of nature or acts of God, acts of war, terrorism, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions or court order.
 - (b) An event which satisfies all of the conditions set forth above shall be referred to as a "Force Majeure Event." Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Service Provider shall be excused from any further performance of those of its obligations which are affected by the Force Majeure Event for as long as (a) such Force Majeure Event continues and (b) the Service Provider continues to use commercially reasonable efforts to recommence performance whenever and to whatever extent possible without delay.
 - (c) Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Service Provider shall immediately notify the County by telephone (to be confirmed by written notice within two (2) days of the inception of the failure or delay) of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and shall describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event prevents Service Provider from performing its obligations for more than five (5) days, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Service Provider.

Strikes, slowdowns, lockouts, walkouts, industrial disturbances and other labor disputes shall not constitute Force Majeure Events and shall not excuse the Service Provider from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

An event which satisfies all of the conditions set forth above shall be referred to as a "Force Majeure Event." Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the affected party shall be excused from any further performance of those of its obligations which are affected by the Force

Majeure Event for as long as (a) such Force Majeure Event continues and (b) the affected party continues to use reasonable efforts to recommence performance whenever and to whatever extent possible without delay.

Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the affected party shall promptly notify the other by telephone (to be confirmed by written notice within five (5) days of the inception of the failure or delay) of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and shall describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event prevents the Company from performing its obligations for more than fifteen (15) days, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Company.

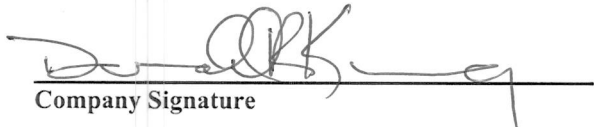
- 24.6. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity of one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Agreement so long as the material purposes of this Agreement can be determined and effectuated. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, then both parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under such provision, but only to the extent that such provision is unenforceable, and this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to make it enforceable while preserving its intent.
- 24.7. NO PUBLICITY. No advertising, sales promotion or other materials of the Company or its agents or representations may identify or reference this Agreement or the County in any manner without the prior written consent of the County. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the parties agree that the Company may list the County as a reference in responses to requests for proposals, and may identify the County as a customer in presentations to potential customers.
- 24.8. WAIVER. No delay or omission by either party to exercise any right or power it has under this Agreement shall impair or be construed as a waiver of such right or power. A waiver by either party of any covenant or breach of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver of any succeeding breach of that covenant or of any other covenant. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the party waiving the rights.
- 24.9. CHANGE IN CONTROL. In the event of a change in "Control" of the Company (as defined below), the County shall have the option of terminating this Agreement by written notice to the Company. The Company shall notify the County within ten days of the occurrence of a change in control. As used in this Agreement, the term "Control" shall mean the possession, direct or indirect, of either (i) the ownership of or ability to direct the voting of, as the case may be fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the equity interests, value or voting power in the Company or (ii) the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the Company whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.
- 24.10. NO BRIBERY. The Company certifies that neither it, any of its affiliates or subcontractors, nor any employees of any of the forgoing has bribed or attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the County in connection with this Agreement.
- 24.11. FAMILIARITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND ORDINANCES. The Company agrees to make itself aware of and comply with all local, state and federal ordinances, statutes, laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Services. The Company further agrees that it will at all times during the term of this Agreement be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and/or local laws regarding employment practices. Such laws will include, but shall not be limited to workers' compensation, the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and all OSHA regulations applicable to the work.
- 24.12. TAXES. The Company shall pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes which may be chargeable against the performance of the Services.

22.13 *WAIVER OF RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL.* The County and Company waive and will waive all rights to have a trial by jury in any action, proceeding, claim or counterclaim brought by either of them against the other on any matter whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to or connected with this Agreement.

25. **Non-Appropriation of Funds.** If the Board of County Commissioners does not appropriate the funding needed by the County to make payments under this Agreement for a given fiscal year, the County will not be obligated to pay amounts due beyond the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. In such event, the County will promptly notify the Company of the non-appropriation and this Agreement will be terminated at the end of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. No act or omission by the County, which is attributable to non-appropriation of funds shall constitute a breach of or default under this Agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and in acknowledgment that the parties hereto have read and understood each and every provision hereof, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first written above.

PLAYCORE WISCONSIN, INC.
dba GAMETIME:



Company Signature
Donald R. King
Director of Sales Administration

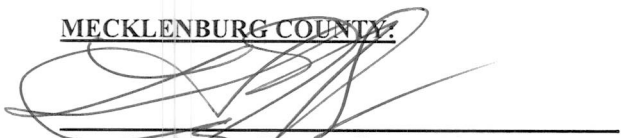
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ATTEST:


Mary Cole
Sales Administration Manager

Title

MECKLENBURG COUNTY:



General Manager/Deputy County Manager

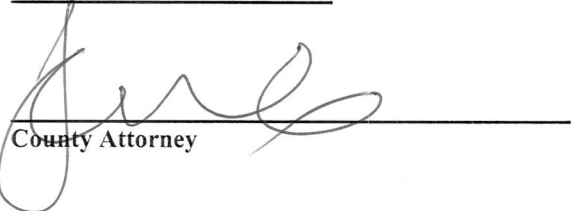
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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners




Park and Recreation Director

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

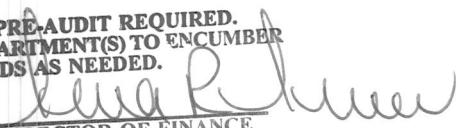
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Attorney

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:


Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Division of Insurance Risk Management

NO PRE-AUDIT REQUIRED. DEPARTMENT(S) TO ENCUMBER FUNDS AS NEEDED.
BY: 

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE