

**LEASE AGREEMENT**

This **LEASE AGREEMENT**, hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement," is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by and between **LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** whose business address for purpose of this Agreement is PO Box 1349, Valdosta, Georgia 31603-1349, hereinafter referred to as "Landlord," and the **STATE PROPERTIES COMMISSION**, a commission within the State Government of Georgia created by O.C.G.A. § 50-16-32, whose business address for purpose of this Agreement is 270 Washington Street, Suite 2-129 Atlanta, Georgia 30334, hereinafter referred to as "Tenant."

**WITNESSETH THAT:**

**ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The following words as used in this Agreement shall be defined as follows:

1. "Building" shall be construed to mean the building containing the Premises. References in this Agreement to the Building are deemed to include the Premises.
2. "Casualty" shall be construed to mean damage or destruction of the Premises, or any portion thereof, by any cause, including, without limitation, any loss or damage caused by fire, water, lightning, windstorm, hurricane, tornado, cyclone, hail, explosion, riot, civil commotion, aircraft, smoke, land vehicles, boiler explosion or any other like or different type or kind of catastrophe.
3. "Common Area" shall mean those areas located within the Building or on the Land used for corridors, elevators, foyers, restrooms, mechanical rooms, elevator mechanical rooms, janitorial closets, electrical and telephone closets, vending areas, and lobby areas (whether at ground level or otherwise), entrances, exits, sidewalks, skywalks, tunnels, driveways, parking areas and parking garages and landscaped areas and other similar facilities provided for the common use or benefit of tenants generally and/or the public.
4. "Date of Casualty" shall be construed to mean the date on which the Casualty occurs.
5. "Hazardous Substances" shall be construed to mean any chemical, material or substance, whether solid, liquid or gaseous which is listed, defined or regulated as a "hazardous substance," "hazardous waste," "hazardous material," "extremely hazardous waste," "restricted hazardous waste," "regulated substance," "medical waste," "toxic substance" or words of similar import under any Law, including any: (i) oil, petroleum, petroleum product or petroleum derivative, flammable or ignitable substances, explosives, radioactive materials; (ii) asbestos in any form which is or could become friable or which is deemed hazardous under any applicable Law; (iii) urea formaldehyde foam insulation; (iv) transformers or other electrical equipment which contain polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB); (v) other chemical, material or substance, exposure to which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any governmental authority or which causes or constitutes a nuisance or a hazard to the environment, public health or safety; and (vi) other chemical, material or substance which could pose a hazard to the environment.
6. "Land" shall be construed to mean the real property, fee simple title or an estate for years to which is owned by Landlord, upon which the Building is located.
7. "Landlord" shall be construed to mean Landlords in all cases where there is more than one Landlord, and the necessary grammatical changes required to make the provisions hereof apply either to male or female, corporation, partnership, association or individuals, shall in all cases be assumed as though in each case fully expressed.
8. "Laws" shall be construed to mean all federal, state, county, municipal and other governmental constitutions, statutes, ordinances, codes, regulations, resolutions, rules, requirements and directives applicable to the Building and all decisions, judgments, writs, injunctions, orders, decrees or demands of courts, administrative bodies and other authorities construing any of the foregoing. "Law" shall be the singular reference to Laws.
9. "Mortgage" shall be construed to mean any mortgage, deed to secure debt, deed of trust, trust deed or other conveyance of, or lien or encumbrance against, the Building or the Land as security for any debt, whether now existing or hereafter arising or created. "Mortgages" shall mean more than one "Mortgage."