

The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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May 20, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to **RETROACTIVELY** amend a contract (PO#1105460) with Verdantas LLC of Manchester, NH (VC# 402436-B001) to provide engineering and technical support services for the Wastewater Engineering Bureau (WWEB), by extending the completion date to December 31, 2026, from December 31, 2025, effective **retroactive** to December 31, 2025, upon Governor & Council approval through December 31, 2026. This is a no-cost time extension. The original contract was approved by the Governor and Council on March 12, 2025, Item #65. 100% Septage Management Funds

EXPLANATION

We are requesting **RETROACTIVE** approval of this amendment to provide additional time to Verdantas LLC to complete the agreed-upon scope of services. This request is **retroactive** due to additional time needed to review data sources, review modeling software, and extended modeling timeframes to ensure project goals are met. Verdantas LLC is providing professional engineering and technical support to WWEB for development of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) sludge model based on leaching potential in soils from biosolids land application and for development of recommended screening standards to be implemented in Administrative Rules section Env-Wq 800, Sludge Management. New modeling software for PFAS was released right after the software review contract task which prompted additional time needed to review the new software for project suitability. Additional technical meetings were needed to review chosen software, modeling timelines, and proposed modeling variables. The time extension will allow Verdantas LLC to complete the original approved scope of work, which was estimated to take approximately fifteen months to complete in the contract. The current project timeline is estimated to be completed by October 2026, however additional modeling runs may be needed therefore the extension is requested through the end of 2026. To date, \$123,935 of the \$300,000 contract has been spent.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.


Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

**Amendment No. 1
TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
N.H DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
AND
VERDANTAS LLC**

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES – ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SLUDGE QUALITY CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM PFAS MODELING AND SCREENING STANDARD DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has entered into a contract with Verdantas LLC in the amount of \$300,000 to assist the NHDES Wastewater Engineering Bureau (WWEB) by offering professional engineering and technical support services for development of a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) sludge model based on leaching potential in soils from biosolids land application and for development of recommended screening standards through December 31, 2025, which was approved by the Governor and Council on March 12, 2025, Item #65.

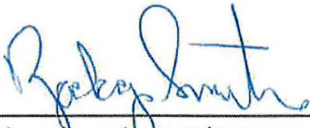
WHEREAS, Verdantas LLC and the NHDES have agreed to amend the Agreement in certain respects.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the covenants and conditions contained in the Agreement and set forth herein, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Contract Completion Date as set forth in block 1.7 shall be changed from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

All other conditions outlined in the contract shall remain in effect

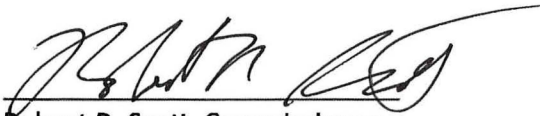
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective parties have hereunto set their hands as of the dates indicated



Zackary Smith, AVP/EAR Practice Leader
Verdantas LLC

4/28/26

Date



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

5/21/26

Date



Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice

5/27/2026

Date

Approved as to form, substance and execution.

State of New Hampshire

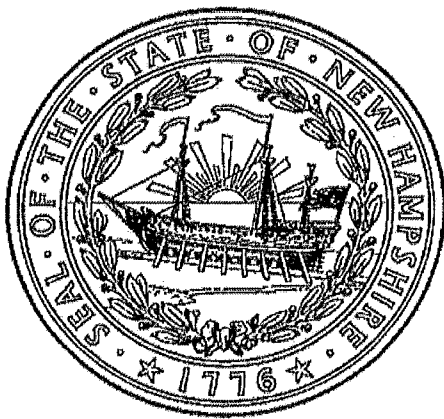
Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that VERDANTAS LLC is a Ohio Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on October 06, 2010. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **637086**.

Certificate Number: **0007915373**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 23rd day of April A.D. 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

Corporate Resolution

I, **Jesse Kropelnicki**, hereby certify that I am duly elected CEO, President and Manager of Verdantas LLC. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders, duly called and held on April 24, 2026, at which a quorum of the Directors/shareholders were present and voting.

VOTED: That Zackary Smith, AVP/Division Leader and Practice Leader is duly authorized to

enter a contract on behalf of Verdantas LLC with the Department of Environmental Services, State of New Hampshire and further is authorized to execute any documents which may in his judgment be desirable or necessary to effect the purpose of this vote.

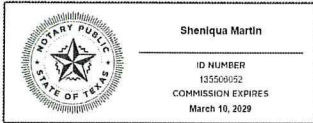
I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the 24 of April, 2026. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation and that the corporation as the general partner has full authority to bind the limited partnership to the specific contract indicated. This authority **shall remain valid for thirty (30) days** from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: 04/24/2026

Jesse Kropelnicki

ATTEST: _____
Jesse Kropelnicki, CEO, President and Manager

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Verdantas LLC, this 24th day of April, 2026.



Jesse Kropelnicki

Jesse Kropelnicki, CEO, President and Manager

STATE OF Texas

COUNTY OF Collin

On this the 24th of April, 2026, before the undersigned officer, personally appeared Jesse Kropelnicki, CEO, President and Manager, who acknowledged to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Sheniqua Martin

Name notary public/JOP,

My Commission Expires: Date 03/10/2029

Electronically signed and notarized online using the Proof platform.



ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

AGENCY Ames & Gough		NAMED INSURED Verdantas LLC 6397 Emerald Parkway Suite 200 Dublin, OH 43016	
POLICY NUMBER SEE PAGE 1		EFFECTIVE DATE: SEE PAGE 1	
CARRIER SEE PAGE 1	NAIC CODE SEE P 1		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
 FORM NUMBER: ACORD 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance

Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles:

liability arising out of the operations of the named insured and when required by written contract. General Liability, Automobile Liability, Umbrella Liability and Workers Compensation policies include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insured where permissible by state law and when required by written contract. 30-day Notice of Cancellation will be issued on the General Liability, Automobile Liability, Workers Compensation and Professional Liability policies in accordance with policy terms and conditions.



June 9, 2026

To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing to relay that we are currently in the process of negotiating Verdantas' renewal coverages that renew 6/30/26. Once presented and approved by Verdantas, renewal certificates will be processed. However, this should be completed by the 6/30/26 renewal date. The renewals should run annually, from 6/30/26 to 6/30/27.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth M. Hilliard'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth M. Hilliard, CISR
Assistant Vice President

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