

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the contract with General Sign Company, Inc., situated at Sheffield, Alabama, a copy of which is attached hereto, to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the replacement of twelve (12) precision-tooled aluminum plaques as stated in the attached proposal dated January 27, 2025, at the Veterans Memorial Park, Florence, Alabama, in the total contract amount not to exceed \$10,673.00 and in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions, and the same is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 2. That the Council has investigated and ascertained and hereby finds General Sign Company, Inc., is duly licensed by the City of Florence and is qualified, responsible, and competent to perform such work.

SECTION 3. That the contract for such work be awarded to General Sign Company, Inc., and that the proper officials of the City execute the contract for such work in the name of and on behalf of said City.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR

ADOPTED & APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY CLERK - TREASURER

STATE OF ALABAMA }
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COUNTY OF LAUDERDALE }{

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into in duplicate, by and between the City of Florence, Alabama, a municipal corporation, party of the first part, to and with General Sign Company, Inc., a corporation party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the mutual agreement of the parties, they do consent as follows, to-wit:

I

First party has heretofore accepted the proposal from the second to provide labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals necessary for the replacement of twelve (12) precision-tooled aluminum plaques as stated in the attached proposal dated January 27, 2025, at the Veterans Memorial Park, Florence, Alabama, and all in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions.

And first party has heretofore, in pursuance of law, negotiated with the second party to perform the work. This is a lump sum price agreement in the total contract amount not to exceed \$10,673.00 (ten thousand six hundred seventy-three dollars) and is the price submitted by the second party in their proposal which is attached hereunto and made a part of this contract. All of the work shall be performed in accordance with the negotiated terms and conditions and the work shall be performed at a time agreed upon by both parties.

II

First party employs second party to supply the labor, equipment, materials and incidentals necessary to perform the work as negotiated, all in accordance with the requirements of the City of Florence, which said requirements and all conditions set out in the negotiations are hereby referred to and adopted and made a part of this contract.

Second party shall warrant from any defect in workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year unless otherwise stated in the attached proposal. This warranty shall exclude any normal wear and tear that may occur due to lack of maintenance or adjustment.

III

Second party, for the same consideration, accepts the said agreement on the terms herein specified and subject to the following conditions, to-wit:

IV

This is a lump sum price agreement in the total contract amount not to exceed \$10,673.00 (ten thousand six hundred seventy-three dollars) and is the price submitted by the second party in their proposal which is attached hereunto and made a part of this contract. Additional work to be done or materials to be furnished, which in the opinion of the first party represents a significant quantity, shall be authorized by change order agreement with the second party.

V

The second party must maintain adequate insurance as follows: workman's compensation meeting State of Alabama statutory limits, and general liability insurance in the amounts of \$500,000.00 per occurrence; \$1,000,000.00 general aggregate; Employers liability \$500,000.00 each accident; disease – each employee \$5,000.00. The City of Florence shall be named as additional insured to the contractor's liability insurance policy.

VI

The project shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice to proceed. The notice to proceed shall be issued on a date agreed upon by both parties. Conditions not under the control of the second party, including but not limited to weather, strikes, war, acts of God, etc., will cause automatic extension of calendar days as agreed upon by both parties.

Failure to complete the project within the contract time shall result in an assessment of liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) per day for each day of delay until the work is completed.

VII

The second party warrants that it is properly qualified to perform this contract in accordance with all applicable laws of the City of Florence, the State of Alabama and the United States.

The second party shall (1) furnish a sworn affidavit acknowledged before a notary public that the second party does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ, any unauthorized alien; (2) provide documentation that the second party is enrolled in the E-Verify program; (3) during the performance of this contract, participate in the E-Verify program and verify every employee that is required to be verified according to the applicable federal rules and regulations; and (4) require each of its subcontractors to enroll in the E-Verify program and to furnish a sworn affidavit before a notary public that the establishing that the subcontractor is enrolled in the E-Verify program.

VIII

The first party shall make partial payments to the second party on or before the 15th day after receiving a duly certified and approved estimate of work performed during the proceeding calendar month by the second party, less 5% (five percent) of the total amount of the first 50% (fifty percent) of the total project which is to be strictly in accordance with this agreement, and until such work has been accepted by the first party.

Final payment on account of this agreement shall be made within 15 (fifteen) days after final acceptance by the first party.

IX

Each and every provision of law and cause required by law to be inserted in this contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the contract shall read and be enforced as though it were included herein and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted herein and if correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party the contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion.

X

Second party agrees to indemnify and save harmless first party from any claim, action or cause of action for damages, both property and personal, including death, which may arise from and during operations be by it or anyone directly or indirectly employed by it.

All laws, rules and regulations of the United States, State of Alabama, and the City of Florence as are applicable to the work to be performed hereunder shall be complied with.

It is fully understood and agreed that the second party is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent or representative of the first party. It is expressly understood and agreed that this contract is entered into solely for the mutual benefit of the parties herein and that no benefits, rights, or obligations are intended or created by this contract as to third parties not a signatory hereto.

The second party shall secure and pay for all required licenses and permits.

Executed at Florence, Alabama, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF FLORENCE, ALABAMA
a municipal corporation

BY: _____

ATTEST:

Mayor

FIRST PARTY

GENERAL SIGN COMPANY, INC.
a corporation

BY: _____

ATTEST:

ITS: _____

SECOND PARTY



P.O. Box 884
Sheffield, Alabama 35660

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PROPOSAL

1-27-25

Veterans Memorial Park
301 Veterans Drive
Florence, AL 35630

Project: New aluminum plaques

We propose to furnish and install the following 12 precision-tooled aluminum plaques:

- One 16" x 14" WW II ANCHOR
- One 16" x 16" THE HONEST JOHN ROCKET
- One 16" x 16" 75mm FIELD GUN
- One 16" x 16" THE HAWK MISSILE
- One 12" x 16" GOONEY BIRD PROPELLER
- One 12" x 16" ANTI-TANK GUN
- One 17" x 16" THE COBRA HELICOPTER
- One 24" x 16" 16" PROJECTILE
- One 24" x 16" HOUND DOG MISSILE
- One 30" x 23" THE PHANTOM (specs)
- One 26" x 23" THIS PHANTOM'S HISTORY
- One 30" x 23" COL. ED YEILDING

Price: \$10,673.00. (No tax included)

Terms: Net 30

Trent Butler for General Sign Co.

1-27-25

Date

Acceptance of Proposal:

The specifications, prices and conditions outlined above are satisfactory, and hereby accepted. General Sign Co. is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as stated.

for Veterans Memorial Park

Date

W.W. HANCHOR
This anchor was used on the fleet submarine USS Balao (SS-285). The Balao was commissioned in February 1943.
She received 9 battle stars for sinking 7 Japanese ships during her W.W.II service. The Balao was decommissioned in June 1963.
She was used as a target and sunk in September 1963. Her conning tower, which is now on display at the Washington Naval Yard, is the only remnant of the ship that remains of the U.S.S. Balao.

16' x 14'

THE "HONEST JOHN" ROCKET
The M50 Honest John was the U.S. Army's first nuclear-armed surface-to-surface missile. It was a guided 76mm artillery rocket powered by an M3 solid-fuel rocket engine.
The Honest John was developed at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1950, and first fired at White Sands Missile Range in 1951.
Lessons learned carried a high explosive warhead that weighed in at 5,800 pounds and had a range of 25 miles.
Production ended in 1965, after more than 7,000 rockets had been built. It was replaced by the MGM-52 Lance in 1973.

16' x 16'

75mm FIELD GUN
This 75mm field gun is a modification of a French gun that was designed in 1917. The 75mm was the most effective light field gun in W.W.I. It was also used against enemy aircraft with other armored troops in W.W.II.
This gun is 17' 3" long, and weighs 3,400 lbs. Its range was 13,570 yards, and fired 8 rounds per minute. The 75mm shell weighed 16.4 lbs., and could be used with high explosive, chemical, smoke, or armor-piercing.
The 105mm has now replaced the 75mm gun as the light artillery weapon.

16' x 16'

THE HAWK MISSILE
The Hawk Missile was the first mobile medium-range, guided, anti-aircraft missile developed by the U.S. Army in 1959. It was the first mobile anti-aircraft missile powered by a solid propellant rocket motor and controlled in flight by its large tail fins. The Hawk is 46' 8" long, weighs 1,400 lbs., and has a speed of 3,000 mph and carries a 163 lb. blast-fragmentation warhead.
The Hawk was deactivated in 1994, and replaced by the Patriot Missile.

16' x 16'

"GOONEY BIRD" PROPELLER
This Hamilton-Standard 23E50-505 hydro-matic propeller is from a Douglas Aircraft C-47 transport plane known as the Gooney Bird.
The C-47 operated in both the European and Pacific theaters of W.W.II as troop and cargo transport, and finished the Berlin Airlift.
More than 10,000 of these aircraft were produced by the Douglas Aircraft Company for military service.

12' x 16'

ANTI-TANK GUN
This is a T-3 (T-7B) Experimental anti-tank gun. It fired a 76mm round of ammunition. Being a towed weapon limited it to being used defensively, and its lack of mobility meant it could be easily outflanked. Towed anti-tank artillery disappeared from the U.S. Army's inventory in 1952. This gun is one of only a few in existence.

12' x 16'

THE COBRA HELICOPTER
The AH-1 Cobra is an anti-armor close support attack helicopter. The Cobra is powered by a General Electric T-900 GE-401 turboshaft engine. The Cobra is 28' 4" long, has a top speed of 149.7 mph, and a cruise speed of 154.1 mph. It has a 175 MPH and a range of 15,000. It has a 7000 lb. payload range of 20mm to low or helio air to ground missiles, 7 or 9, and 20mm rocket pods, to the AIM-9 and Hoveyck missiles.
The Cobra is fast, heavily armed, and highly maneuverable. It has proven to be a powerful combatant since its beginning in 1965.

17' x 16'

16" PROJECTILE
The 1,900 lb. HC (High Capacity) Mark 13 shore-bombardment projectile is fired from the Mark 7 16" 50-caliber gun. The HC round can create a crater 50' wide and 20' deep. The 16" gun turret weighs 7,708 tons. The barrel weighs 267,904 lbs. Low-class battleships could store 1,210 of the 16" projectiles aboard ship.
Specifications of the 16" Gun:
Gun length: 816' (except to muzzle)
Bore length: 682.86'
Gross weight: 66,415,500 lbs.
Turret weight: Uniform 84-1 in 75
Barrel weight: 41,427,200 lbs.
Bore: Chromium-plated to reduce wear
Muzzle velocity: 2,600 ft.
Bore life: 290 to 320 rounds
Range at 45°: 41,427,200 yds.
Range at 85°: 13,410,000 yds.
Penetration: 9.5' at 61,622 yds

24' x 16'

AGM-28 HOUND DOG MISSILE
The AGM-28 Hound Dog Missile was the United States' first Air Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM). It was made to deliver W28 nuclear warheads. North American Aviation was contracted in 1956 to build the prototype. The AGM-28 was put into service in 1960. Pratt & Whitney engines of 7,500 hp were used and 123,000 of these missiles were produced from 1961 through 1995. In 1976, all AGM-28 Hound Dog Missiles were taken out of service and replaced by the AGM-69 Short-Range Attack Missile (SRAM).
Specifications of the AGM-28:
Wingspan: 12'
Length: 42'-6"
Launch weight: 10,000 lbs.
Top Speed: 1,920 mph
Range: 700 miles
Guidance: INS and Inertial Navigation System
Platform: B-52C Stratofortress

24' x 16'

THIS PHANTOM'S HISTORY
The F-4D Phantom II was mass-produced by McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri, and was first flown on February 28, 1958, piloted by the United States Air Force.
March 1962 To the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing (US Air Force Europe), Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany (deployments to Wheelus Air Base Libya, Aviano Air Base Italy, Bitburg Air Base Germany).
May 1968 To 36th Tactical Fighter Wing (US Air Force Europe), Bitburg Air Base, Germany.
September 1973 To 91st Tactical Fighter Wing (US Air Force Europe), Royal Air Force, Bentwaters, United Kingdom.
April 1979 To 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing (US Air Force Europe), Aviano Air Base, Italy (with deployment to 2. Luftwaffe Air Base, Spain).
September 1991 To 40th Tactical Fighter Wing (US Air Force Europe), Torrejon Air Base, Spain.
May 1993 To 87th Tactical Fighter Group (Air National Guard), Dannelly Field, Alabama.
June 1988 Retired from active service.
August 1988 - January 2013 Deployed at Doolittle Field, Montgomery, Alabama and later at Fort McClellan, Alabama.
February 2013 Relocated to Veterans Memorial Park, Florence, Alabama.
This F-4D Phantom serial number 66-2514 came from the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

26' x 23"

THE PHANTOM
The F-4 Phantom was the U.S. Air Force's fastest, highest-flying and longest-range fighter. Its first flew May 27, 1958, and entered United States Air Force service in 1963. It was named Phantom II on July 3, 1959, during a ceremony held at the McDonnell plant in St. Louis, MO, to celebrate the Wheelus Air Base Libya. McDonnell had built 1,668 Phantom II's for combat in both the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm in addition to the United States.
Both U.S. military flight instructors as a team, the Navy Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds flew the Phantom II from 1969 to 1973. The F-4 Phantom became the first American aircraft to see concurrent service with branches of the USAF, USN and USMC.
Specifications:
Wingspan: 38 feet 5 inches
Length: 38 feet 3 inches
Height: 56 feet 6 inches
Cruise Speed: 1,750 mph
Range: 51,597 pounds
Weight: Two 17,900 lb thrust General Electric J79-GE-17 jet engines
Speed: 1,485 mph (max)
Accommodation: Two Crew
Armament: 15,983 pounds of weapons, including 20 mm nose-mounted M-61 "Vulcan" cannon

30' x 23"

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. EDWARD YELDING
United States Air Force
This F-4D Phantom is displayed in honor of Lt. Col. Edward Yelding and all Veterans who served with the Phantom aircraft. Captain Ed Yelding's name is painted on the front canopy to honor his nine years flying Phantom II's from 1964 to 1974 and because of his crucial six years as an SR-71 Blackbird pilot.
Born in 1949 and raised in Florence, Alabama, Lt. Col. Yelding was an active F-4 Phantom II pilot from 1974-1983, with assignments in the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, and the 87th Tactical Fighter Wing. He was a flight instructor and development test pilot. Lt. Col. Yelding was awarded several medals with Lt. Ralph L. Ghobson, a Weapons System Officer from Texas. Lt. Col. Yelding chose Ghobson's name for the rear canopy to honor his enthusiasm for their mission, and to commemorate Lt. Ghobson's life which ended in his landing a F-4D gun engine case on the tarmac while practicing for the defense of our country and our freedoms.
After Lt. Col. Yelding's Phantom assignment, he was selected in 1983 to fly the SR-71 Blackbird from 1983-1988. He was selected to be a flight instructor at the 49th Tactical Fighter Base, Chino (F-4E) and the 37th Tactical Fighter Base, Chino (F-4E) and became an SR-71 instructor and development test pilot.
When the SR-71 Blackbird fleet was retired in 1990, Lt. Col. Yelding and Lt. Col. J. Vyas's SR-71's were sent to the Smithsonian Institution, and tasked with delivering an SR-71 to the Smithsonian Institution, and to set an official speed record to honor all of the highly decorated Americans who designed, maintained, supported, and flew the amazing SR-71 Blackbird during its 25 years of vital service.
On March 6, 1990, Lt. Col. Yelding, Vyas, and their Blackbird set an official coast-to-coast aircraft speed record of 67 minutes 54 seconds, cruising at mach 3.3, 2,190 mph, and reaching an altitude of 85,000 feet. That SR-71 can set a new speed record in a display at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center, near Washington, D.C.

30' x 23"