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Derrick D. Moton, Real Estate Contract Officer
Acquisition Branch Real Estate Division
USACE-SAM-RE-A
109 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 33602

Dear Mr. Moton,

On behalf of the Alachua County Commission, I am writing to reaffirm our commitment to the lease agreement for the former Alachua County Fairgrounds site, now designated as an Equipment Concentration Site (ECS) for the 81st Readiness Division.

We understand that unforeseen permitting issues resulted in a one-year delay in the construction of the ECS. While this delay was outside the scope of our initial expectations, we recognize the complexity of such projects and appreciate the ongoing communication and transparency provided by the 81st Readiness Division throughout the process.

Therefore, the County Commission wishes to formally assure you that, in recognition of the exceptional circumstances and demonstrably good progress to date, we have approved a period of forbearance for the completion of construction and commencement of operations. This forbearance period, which is effective immediately and extends through December 31, 2025, grants the 81st Readiness Division additional time to complete construction and commence operations of the facility. Consequently, during this forbearance period, the County will not invoke its rights under Section 16.ii of the lease agreement related to timely completion and commencement of operations. Should the 81st Readiness Division complete construction and commence operations of the facility within the specified forbearance period, the County will not exercise its rights under Section 16 ii.

It is important to clarify that the County's decision to grant this forbearance is not to be interpreted as waiving any of its rights under the lease agreement. Similarly, it does not release the Army Reserve from any of its duties, obligations, or responsibilities under the terms of the Lease.

We are impressed by the significant progress already made at the ECS site. The dedication and efficiency of your team have inspired confidence in the timely completion of the project within the

extended timeframe. We eagerly anticipate the ribbon-cutting ceremony sometime in 2025 and look forward to witnessing the ECS become a valuable asset for the 81st Readiness Division and our community.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and dedication to this vital project. We look forward to a successful and ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Alford, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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cc: Board of County Commissioners
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