

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT, dated the _____ day of _____, 20_____,
by and between:

CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida with a business address of **701 SW 71ST AVENUE, NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33068** (hereinafter referred to as the "CITY")

and

_____, a _____
authorized to do business in the State of Florida, with a business address of _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT"). CITY and CONSULTANT may hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, CITY and CONSULTANT agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1
PREAMBLE

In order to establish the background, context and form of reference for this Agreement and to generally express the objectives, and intentions of the respective Parties herein, the following statements, representations and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions which follow and may be relied upon by the Parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

1.1 On _____, the CITY advertised its notice to bidders of the CITY's desire to hire a firm to provide _____ as more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, for the said bid entitled:

«Solicitation_Type_Abbreviation» # «Solicitation_Number»
“«Solicitation_Title»”

1.2 On _____, the bids were opened at the offices of the City Clerk.

1.3 On _____, the CITY awarded the bid to CONSULTANT and authorized the proper CITY officials to negotiate and enter into an agreement with CONSULTANT to render the services more particularly described herein below.

1.4 Negotiations pertaining to the services to be performed by the CONSULTANT were undertaken and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiation.

ARTICLE 2

SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 CONSULTANT hereby agrees to perform the services for the «**Service_Description**», as more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, ("Property") in accordance with the Scope of Services outlined in the specifications, "«**Solicitation_Type_Abbreviation**» # «**Solicitation_Number**»", attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit "A"** and CONSULTANT's response thereto, attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Composite Exhibit "B"**. CONSULTANT agrees to do everything required by this Agreement, the Sealed Bid Package, Addenda to this Agreement, and Commission award complete with proposal form.

2.2 CONSULTANT shall furnish all services, labor, equipment, and materials necessary and as may be required in the performance of this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, and all work performed under this Agreement shall be done in a professional manner.

2.3 CONSULTANT hereby represents to CITY, with full knowledge that CITY is relying upon these representations when entering into this Agreement with CONSULTANT, that CONSULTANT has the professional expertise, experience and manpower to perform the services to be provided by CONSULTANT pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2.4 CONSULTANT assumes professional and technical responsibility for performance of its services to be provided hereunder in accordance with recognized professional standards of good engineering practice. If within one year following completion of its services, such services fail to meet the aforesaid standards, and the CITY promptly advises CONSULTANT thereof in writing, CONSULTANT agrees to re-perform such deficient services without charge to the CITY.

2.5 CONSULTANT shall not utilize the services of any sub-consultant without the prior written approval of CITY.

2.6 CONSULTANT shall perform all services in this contract in compliance with the Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 200, and all other federal requirements standards to receive federal reimbursement funding. The Contractor must comply with 2 CFR 200.318 (J) (2), regarding time and materials contracts. Specifically, "non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to

compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

ARTICLE 3
TERM AND TERMINATION

3.1 CONSULTANT shall perform the services identified in Article 2 within the time frame set forth in **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Minor adjustments to the timetable for completion approved by City Manager in advance, in writing, will not constitute non-performance by CONSULTANT per this Agreement.

3.2 This Agreement may be terminated by either party for cause, or by the CITY for convenience, upon seven (7) days' written notice by the CITY to CONSULTANT in which event the CONSULTANT shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date. In the event that the CONSULTANT abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY against any loss pertaining to this termination up to a maximum of the full contracted fee amount. All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, plans, surveys, and reports prepared by CONSULTANT shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to CITY immediately.

3.3 This Agreement shall take effect as of the date of execution as shown herein below and shall be completed within _____ from the date of CONSULTANT's receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE 4
COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

4.1 CONSULTANT shall be entitled to invoice CITY on a monthly basis for services performed. The invoice shall include, but not be limited to, date of service, the amount of time spent, a description of the service, and any other information reasonably required by CITY. The compensation shall not exceed _____.

4.2 CITY will make its best efforts to pay CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of receipt of proper invoice the total shown to be due on such invoice.

4.3 All payments shall be governed by the Florida Prompt Payment Act, as set forth in Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

4.4 Payment will be made to CONSULTANT at:

«Vendor_Name»
Attn: «Vendor_Contact_Title»
«Vendor_Address_Line_1»
«Vendor_Address_Line_2»

ARTICLE 5
CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDITIONAL WORK

5.1 CITY or CONSULTANT may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services, as described in **Exhibit "A,"** to be provided under

this Agreement as described in Article 2 of this Agreement. These changes may affect the monthly compensation accordingly. Such changes or additional services must be in accordance with the provisions of the CITY's Code of Ordinances, and must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the parties hereto, with the same formality, equality and dignity herewith prior to any deviation from the terms of this Agreement, including the initiation of any additional or extra work.

5.2 In no event will the CONSULTANT be compensated for any work which has not been described either herein or in a separate written agreement executed by the Parties hereto.

ARTICLE 6 **INDEMNIFICATION**

6.1 CONSULTANT shall indemnify and save harmless and defend the CITY, its trustees, elected and appointed officials, agents, servants and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature sustained by the CITY or any third party arising out of, or by reason of, or resulting from acts, errors, omission, or negligent acts of CONSULTANT, its agents, servants or employees in the performance under this Agreement, for all costs, losses and expenses, including but not limited to, damages to persons or third party property, judgments and attorneys' fees arising out of or in connection with the performance by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement.

6.2 CONSULTANT shall indemnify CITY for all loss, damage, expense or liability including, without limitation, court costs and attorneys' fees that may result by reason of any infringement or claim of infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary right due to services furnished pursuant to this Agreement. CONSULTANT will defend and/or settle at its own expense any action brought against the CITY to the extent that it is based on a claim that products or services furnished to CITY by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement, or if any portion of the services or goods furnished in the performance of the service becomes unusable as a result of any such infringement or claim.

6.3 CONSULTANT'S aggregate liability shall not exceed the proceeds of insurance required to be placed pursuant to this Agreement plus the compensation received by CONSULTANT, or extend to any claims brought subsequent to the expiration of warranty period outlined above. The CITY's rights and remedies and CONSULTANT's liabilities as set forth in this Agreement, are exclusive, and the CITY hereby releases CONSULTANT from all further or subsequent liability, whether based in contract or tort and irrespective of fault, negligence, or strict liability.

6.4 The Parties recognize that various provisions of this Agreement, including but not necessarily limited to this Section, provide for indemnification by the CONSULTANT and that Florida Statutes §725.06 requires a specific consideration be given therefor. The Parties therefore agree that the sum of **Ten Dollars and 00/100 (\$10.00)**, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, is the specific consideration for such indemnities, and the

providing of such indemnities is deemed to be part of the specifications with respect to the services to be provided by CONSULTANT. Furthermore, the Parties understand and agree that the covenants and representations relating to this indemnification provision shall survive the term of this Agreement and continue in full force and effect as to the party's responsibility to indemnify.

ARTICLE 7 **INSURANCE**

7.1 The CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the CITY or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the CONSULTANT or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subconsultant. The CONSULTANT shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the CITY, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may issue thereon. The CONSULTANT expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the CONSULTANT shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the CITY or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

7.2 CONSULTANT shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Risk Manager of the CITY nor shall the CONSULTANT allow any subconsultant to commence work on any subcontract until all similar such insurance required of the subconsultant has been obtained and similarly approved.

7.3 Certificates of Insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the City's Risk Manager prior to the commencement of this Agreement. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The insurance company shall be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class VI" as to financial strength according to the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide published by A.M. Best Company.

7.4 Policies shall be endorsed to provide the CITY thirty (30) days notice of cancellation or the CONSULTANT shall obtain written agreement from its Agent to provide the CITY thirty (30) days notice of cancellation.

7.5 Insurance shall be in force until all obligations required to be fulfilled under the terms of the Agreement are satisfactorily completed as evidenced by the formal acceptance by the CITY. In the event the insurance certificate provided indicates that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the period of this Agreement, then in that event, the CONSULTANT shall furnish, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the

date of such insurance, a renewed certificate of insurance as proof that equal and like coverage for the balance of the period of the Agreement and extension thereunder is in effect. The CONSULTANT shall not commence nor continue to provide any services pursuant to this Agreement unless all required insurance remains in full force and effect. CONSULTANT shall be liable to CITY for any lapses in service resulting from a gap in insurance coverage.

7.6 REQUIRED INSURANCE

7.6.1 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance written on an occurrence basis including, but not limited to: coverage for bodily injury and property damage, personal & advertising injury, products & completed operations, and contractual liability. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than:

1. Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000
2. Fire Damage Limit (Damage to rented premises) - \$100,000
3. Personal & Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000
4. General Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000
5. Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000

Products & Completed Operations Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement

The City of North Lauderdale must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.

7.6.2 Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance covering all employees, and/or volunteers of the CONSULTANT engaged in the performance of the scope of work associated with this Agreement. In the case any work is sublet, the CONSULTANT shall require the subconsultants similarly to provide Workers Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the CONSULTANT. Coverage for the CONSULTANT and his subconsultants shall be in accordance with applicable state and/or federal laws that may apply to Workers' Compensation Insurance with limits of liability no less than:

1. Workers' Compensation: Coverage A – Statutory
2. Employers Liability: Coverage B \$100,000 Each Accident
\$500,000 Disease – Policy Limit
\$100,000 Disease – Each Employee

If CONSULTANT claims to be exempt from this requirement, CONSULTANT shall provide CITY proof of such exemption along with a written request for CITY to exempt CONSULTANT, written on CONSULTANT letterhead.

7.6.3 Comprehensive Auto Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, with a combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage no less than:

1. Any Auto (Symbol 1)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
2. Hired Autos (Symbol 8)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
3. Non-Owned Autos (Symbol 9)
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000

7.6.4 Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance with a limit of liability no less than \$2,000,000 per wrongful or negligent act. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement.

7.6.5 Sexual Abuse may not be excluded from any policy. **[When applicable]**.

7.7 REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

7.7.1 The City of North Lauderdale shall be named as an Additional Insured on each of the General Liability policies required herein

7.7.1 Waiver of all Rights of Subrogation against the CITY

7.7.3 Thirty (30) Day Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal to the CITY

7.7.4 CONSULTANT's policies shall be Primary & Non-Contributory

7.7.5 All policies shall contain a "severability of interest" or "cross liability" clause without obligation for premium payment of the CITY

7.7.6 The City of North Lauderdale shall be named as a Loss Payee on all Property and/or Inland Marine Policies as their interest may appear.

7.8 CONSULTANT shall name the CITY, as an additional insured on each of the General Liability policies required herein and shall hold the CITY, its agents, officers and employees harmless on account of claims for damages to persons, property or premises arising out of the services provided hereunder.

7.9 Any insurance required of the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement must also be required by any subconsultant in the same limits and with all requirements as provided herein, including naming the CITY as an additional insured, in any work that is subcontracted unless such subconsultant is covered by the protection afforded by the CONSULTANT and provided proof of such coverage is provided to CITY. The CONSULTANT and any subconsultants shall maintain such policies during the term of this Agreement.

7.10 The CITY reserves the right to require any other additional types of insurance coverage and/or higher limits of liability it deems necessary based on the nature of work being performed under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8
INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

8.1 This Agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the Parties. It is the intent of the Parties that the CONSULTANT is an independent CONSULTANT under this Agreement and not the CITY's employee for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the State Workers' Compensation Act, and the State unemployment insurance law. The CONSULTANT shall retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out CONSULTANT's activities and responsibilities hereunder provided, further that administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONSULTANT, which policies of CONSULTANT shall not conflict with CITY, State, H.U.D., or United States policies, rules or regulations relating to the use of CONSULTANT's funds provided for herein. The CONSULTANT agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the CITY, that it has full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This Agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the CONSULTANT and the CITY and the CITY will not be liable for any obligation incurred by CONSULTANT, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

ARTICLE 9
VENUE

9.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida as now and hereafter in force. The venue for any and all claims or actions arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE 10
PUBLIC RECORDS

10.1 The City of North Lauderdale is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The CONSULTANT shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, the CONSULTANT shall:

10.1.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service;

10.1.2 Upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, provide the CITY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

10.1.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the term of this Agreement and, following completion of the contract, CONSULTANT shall destroy all copies of such confidential and exempt records remaining in its possession after the CONSULTANT transfers the records in its possession to the CITY; and

10.1.4 Upon completion of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall transfer to the CITY, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in CONSULTANT's possession. All records stored electronically by the CONSULTANT must be provided to the CITY, upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the CITY.

10.2 The failure of CONSULTANT to comply with the provisions set forth in this Article shall constitute a Default and Breach of this Agreement, for which, the CITY may terminate the Agreement.

IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT

**CITY CLERK
701 SOUTHWEST 71ST AVENUE
NORTH LAUDERDALE, FL 33068
(954) 724-7056
PVANCHERI@NLAUDERDALE.ORG**

**ARTICLE 11
MISCELLANEOUS**

11.1 **Ownership of Documents.** Reports, surveys, plans, studies and other data provided in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of CITY whether or not the project for which they are made is completed. CITY hereby agrees to use CONSULTANT's work product for its intended purposes.

11.2 **Records.** CONSULTANT shall keep such records and accounts and require any and all subconsultants to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to this engagement, and any expenses for which CONSULTANT expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by CITY and shall be kept for a period of ten (10) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for disallowance by CITY of any fees or expenses based upon such entries. All records shall be maintained and available for disclosure, as appropriate, in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

11.3 **Assignments; Amendments.** This Agreement, and any interests herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of CITY. For purposes of this Agreement, any change of ownership of CONSULTANT shall constitute an assignment which requires CITY approval. However, this Agreement shall run to the benefit of CITY and its successors and assigns.

It is further agreed that no modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

11.4 **No Contingent Fees.** CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, CITY shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

11.5 **Notice.** Whenever any party desires to give notice unto any other party, it must be given by written notice, sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended and the remaining party, at the places last specified, and the places for giving of notice shall remain such until they shall have been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this section. For the present, CONSULTANT and CITY designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

CITY Ambreen Bhatti, City Manager
 City of North Lauderdale
 701 SW 71st Avenue
 North Lauderdale, FL 33068
 Telephone No.: (954) 722-0900

Copy To: Samuel S. Goren, City Attorney
 Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.
 3099 East Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308
 Telephone No. (954) 771-4500
 Facsimile No. (954) 771-4923

CONSULTANT _____

11.6 **Binding Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

11.7 **Headings.** Headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered on any interpretation of this Agreement.

11.8 **Exhibits.** Each exhibit referred to in this Agreement forms an essential part of this Agreement. The exhibits if not physically attached should be treated as part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.

11.9 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or situation shall to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, and the application of such provisions to persons or situations other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and shall continue in full force and effect, and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11.10 **Extent of Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the CITY and the CONSULTANT and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

11.11 **Legal Representation.** It is acknowledged that each party hereto was represented by counsel in the preparation of and contributed equally to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and, accordingly, the rule that a contract shall be interpreted strictly against the party preparing same shall not apply herein due to the joint contributions of both Parties.

11.12 **Counterparts and Execution.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals or counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Parties shall be legally binding, valid and effective upon delivery of the executed documents to the other party through facsimile transmission, email, or other electronic delivery.

11.13 **Scrutinized Companies.** CONSULTANT certifies that it and any of its affiliates are not scrutinized companies as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. In addition, CONSULTANT agrees to observe the requirements of Section 287.135, F.S., for applicable sub-agreements entered into for the performance of work under this Agreement. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the CITY may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if the CONSULTANT, its affiliates, or its subConsultants are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONSULTANT, its affiliates, or its subconsultants are placed on any applicable scrutinized companies list or engaged in prohibited contracting activity during the term of the Agreement. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize these contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

11.14 **Waiver.** Failure of CITY to insist upon strict performance of any provision or condition of this Agreement, or to execute any right therein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of any such provision, condition, or right, but the same shall remain in full force and effect.

11.15 **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event that either party brings suit for enforcement of this Agreement, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and court costs, except as otherwise provided under the indemnification provisions set forth herein above.

11.16 **Protection of City Property.** At all times during the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall protect CITY's property from all damage whatsoever on account of the work being carried on under this Agreement.

11.17 **Compliance with Statutes.** It shall be the CONSULTANT's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all statutes, ordinances, rules regulations and requirements of all local CITY, state, and federal agencies as applicable. [Include language re: Jessica Lunsford Act, where applicable.]

11.18 **Bankruptcy.** It is agreed that if CONSULTANT is adjudged bankrupt, either voluntarily or involuntarily, then this Agreement shall terminate effective on the date and at the time the bankruptcy petition is filed.

11.19 **Agreement Subject to Funding.** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the expenditures provided for in the Agreement have been appropriated by the City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale in the annual budget for each fiscal year of this Agreement, and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

11.20 **Uncontrollable Forces.** Neither CITY nor CONSULTANT shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to Uncontrollable Forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing party could not avoid. The term “Uncontrollable Forces” shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. It includes, but is not limited to fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions.

11.20.1 Neither party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces, which are preventable, removable, or remediable, and which the nonperforming party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed, or remedied with reasonable dispatch. The nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an uncontrollable force, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances and uncontrollable forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Agreement.

11.21 **Non-Discrimination & Equal Opportunity Employment.** During the performance of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT shall not discriminate against any person in its operations, activities or delivery of services. The CONSULTANT shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local equal opportunity employment laws and shall not engage in or commit any discriminatory practices against any person based on race, age, religion, color, gender, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a bases for service delivery.

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