



City of Carson
Purchasing Division
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER (RFP) 23-022

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Manager of the City of Carson will accept proposals for:

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS & STREET BANNERS

ISSUE DATE: 06/29/23
QUESTIONS DEADLINE: 07/13/23 | 02:00 PM
PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 08/17/23 | 05:00 PM

BOTH PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED

- (1) SUBMIT PRINTED PROPOSALS TO: City of Caron Clerk's Office
701 E. Carson Street, Carson CA 90745
- (2) REGISTER AS A VENDOR AND SUBMIT ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS AT:
<https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=32461>

No late proposals will be accepted. Proposals received after the deadline established will not be considered. Proposers are strongly encouraged to carefully read the entire RFP and are solely responsible for the timely submittal of complete proposals. The City reserves the sole right to evaluate the proposals submitted, waive any irregularity therein, approve sub-consultants, and select or reject proposals, should such action be deemed in the best interests of the City. Both printed and electronic proposals must be submitted or proposal will be rejected.

All questions or requests for interpretation regarding this solicitation must be submitted online through PlanetBids by the date and time specified. Any City response for this solicitation not submitted through PlanetBids is unauthorized and will be considered invalid. Any attempt to lobby members of the Carson City Council, or City of Carson staff during the release of the solicitation and the announcement of the contact award, may result in disqualification from the selection process. Please note submissions are not confidential and are subject to release in response to a public records request after negotiations are complete.

Please note, in the event of a conflict between any details included in this RFP and any details in PlanetBids, this RFP 23-022 shall control and govern.

To view other bidding opportunities from the City of Carons, please visit:
<http://ci.carson.us.RinanceBidding.aspx>

RFP 23-022 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS & STREET BANNERS

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON PLANETBIDS AS DOWNLOADS

1. Affidavit of Non-Federal Lobbyist Requirements
2. Certificate of Compliance with Labor Code Section 3700
3. Debarment and Suspension Certification
4. Affidavit of Non-collusion and Non-discrimination
5. Client Reference List
6. Instructions for entering Electronic Bids
7. W-9 Request for Taxpayer Number and Certification

A. SUMMARY

The City of Carson ("City") is opening a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the holiday (Christmas) decoration of City Hall, Carson Event Center, bordering streets, and areas. These decorations include street banners, products, and services detailed in Exhibit A, Specifications, and the Scope of Work. The City intends to award a contract for a period of three (3) years with the option of two (2), one-year extensions at the City's sole discretion.

This competitively awarded contract will allow the City to rent holiday decorations, street banners, products, and services on an as-needed basis. Respondents are requested to submit their complete line of available products and services. **This submission shall include both the standard package and a separate holiday decoration enhancements addendum, all with complete pricing.**

The City of Carson was incorporated as a California general law city on February 20, 1968. On November 6, 2018, with the City's voters' approval, the City of Carson became a California chartered city. Carson is considered one of the youngest municipalities in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County. Carson is located less than 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles and is considered part of the South Bay section of Los Angeles County. The City's acreage is 19.2 square miles, and has grown considerably, beginning with a population of 61,000 in 1968 and with a current population of close to 100,000 residents.

Carson prides itself on being a culturally diverse community and is accessible by air, rail and freeway. The City is close to the Los Angeles International Airport, the Long Beach Airport, the Port of Los Angeles, and the Port of Long Beach. The four freeways that surround or run through the City are the Harbor (110); the San Diego (405); the Artesia (91); and the Long Beach (710). Additionally, the MTA Bus Line frequently stops in Carson on its route between Los Angeles and Long Beach and the City's owned bus system, the Carson Circuit, provides convenient bus transportation within the City. There is no other city in the Los Angeles-Orange County region that matches Carson's ease of accessibility.

The City is home to many large, modern petrochemical, electronics, automobile, aerospace, trucking, and high-tech facilities. Many of these companies have won regional and local beautification awards. A number of multinational companies also call Carson their home by locating their corporate headquarters here. Through cooperative efforts between the City and businesses, the vitality and future of Carson continues to flourish.

The City of Carson reserves the right to make changes in the Request for Proposal as it may deem appropriate.

All changes in the Request for Proposal shall be made by written addendum, which shall be issued to all prospective bidders through PlanetBids. No oral changes will be permitted. Addendum issued during the proposal process shall become a part of the original proposal.

Proposals submitted after the date and time established for the opening of proposals will be rejected and returned unopened to the sender.

The City of Carson reserves the right to take any action considered to be in the best interest of the City of Carson.

A proposal may be withdrawn prior to the opening of proposals without prejudice upon written request to the Purchasing Office. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days once proposals have been opened by the Purchasing Manager.

No contract exists on the part of the City until the City Council has made the award and a purchase contract has been fully executed. The award, if made, will take place approximately within ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled proposal opening date.

The City reserves the right to reject all proposals received or any parts therein, and to be the sole judge of the merits of each proposal received.

B. RESERVED – DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS RFP

C. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL

The proposals shall be submitted in both print and electronic format.

Deliver five (5) printed copies of the proposal to the City Clerk’s Office no later than **08/17/23 | 5:00 PM**. The exterior of the delivered package shall be clearly marked with **RFP 23-022** and include the company name and address. Any printed proposals received and/or delivered after the time specified will be refused. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Proposals shall also be submitted electronically on Planet Bids no later than **08/17/23 | 5:00 PM**. Please allow sufficient time to prepare and upload your documents into the electronic bid system prior to the deadline, as the system will lock and not allow entry of proposals after the designated deadline. Any technical questions regarding use of Planet Bids shall be directed to Planet Bids (818-992-1771).

The Proposal shall include the following sections, numbered in accordance with the table below. **Every Proposal shall include the Proposer’s name and the City’s Request for Proposal No. 23-022.**

Required Proposal Sections and Documents		
1	Company Certification and Personnel Verification Certification, on company letterhead that the person submitting the proposal is authorized to contract on behalf of the prospective contractor. Examples of authorized persons include owner, partner, or corporate officer. Include name, title, address, and contact information. If proposer is a corporation, certification should include statement that corporation is in good standing with the California Secretary of State. Include general company information and resumes of personnel to be assigned to the engagement	Required
2	Subcontractor List (if applicable) Include the subcontractor’s qualifications and the nature and extent of work to be performed by each subcontractor	Required if Applicable
3	Cost Proposal Include all pricing information relative to the engagement	Required

4	Client Reference List Governmental entities preferred. Include client contact information and a brief description of the service provided to each client. Minimum of three (3) references for work performed within the last five (5) years in (download from PlanetBids)	Required
5	Modification, Changes or Exceptions to the City's Contract Services Agreement (attached for REFERENCE ONLY) Exceptions to the specifications of any proposed items, contract terms and conditions shall be fully described and stated in writing	Required if Applicable
6	Affidavit of Non-Collusion and Non-Discrimination (download from PlanetBids)	Required
7	Federal Lobbyist Requirements (download from PlanetBids)	Required
8	Debarment and Suspension Certificate (download from PlanetBids)	Required
9	Certificate of Compliance with Labor Code Section 3700 (download from PlanetBids)	Required if Applicable

D. QUESTIONS AND ADDENDUMS

All project scope questions must be posted to PlanetBids by the due date and time listed on the cover page of this Invitation. The City will coordinate responses and post them to PlanetBids five (5) days prior to the bid deadline for all interested bidders to review.

If discrepancies or omissions are found for this document, the City reserves the right to make such changes as deemed appropriate. Any such changes will be by written addendum, which will be posted to Planet Bids no later than five (5) days prior to the proposal deadline. The City reserves the right to extend the proposal deadline.

	Type of Question	Contact	Contact Info
1	Those related to the Project	Planet Bids	Post directly to Planet Bids
2	Use of Planet Bids	Planet Bids	(818) 992-1771
3	City's Purchasing Process	Shelly Root, Senior Buyer	sroot@carsonca.gov (310) 830-7600 ext. 1231

E. PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS

Proposers who do not meet the minimum qualifications will be disqualified.

Awarded contractor and subcontractors (if applicable) must pay the City's business license tax and submit required insurance documents prior to execution of the contract.

F. PROCUREMENT LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Job location: Carson City Hall: 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745
Carson Event Center: 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745 Along Carson Street and Avalon bordering Carson City Hall and Carson Event Center

Job Work Schedule: **Monday – Thursday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm (for City Hall and Carson Event Center only)**

Anticipated Procurement Schedule		
1	Award of Contract	TBD
2	Contract Execution & Notice to Proceed	TBD
3	Begin Engagement	11/1/23
4	Complete Engagement	10/31/26

G. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The City’s form contract is required (see Contract Service Agreement). Specific requirements are outlined in the form contract.

The majority of the work as required herein shall be performed by the awarded contractor. The work may not be subcontracted to another contractor unless the subcontractor has been included in the Proposal, or a substitution has been approved in writing by the City’s Contracting Officer in advance of work performed.

H. COST PROPOSAL

Contractors shall provide everything necessary at their own expense including, but not limited to labor, materials, and equipment required to perform and complete the required work.

The lump sum proposal price shall include all necessary labor, materials, and fees to complete the work required by Project Scope and Specifications. Permits, licenses and fees shall be obtained at the awarded Contractor’s sole expense. Federal taxes shall not be included, as the City is exempt from paying federal taxes. However, the City does pay Sales Tax on the purchase of items, which shall be included as a separate line within the total proposal price.

The following costs will not be allowed: additional charges such as fuel surcharges and mileage rates, fines, entertainment, advertising, and any costs considered inappropriate for reimbursement from taxpayer money.

Include hourly rates for additional work which may be authorized by the City’s Contract Officer.

I. PROPOSAL OPENING, DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AWARD OF CONTRACT

All proposals will be opened publicly in the Office of the City Clerk on the date and time noted on the Notice of Request for Proposals. Proposals will be considered confidential until a contract recommendation is made to City Council.

Proposal documents that are submitted on time and meet the minimum requirements outlined above will be reviewed by City staff, which will make a recommendation to the City Council to either reject all proposals or award a contract. Evaluation criteria will include qualifications, experience, price, and past performance and will be based on guidelines in the City’s Municipal Code.

The City may hold interviews with respondents prior to a final selection of the project consultant. Such

interviews may be conducted in person or by electronic means. The City reserves the right to make such additional investigation as it deems necessary to establish the competence and financial stability of any firm submitting a proposal.

No contract exists until the City Council has made the award, and the contract has been fully executed.

Specific Evaluation Criteria for Award of Contract Will Be as Follows:

An evaluation committee consisting of City staff will review the proposals. The criteria and weight for evaluation the proposals will be as follows:

1. 10% - Relevant local experience and reputation, including a verification of data and references
2. 10% - Local experience and credentials of key personnel assigned to the project
3. 25% - Understanding of project objectives and scope of work as evidenced in the written narratives and oral interview (if conducted)
4. 25% - Experience with projects of similar nature
5. 15% - Staffing, product and services capabilities demonstrating that the present workload of the firm and the availability of staff for the project will remain sufficient throughout the duration of the contract
6. 10% - Consultant's past record of performance in similar projects related to control of costs, quality of work, and adherence to schedule
7. 5% - Prior experience with City

PROJECT SCOPE, SPECIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

This RFP seeks qualifications, a work scope, and fee proposal to provide “as needed” Holiday (Christmas) Decorations and Street Banner products and services to the City of Carson and Carson Event Center for a period of three (3) years with the option of up to two (2) one-year extensions at the City’s sole discretion.. Respondents should thoroughly review all documents and note any exceptions to terms and conditions in their proposal.

This three (3) year contract will allow the City of Carson to rent Holiday Decorations and Street Banners products and services on an “as needed” basis from a competitively awarded contract. Respondents are requested to submit their total line of available products and services. **This is to include a separate holiday decoration enhancements addendum with pricing for consideration in addition to the basic package.** *Enhancements* is defined as items that may be added to this RFP at the City Council’s sole discretion based on the available options.

Respondents should thoroughly review all documents and note any exceptions to the terms and conditions in their proposal.

LIVE TREE DELIVERY: MONDAY, prior to Thanksgiving. Alternatively, with approval from the City’s Contract Officer, live tree may be delivered Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

Live tree Douglas Fir preferred. Include alternative comparable live tree options should Douglas Fir in required size(s) not be available.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. COVER LETTER

A cover letter must summarize key elements and guarantee that key personnel will be committed to perform the required tasks throughout the duration of the contract. The cover letter shall be limited to two (2) pages and shall include a contact name, email, phone number, and full address for the consultant. The cover letter shall include a statement that the consultant can meet the City’s insurance requirements. In cases, where a team member voluntary leaves a firm, the consultant shall provide the City a proposal for a substitute team member subject to the approval of the City’s Contract Officer.

2. COMPANY INFORMATION

- a. Identification of respondent;
- b. Legal name and address of the company (partnership, corporation, joint venture, etc.);
- c. Identification of the parent company, if applicable;
- d. Addresses of offices located in Los Angeles County if applicable;
- e. Number of employees in Los Angeles County, if applicable; and
- f. Name, title, address, and telephone number of person(s) to contact concerning the proposal.

3. PROJECT APPROACH AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

- a. Provide a narrative the Consultant's understanding of the project, and any suggestions or special concerns that the City and the Consultant should address for a successful contract;

- b. Provide a narrative rendition of the technical and management approach proposed;
 - c. Provide a detailed Scope of Work of all tasks to be completed; and
 - d. Include photographs or renderings.
4. PROJECT TEAM
- a. Identify, and provide resumes of, each consultant's key personnel to be assigned to this project. Resumes should include key personnel's technical training and experience. Please note that consultant's key personnel team shall be present at any selection interview, should the City elect to conduct interviews. If selected, these key members can only be changed with prior written approval of the City's Contract Officer.
 - b. If applicable, identify services that will be outsourced to a sub-consultant. Describe the experience of each sub-consultant in successfully completing similar projects. The prime consultant will be responsible for verifying the qualifications and validity of all licenses, permits and quality of work for any outsourced work to sub-consultants.
5. EXPERIENCE - Provide three (3) similar contracts which your firm has completed within the last five (5) years. Contracts currently being performed may be submitted for consideration. Contract information should include a brief description, agency or client name, the year of contract period, and the related cost.
6. REFERENCES - The consultant shall provide a minimum of three (3) references for similar contracts of City's size and scope. At least one (1) reference shall be from the contracts listed in Item 5, EXPERIENCE. At a minimum, each reference shall include the client's name and location, number of projects completed for the client, client contact name, email, and phone number.
7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST — Provide a statement which discloses any past, ongoing, or potential conflicts of interest, which the consultant may have because of performing the work for this project.
8. EXCEPTIONS TO RFP - Provide a statement that the consultant has read, understands, and takes no exception to the RFP or the terms of the City's Contract Services Agreement. If the consultant does take exception(s) to any portion of the RFP and/or City's Contract Services Agreement, the specific portion to which exception is taken shall be identified and explained.
9. COMPENSATION SCHEDULE –
- a. Proposed fee schedule including products, services, and estimated hours for each of consultant's key personnel team and hourly billing rates;
 - b. Pricing based on a discount from your standard pricing schedules;
 - c. Online catalog and/or price lists shall accompany the proposal;
 - d. Multiple percentage discount structure is also acceptable - please specify where different percentage discounts apply;
 - e. Each service proposed is to be priced separately with all ineligible items identified;
 - f. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, equipment to be rented by the City or negotiated and added to the contract through a contract addendum; and
 - g. The City reserves the right to clarify and further define the scope of work and pricing.

10. All copies shall be signed by an individual or, if a corporation, a corporation officer with the power to bind the company or corporation to its proposal. To be considered, all proposals must be completely responsive to this RFP.

Contractor shall acknowledge and accept all following requirements:

- Contractor shall provide their own equipment, materials, supplies, and staff for safety and liability reasons;
- Under no circumstances may the contractor use, or expect to use, City equipment, materials, supplies, or staff
- All access to electrical, access work and electric timer shall be coordinated with the City's Public Works Department.
- All decorations shall be set-up by the Sunday following Thanksgiving and removed between January 2nd and January 7th.
- Only the live 24-foot tree in front of the City Hall fountain will be decorated through this RFP. All other three (3) live trees will be decorated internally and is not part of this RFP.

Description	Quantity
Carson Event Center - East Entrance	
72" decorated and LED lit wreath with red bow	1
Medium palm trees wrapped at center with 700 LED warm white light	4
18FT lighted and decorated garland with red bow	10
Medium palm tree - fronds lighted with green mini lights	4
5FT lighted and red bow on awning	1
12FT lighted walk-thru ornament	1
Carson Event Center - Northeast Entrance	
275FT LED C9 perimeter lighting	1
Small bushes with LED mini lights	6
Small tree trunks and branches wrapped with mini lights	6
Small scroll potted trees wrapped with mini lights	3
6FT winter wonderland scene with reindeer in grassy/bush area	1
Small trees wrapped	4
Carson Event Center - Northeast Lobby	
6.5 FT LIVE tree purchase, install, and removal – no decorations	1
Carson Event Center - Atrium	
Small tree trunks and branches wrapped with mini lights	8
60" decorated and LED lit wreath with red bow	1
9FT garland swags with gold bows (5 qty)	1
6FT lighted reindeer on west grass area	3
90"x20" LED lighted scrolls on each column	8
36" lighted tear drop sprays with bows	16
New custom holiday vinyl banners ** install ONLY	8
12FT lighted walk-thru ornament	1
20 FT LIVE tree purchase, install, and removal – no decorations	1
Carson Event Center - Patio A Courtyard	
Small tree trunks wrapped with branches	2
Medium lollipop tree trunks wrapped with mini lights	6
Small bushes with LED mini lights (net lighting, approx. 20 nets)	20
Large banana tree trunk wrapped with mini lights	1

	Quantity
City Hall - Fountain Area	
Custom holiday music system player	1
24 FT Light and decorate live tree	1
24 FT LIVE tree purchase, install, and removal	1

12FT Decorated and lit wreath with large red bow	1
Medium palm tree trunks wrapped with mini lights	4
Medium palm trees with RGB up lights	4
Medium light posts wrapped with lit garland and red bows	2
Small bushes with LED mini lights (net lighting, approx. 10 nets)	5
10FT giant lighted red bow on top of city hall building	1
20FT Lighted "Happy Holidays" sign	1
Medium palm tree fronds lighted with green mini lights	4
City Hall - Main Entrance	
60" decorated and lit wreath with bow	1
Medium tree trunks wrapped with mini lights (left of pathway)	7
Medium tree trunks wrapped with mini lights (right of pathway)	3
Medium tree trunks wrapped with mini lights (left side of building)	14
9FT stairs inside City Hall leading to Council Chambers garland with lights	2
C9 lights glued to archway of city hall entrance	4
C9 lights affixed to the angled pillars on the side of the building	10
2FT animated lighted snowfall topper for live tree	1
14 FT LIVE tree purchase, install, and removal – no decorations	1
City Hall Pedestrian Bridge Area	
220FT lit garland wrapped along bridge	1
48" decorated and lit wreath with red bows	4
Large pine trees in median trunk only wrapped with mini lights	10
Small bushes with LED mini lights (net lighting, 10 nets needed)	4
100FT fountain railing wrapped with mini lights	1
760FT C9 perimeter lighting	1
Large tree trunks and branches wrapped with mini lights	6
Small palm tree trunks wrapped with mini lights	12
Projector with custom GoBo	1
Carson Street - North Side of Street	
Medium palm tree trunks wrapped with mini lights	17
Street Banners - Carson Street and Avalon Boulevard	
3x6FT Lighted street banners on Carson from Bonita to Main	20
3x6FT Lighted street banners from 220th to Del Amo	20
Commercial grade red tinsel garland to all poles	80

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN THE CITY'S CONTRACT
TEMPLATE AND IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY, NOT TO BE
COMPLETED BY PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS**

CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

By and Between

CITY OF CARSON

and

AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES

BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARSON AND

THIS AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES (herein “Agreement”) is made and entered into this day of MONTH DAY, 2023 by and between the City of Carson, a California municipal corporation (“City”) and N A M E (“Consultant”). City and Consultant are sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

A. City has sought, by issuance of a Request for Proposals or Invitation for Bids, the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement.

B. Consultant, following submission of a proposal or bid for the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement, was selected by the City to perform those services.

C. Pursuant to the City of Carson’s Municipal Code, City has authority to enter into and execute this Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to formalize the selection of Consultant for performance of those services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement and desire that the terms of that performance be as particularly defined and described herein.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants made by the Parties and contained herein and other consideration, the value and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SERVICES OF CONSULTANT

1.1 Scope of Services.

In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide those services specified in the “Scope of Services” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference, which may be referred to herein as the “services” or “work” hereunder. As a material inducement to the City entering into this Agreement, Consultant represents and warrants that it has the qualifications, experience, and facilities necessary to properly perform the services required under this Agreement in a thorough, competent, and professional manner, and is experienced in performing the work and services contemplated herein. Consultant shall at all times

faithfully, competently and to the best of its ability, experience, and talent, perform all services described herein. Consultant covenants that it shall follow the highest professional standards in performing the work and services required hereunder and that all materials will be both of good quality as well as fit for the purpose intended. For purposes of this Agreement, the phrase “highest professional standards” shall mean those standards of practice recognized by one or more first-class firms performing similar work under similar circumstances.

1.2 Consultant’s Proposal.

The Scope of Service shall include the Consultant’s scope of work or bid which shall be incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of such proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

1.3 Compliance with Law.

Consultant shall keep itself informed concerning, and shall render all services hereunder in accordance with, all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, and regulations of the City and any Federal, State, or local governmental entity having jurisdiction in effect at the time service is rendered.

1.4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments.

Consultant shall obtain at its sole cost and expense such licenses, permits and approvals as may be required by law for the performance of the services required by this Agreement. Consultant shall have the sole obligation to pay for any fees, assessments and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for the Consultant’s performance of the services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its officers, employees or agents of City, against any such fees, assessments, taxes, penalties or interest levied, assessed or imposed against City hereunder.

1.5 Familiarity with Work.

By executing this Agreement, Consultant warrants that Consultant (i) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (ii) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (iii) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, Consultant warrants that Consultant has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services hereunder. Should the Consultant discover any latent or unknown conditions, which will materially affect the performance of the services hereunder, Consultant shall immediately inform the City of such fact and shall not proceed except at Consultant’s risk until written instructions are received from the Contract Officer.

1.6 Care of Work.

The Consultant shall adopt reasonable methods during the life of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and/or other components thereof to prevent losses or damages, and shall be responsible for all such damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by City, except such losses or damages as may be caused by City's own negligence.

1.7 Further Responsibilities of Parties.

Both parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. Both parties agree to act in good faith to execute all instruments, prepare all documents and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Unless hereafter specified, neither party shall be responsible for the service of the other.

1.8 Additional Services.

City shall have the right at any time during the performance of the services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to, or deducting from said work. No such extra work may be undertaken unless a written order is first given by the Contract Officer to the Consultant, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Contract Sum for the actual costs of the extra work, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement, which said adjustments are subject to the written approval of the Consultant. Any increase in compensation of up to ten percent (10%) of the Contract Sum or \$25,000, whichever is less; or, in the time to perform of up to one hundred eighty (180) days, may be approved by the Contract Officer. Any greater increases, taken either separately or cumulatively, must be approved by the City Council. It is expressly understood by Consultant that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services. Consultant hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services to be provided pursuant to the Scope of Services may be more costly or time consuming than Consultant anticipates and that Consultant shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefor. City may in its sole and absolute discretion have similar work done by other contractors. No claims for an increase in the Contract Sum or time for performance shall be valid unless the procedures established in this Section are followed.

1.9 Special Requirements.

Additional terms and conditions of this Agreement, if any, which are made a part hereof are set forth in the "Special Requirements" attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Exhibit "B" and any other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of Exhibit "B" shall govern.

ARTICLE 2. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.

2.1 Contract Sum.

Subject to any limitations set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Consultant the amounts specified in the "Schedule of Compensation" attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference. The total compensation, including reimbursement for actual expenses, shall not exceed NUMBER Dollars (\$) (the "Contract Sum"), unless additional compensation is approved pursuant to Section 1.8.

2.2 Method of Compensation.

The method of compensation may include: (i) a lump sum payment upon completion; (ii) payment in accordance with specified tasks or the percentage of completion of the services, less contract retention; (iii) payment for time and materials based upon the Consultant's rates as specified in the Schedule of Compensation, provided that (a) time estimates are provided for the performance of sub tasks, (b) contract retention is maintained, and (c) the Contract Sum is not exceeded; or (iv) such other methods as may be specified in the Schedule of Compensation.

2.3 Reimbursable Expenses.

Compensation may include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures for reproduction costs, telephone expenses, and travel expenses approved by the Contract Officer in advance, or actual subcontractor expenses of an approved subcontractor pursuant to Section 4.5, and only if specified in the Schedule of Compensation. The Contract Sum shall include the attendance of Consultant at all project meetings reasonably deemed necessary by the City. Coordination of the performance of the work with City is a critical component of the services. If Consultant is required to attend additional meetings to facilitate such coordination, Consultant shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for attending said meetings.

2.4 Invoices.

Each month Consultant shall furnish to City an original invoice for all work performed and expenses incurred during the preceding month in a form approved by City's Director of Finance. By submitting an invoice for payment under this Agreement, Consultant is certifying compliance with all provisions of the Agreement. The invoice shall detail charges for all necessary and actual expenses by the following categories: labor (by sub-category), travel, materials, equipment, supplies, and subcontractor contracts. Sub-contractor charges shall also be detailed by such categories. Consultant shall not invoice City for any duplicate services performed by more than one person.

City shall independently review each invoice submitted by the Consultant to determine whether the work performed and expenses incurred are in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. Except as to any charges for work performed or expenses incurred by Consultant which are disputed by City, or as provided in Section 7.3, City will use its best efforts to cause Consultant to be paid within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Consultant's correct and undisputed invoice; however, Consultant acknowledges and agrees that due to City warrant run procedures, the City cannot guarantee that payment will occur within this time period. In the event any charges or expenses are disputed by City, the original invoice shall be returned by City to Consultant for correction and resubmission. Review and payment by City for any invoice provided by the

Consultant shall not constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies provided herein or any applicable law.

2.5 Waiver.

Payment to Consultant for work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive any defects in work performed by Consultant.

ARTICLE 3. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

3.1 Time of Essence.

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

3.2 Schedule of Performance.

Consultant shall commence the services pursuant to this Agreement upon receipt of a written notice to proceed and shall perform all services within the time period(s) established in the "Schedule of Performance" attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference. When requested by the Consultant, extensions to the time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance may be approved in writing by the Contract Officer but not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days cumulatively.

3.3 Force Majeure.

The time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance for performance of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, litigation, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including the City, if the Consultant shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay notify the Contract Officer in writing of the causes of the delay. The Contract Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of the Contract Officer such delay is justified. The Contract Officer's determination shall be final and conclusive upon the parties to this Agreement. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to recover damages against the City for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused, Consultant's sole remedy being extension of the Agreement pursuant to this Section.

3.4 Term.

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article 7 of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until completion of the services but not exceeding three (3) years from the date hereof, except as otherwise provided in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit "D").

ARTICLE 4. COORDINATION OF WORK

4.1 Representatives and Personnel of Consultant.

The following principals of Consultant (“Principals”) are hereby designated as being the principals and representatives of Consultant authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified herein and make all decisions in connection therewith:

_____	_____
(Name)	(Title)
_____	_____
(Name)	(Title)
_____	_____
(Name)	(Title)

It is expressly understood that the experience, knowledge, capability, and reputation of the foregoing principals were a substantial inducement for City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, the foregoing principals shall be responsible during the term of this Agreement for directing all activities of Consultant and devoting sufficient time to personally supervise the services hereunder. All personnel of Consultant, and any authorized agents, shall at all times be under the exclusive direction and control of the Principals. For purposes of this Agreement, the foregoing Principals may not be replaced nor may their responsibilities be substantially reduced by Consultant without the express written approval of City. Additionally, Consultant shall utilize only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall make every reasonable effort to maintain the stability and continuity of Consultant’s staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall notify City of any changes in Consultant’s staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement, prior to and during any such performance.

4.2 Status of Consultant.

Consultant shall have no authority to bind City in any manner, or to incur any obligation, debt, or liability of any kind on behalf of or against City, whether by contract or otherwise, unless such authority is expressly conferred under this Agreement or is otherwise expressly conferred in writing by City. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that Consultant or any of Consultant’s officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officials, officers, employees, or agents of City. Neither Consultant, nor any of Consultant’s officers, employees, or agents, shall obtain any rights to retirement, health care or any other benefits which may otherwise accrue to City’s employees. Consultant expressly waives any claim Consultant may have to any such rights.

4.3 Contract Officer.

The Contract Officer shall be _____ or a person designated by the City Manager. It shall be the Consultant's responsibility to assure that the Contract Officer is kept informed of the progress of the performance of the services and the Consultant shall refer any decisions which must be made by City to the Contract Officer. Unless otherwise specified herein, any approval of City required hereunder shall mean the approval of the Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall have authority, if specified in writing by the City Manager, to sign all documents on behalf of the City required hereunder to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

4.4 Independent Consultant.

Neither the City nor any of its employees shall have any control over the manner, mode or means by which Consultant, its agents, or employees, perform the services required herein, except as otherwise set forth herein. City shall have no voice in the selection, discharge, supervision or control of Consultant's employees, servants, representatives, or agents, or in fixing their number, compensation, or hours of service. Consultant shall perform all services required herein as an independent contractor of City and shall remain at all times as to City a wholly independent contractor with only such obligations as are consistent with that role. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of City. City shall not in any way or for any purpose become or be deemed to be a partner of Consultant in its business or otherwise or a joint venture or a member of any joint enterprise with Consultant.

4.5 Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignment.

The experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of Consultant, its principals and employees were a substantial inducement for the City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, Consultant shall not contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereunder without the express written approval of the City. In addition, neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated, or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written approval of City. Transfers restricted hereunder shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than twenty five percent (25%) of the present ownership and/or control of Consultant, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis. In the event of any such unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, this Agreement shall be void. No approved transfer shall release the Consultant or any surety of Consultant of any liability hereunder without the express consent of City.

ARTICLE 5. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

5.1 Insurance Coverages.

The Consultant shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, in a form and

content satisfactory to City, during the entire term of this Agreement including any extension thereof, the following policies of insurance which shall cover all elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents of City:

(a) Commercial General Liability Insurance (Occurrence Form CG0001 or equivalent). A policy of comprehensive general liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. The policy of insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence or if a general aggregate limit is used, then the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.

(b) Worker's Compensation Insurance. A policy of worker's compensation insurance in such amount as will fully comply with the laws of the State of California and which shall indemnify, insure and provide legal defense for the Consultant against any loss, claim or damage arising from any injuries or occupational diseases occurring to any worker employed by or any persons retained by the Consultant in the course of carrying out the work or services contemplated in this Agreement.

(c) Automotive Insurance (Form CA 0001 (Ed 1/87) including "any auto" and endorsement CA 0025 or equivalent). A policy of comprehensive automobile liability insurance written on a per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000. Said policy shall include coverage for owned, non-owned, leased, hired cars and any automobile.

(d) Professional Liability. Professional liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession. This coverage may be written on a "claims made" basis and must include coverage for contractual liability. The professional liability insurance required by this Agreement must be endorsed to be applicable to claims based upon, arising out of or related to services performed under this Agreement. The insurance must be maintained for at least 5 consecutive years following the completion of Consultant's services or the termination of this Agreement. During this additional 5-year period, Consultant shall annually and upon request of the City submit written evidence of this continuous coverage.

(e) Subcontractors. Consultant shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and certified endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall include all of the requirements stated herein.

(f) Additional Insurance. Policies of such other insurance, as may be required in the Special Requirements in Exhibit "B".

5.2 General Insurance Requirements.

All of the above policies of insurance shall be primary insurance and shall name the City, its elected and appointed officers, employees and agents as additional insureds and any insurance maintained by City or its officers, employees or agents may apply in excess of, and not contribute with Consultant's insurance. The insurer is deemed hereof to waive all rights of subrogation and

contribution it may have against the City, its officers, employees, and agents and their respective insurers. Moreover, the insurance policy must specify that where the primary insured does not satisfy the self-insured retention, any additional insured may satisfy the self-insured retention.

All of said policies of insurance shall provide that said insurance may not be amended or cancelled by the insurer or any party hereto without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail return receipt requested to the City. In the event any of said policies of insurance are cancelled, the Consultant shall, prior to the cancellation date, submit new evidence of insurance in conformance with Section 5.1 to the Contract Officer.

No work or services under this Agreement shall commence until the Consultant has provided the City with Certificates of Insurance, additional insured endorsement forms or appropriate insurance binders evidencing the above insurance coverages and said Certificates of Insurance or binders are approved by the City. City reserves the right to inspect complete, certified copies of and endorsements to all required insurance policies at any time. Any failure to comply with the reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches or warranties shall not affect coverage provided to City.

All certificates shall name the City as additional insured (providing the appropriate endorsement) and shall conform to the following "cancellation" notice:

CANCELLATION:

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATED THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY SHALL MAIL THIRTY (30)-DAY ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE TO CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED HEREIN.

[to be initialed]

Consultant Initials

City, its respective elected and appointed officers, directors, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of activities Consultant performs; products and completed operations of Consultant; premises owned, occupied or used by Consultant; or any automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, and their respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees, or volunteers. Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by City. At the option of City, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects City or its respective elected or appointed officers, officials, employees and volunteers or the Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, defense expenses and claims. The Consultant agrees that the requirement to provide insurance shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the Consultant may be held responsible for the payment of damages to any persons or property resulting from the

Consultant's activities or the activities of any person or persons for which the Consultant is otherwise responsible nor shall it limit the Consultant's indemnification liabilities as provided in Section 5.3.

In the event the Consultant subcontracts any portion of the work in compliance with Section 4.5 of this Agreement, the contract between the Consultant and such subcontractor shall require the subcontractor to maintain the same policies of insurance that the Consultant is required to maintain pursuant to Section 5.1, and such certificates and endorsements shall be provided to City.

5.3 Indemnification.

To the full extent permitted by law, Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") against, and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from, any and all actions, either judicial, administrative, arbitration or regulatory claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions or liabilities whether actual or threatened (herein "claims or liabilities") that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm or entity arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of the work, operations or activities provided herein of Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or invitees, or any individual or entity for which Consultant is legally liable ("indemnitors"), or arising from Consultant's or indemnitors' reckless or willful misconduct, or arising from Consultant's or indemnitors' negligent performance of or failure to perform any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement, and in connection therewith:

(a) Consultant will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities and will pay all costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith;

(b) Consultant will promptly pay any judgment rendered against the City, its officers, agents or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform such work, operations or activities of Consultant hereunder; and Consultant agrees to save and hold the City, its officers, agents, and employees harmless therefrom;

(c) In the event the City, its officers, agents or employees is made a party to any action or proceeding filed or prosecuted against Consultant for such damages or other claims arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform the work, operation or activities of Consultant hereunder, Consultant agrees to pay to the City, its officers, agents or employees, any and all costs and expenses incurred by the City, its officers, agents or employees in such action or proceeding, including but not limited to, legal costs and attorneys' fees.

Consultant shall incorporate similar indemnity agreements with its subcontractors and if it fails to do so Consultant shall be fully responsible to indemnify City hereunder therefore, and failure of City to monitor compliance with these provisions shall not be a waiver hereof. This indemnification includes claims or liabilities arising from any negligent or wrongful act, error or

omission, or reckless or willful misconduct of Consultant in the performance of professional services hereunder. The provisions of this Section do not apply to claims or liabilities occurring as a result of City's sole negligence or willful acts or omissions, but, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall apply to claims and liabilities resulting in part from City's negligence, except that design professionals' indemnity hereunder shall be limited to claims and liabilities arising out of the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the design professional. The indemnity obligation shall be binding on successors and assigns of Consultant and shall survive termination of this Agreement.

5.4 Sufficiency of Insurer.

Insurance required by this Agreement shall be satisfactory only if issued by companies qualified to do business in California, rated "A" or better in the most recent edition of Best Rating Guide, The Key Rating Guide or in the Federal Register, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless such requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of the City ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. If this Agreement continues for more than 3 years duration, or in the event the risk manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to the City, the Consultant agrees that the minimum limits of the insurance policies may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager.

ARTICLE 6. RECORDS, REPORTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

6.1 Records.

Consultant shall keep, and require subcontractors to keep, such ledgers, books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, reports, studies or other documents relating to the disbursements charged to City and services performed hereunder (the "books and records"), as shall be necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement and enable the Contract Officer to evaluate the performance of such services. Any and all such documents shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be complete and detailed. The Contract Officer shall have full and free access to such books and records at all times during normal business hours of City, including the right to inspect, copy, audit and make records and transcripts from such records. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years following completion of the services hereunder, and the City shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required. In the event of dissolution of Consultant's business, custody of the books and records may be given to City, and access shall be provided by Consultant's successor in interest. Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant shall fully cooperate with the City in providing access to the books and records if a public records request is made and disclosure is required by law including but not limited to the California Public Records Act.

6.2 Reports.

Consultant shall periodically prepare and submit to the Contract Officer such reports concerning the performance of the services required by this Agreement as the Contract Officer shall

require. Consultant hereby acknowledges that the City is greatly concerned about the cost of work and services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. For this reason, Consultant agrees that if Consultant becomes aware of any facts, circumstances, techniques, or events that may or will materially increase or decrease the cost of the work or services contemplated herein or, if Consultant is providing design services, the cost of the project being designed, Consultant shall promptly notify the Contract Officer of said fact, circumstance, technique or event and the estimated increased or decreased cost related thereto and, if Consultant is providing design services, the estimated increased or decreased cost estimate for the project being designed.

6.3 Ownership of Documents.

All drawings, specifications, maps, designs, photographs, studies, surveys, data, notes, computer files, reports, records, documents and other materials (the "documents and materials") prepared by Consultant, its employees, subcontractors and agents in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of City and shall be delivered to City upon request of the Contract Officer or upon the termination of this Agreement, and Consultant shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by City of its full rights of ownership use, reuse, or assignment of the documents and materials hereunder. Any use, reuse, or assignment of such completed documents for other projects and/or use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization by the Consultant will be at the City's sole risk and without liability to Consultant, and Consultant's guarantee and warranties shall not extend to such use, reuse or assignment. Consultant may retain copies of such documents for its own use. Consultant shall have the right to use the concepts embodied therein. All subcontractors shall provide for assignment to City of any documents or materials prepared by them, and in the event Consultant fails to secure such assignment, Consultant shall indemnify City for all damages resulting therefrom. Moreover, Consultant with respect to any documents and materials that may qualify as "works made for hire" as defined in 17 U.S.C. § 101, such documents and materials are hereby deemed "works made for hire" for the City.

6.4 Confidentiality and Release of Information.

(a) All information gained or work product produced by Consultant in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential unless such information is in the public domain or already known to Consultant. Consultant shall not release or disclose any such information or work product to persons or entities other than City without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer.

(b) Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors, shall not, without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer or unless requested by the City Attorney, voluntarily provide documents, declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Consultant gives City notice of such court order or subpoena.

(c) If Consultant, or any officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant, provides any information or work product in violation of this Agreement, then City shall

have the right to reimbursement and indemnity from Consultant for any damages, costs, and fees, including attorney's fees, caused by or incurred as a result of Consultant's conduct.

(d) Consultant shall promptly notify City should Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed there under. City retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Consultant or be present at any deposition, hearing, or similar proceeding. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with City and to provide City with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Consultant. However, this right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by City to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

ARTICLE 7. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION

7.1 California Law.

This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed, and governed both as to validity and to performance of the parties in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Legal actions concerning any dispute, claim or matter arising out of or in relation to this Agreement shall be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, or any other appropriate court in such county, and Consultant covenants and agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such court in the event of such action. In the event of litigation in a U.S. District Court, venue shall lie exclusively in the Central District of California, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

7.2 Disputes; Default.

In the event that Consultant is in default under the terms of this Agreement, the City shall not have any obligation or duty to continue compensating Consultant for any work performed after the date of default. Instead, the City may give notice to Consultant of the default and the reasons for the default. The notice shall include the timeframe in which Consultant may cure the default. This timeframe is presumptively thirty (30) days, but may be extended, though not reduced, if circumstances warrant. During the period of time that Consultant is in default, the City shall hold all invoices and shall, when the default is cured, proceed with payment on the invoices. In the alternative, the City may, in its sole discretion, elect to pay some or all of the outstanding invoices during the period of default. If Consultant does not cure the default, the City may take necessary steps to terminate this Agreement under this Article. Any failure on the part of the City to give notice of the Consultant's default shall not be deemed to result in a waiver of the City's legal rights or any rights arising out of any provision of this Agreement.

7.3 Retention of Funds.

Consultant hereby authorizes City to deduct from any amount payable to Consultant (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) (i) any amounts the payment of which may be in

dispute hereunder or which are necessary to compensate City for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by City, and (ii) all amounts for which City may be liable to third parties, by reason of Consultant's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform Consultant's obligation under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by Consultant, or any indebtedness shall exist which shall appear to be the basis for a claim of lien, City may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of such withholding, an amount sufficient to cover such claim. The failure of City to exercise such right to deduct or to withhold shall not, however, affect the obligations of the Consultant to insure, indemnify, and protect City as elsewhere provided herein.

7.4 Waiver.

Waiver by any party to this Agreement of any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver by any party of any breach of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision or a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement. Acceptance by City of any work or services by Consultant shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

7.5 Rights and Remedies are Cumulative.

Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other party.

7.6 Legal Action.

In addition to any other rights or remedies, either party may take legal action, in law or in equity, to cure, correct or remedy any default, to recover damages for any default, to compel specific performance of this Agreement, to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any contrary provision herein, Consultant shall file a statutory claim pursuant to Government Code Sections 905 et. seq. and 910 et. seq., in order to pursue a legal action under this Agreement.

7.7 Termination Prior to Expiration of Term.

This Section shall govern any termination of this Contract except as specifically provided in the following Section for termination for cause. The City reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Consultant, except that where termination is due to the fault of the Consultant, the period of notice may be such shorter

time as may be determined by the Contract Officer. In addition, the Consultant reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days' written notice to City, except that where termination is due to the fault of the City, the period of notice may be such shorter time as the Consultant may determine. Upon receipt of any notice of termination, Consultant shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved by the Contract Officer. Except where the Consultant has initiated termination, the Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to the effective date of the notice of termination and for any services authorized by the Contract Officer thereafter in accordance with the Schedule of Compensation or such as may be approved by the Contract Officer, except as provided in Section 7.3. In the event the Consultant has initiated termination, the Consultant shall be entitled to compensation only for the reasonable value of the work product actually produced hereunder. In the event of termination without cause pursuant to this Section, the terminating party need not provide the non-terminating party with the opportunity to cure pursuant to Section 7.2.

7.8 Termination for Default of Consultant.

If termination is due to the failure of the Consultant to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, City may, after compliance with the provisions of Section 7.2, take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Consultant shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the services required hereunder exceeds the compensation herein stipulated (provided that the City shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate such damages), and City may withhold any payments to the Consultant for the purpose of set-off or partial payment of the amounts owed the City as previously stated.

7.9 Attorneys' Fees.

If either party to this Agreement is required to initiate or defend or made a party to any action or proceeding in any way connected with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief which may be granted, whether legal or equitable, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees. Attorney's fees shall include attorney's fees on any appeal, and in addition a party entitled to attorney's fees shall be entitled to all other reasonable costs for investigating such action, taking depositions and discovery and all other necessary costs the court allows which are incurred in such litigation. All such fees shall be deemed to have accrued on commencement of such action and shall be enforceable whether or not such action is prosecuted to judgment.

ARTICLE 8. CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION

8.1 Non-liability of City Officers and Employees.

No officer or employee of the City shall be personally liable to the Consultant, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount which may become due to the Consultant or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

8.2 Conflict of Interest.

Consultant covenants that neither it, nor any officer or principal of its firm, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the interests of City or which would in any way hinder Consultant's performance of services under this Agreement. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by it as an officer, employee, agent, or subcontractor without the express written consent of the Contract Officer. Consultant agrees to at all times avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of any conflicts of interest with the interests of City in the performance of this Agreement.

No officer or employee of the City shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which affects her/his financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which (s) he is, directly or indirectly, interested, in violation of any State statute or regulation. The Consultant warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give any third party any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.

8.3 Covenant Against Discrimination.

Consultant covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or other protected class in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or other protected class.

8.4 Unauthorized Aliens.

Consultant hereby promises and agrees to comply with all the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C.A. §§ 1101, *et seq.*, as amended, and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Consultant so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of work and/or services covered by this Agreement, and should any liability or sanctions be imposed against City for such use of unauthorized aliens, Consultant hereby agrees to and shall reimburse City for the cost of all such liabilities or sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by City.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Notices.

Any notice, demand, request, document, consent, approval, or communication either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either

served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail, in the case of the City, to the City Manager and to the attention of the Contract Officer (with her/his name and City title), City of Carson, 701 East Carson, Carson, California 90745 and in the case of the Consultant, to the person(s) at the address designated on the execution page of this Agreement. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing. Notice shall be deemed communicated at the time personally delivered or in seventy-two (72) hours from the time of mailing if mailed as provided in this Section.

9.2 Interpretation.

The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

9.3 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

9.4 Integration; Amendment.

This Agreement including the attachments hereto is the entire, complete, and exclusive expression of the understanding of the parties. It is understood that there are no oral agreements between the parties hereto affecting this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements, and understandings, if any, between the parties, and none shall be used to interpret this Agreement. No amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and approved by the Consultant and by the City Council. The parties agree that this requirement for written modifications cannot be waived and that any attempted waiver shall be void.

9.5 Severability.

In the event that any one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either party of the basic benefit of their bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.

9.6 Warranty & Representation of Non-Collusion.

No official, officer, or employee of City has any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement, nor shall any official, officer, or employee of City participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which may affect his/her financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which (s)he is directly or indirectly interested, or in

violation of any corporation, partnership, or association in which (s)he is directly or indirectly interested, or in violation of any State or municipal statute or regulation. The determination of “financial interest” shall be consistent with State law and shall not include interests found to be “remote” or “non-interests” pursuant to Government Code Sections 1091 or 1091.5. Consultant warrants and represents that it has not paid or given, and will not pay or give, to any third party including, but not limited to, any City official, officer, or employee, any money, consideration, or other thing of value as a result or consequence of obtaining or being awarded any agreement. Consultant further warrants and represents that (s)he/it has not engaged in any act(s), omission(s), or other conduct or collusion that would result in the payment of any money, consideration, or other thing of value to any third party including, but not limited to, any City official, officer, or employee, as a result of consequence of obtaining or being awarded any agreement. Consultant is aware of and understands that any such act(s), omission(s) or other conduct resulting in such payment of money, consideration, or other thing of value will render this Agreement void and of no force or effect.

Consultant’s Authorized Initials _____

9.7 Corporate Authority.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that (i) such party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said party is bound. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first-above written.

CITY:

CITY OF CARSON, a municipal corporation

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

CONSULTANT:

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

Two corporate officer signatures required when Consultant is a corporation, with one signature required from each of the following groups: 1) Chairman of the Board, President, or any Vice President; and 2) Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, or any Assistant Treasurer. CONSULTANT’S SIGNATURES SHALL BE DULY NOTARIZED, AND APPROPRIATE ATTESTATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONSULTANT’S BUSINESS ENTITY.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On _____, 2023 before me, _____, personally appeared _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose names(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: _____

OPTIONAL

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SIGNER IS REPRESENTING: (NAME OF PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES))		

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EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- I. Consultant will perform the following Services: A.**
 - B.**
 - C.**

- II. As part of the Services, Consultant will prepare and deliver the following tangible work products to the City:**
 - A.**
 - B.**
 - C.**

- III. In addition to the requirements of Section 6.2, during performance of the Services, Consultant will keep the City appraised of the status of performance by delivering the following status reports:**
 - A.**
 - B.**
 - C.**

- IV. All work products are subject to review and acceptance by the City and must be revised by the Consultant without additional charge to the City until found satisfactory and accepted by City.**

- V. Consultant will utilize the following personnel to accomplish the Services:**

EXHIBIT "B"

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

EXHIBIT "C"

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

- I. Consultant shall perform the following tasks at the following rates:**
- II. A retention of ten percent (10%) shall be held from each payment as a contract retention to be paid as part of the final payment upon satisfactory completion of services.**
- III. Within the budgeted amounts for each Task, and with the approval of the Contract Officer, funds may be shifted from one Task sub budget to another so long as the Contract Sum is not exceeded per Section 2.1, unless Additional Services are approved per Section 1.8.**
- IV. The City will compensate Consultant for the Services performed upon submission of a valid invoice. Each invoice is to include:**
- V. The total compensation for the Services shall not exceed \$_____ as provided in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.**
- VI. The Consultant's billing rates for all personnel are attached as Exhibit C-1**

EXHIBIT "D"

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

- I. Consultant shall perform all Services timely in accordance with the schedule to be developed by Consultant and subject to the written approval of the Contract Officer and the City Attorney's office.**

- II. The Contract Officer may approve up to two (2) one-year extensions for performance of the services in accordance with Section 3.2.**