

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

AND

WOOD SMITH HENNING & BERMAN LLP

## AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, Contract Number 47889, is made and entered into by and between the City of Los Angeles ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting through the Office of the City Attorney ("City Attorney"), and Wood Smith Henning & Berman, LLP, ("Outside Counsel"), with reference to the following:

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney and the Board of The Department of Water and Power ("Department") have approved the use of Outside Counsel to assist the City Attorney with legal representation in asbestos related claims for damage and lawsuits and related matters at the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Outside Counsel indicates that it has the expertise and competence to perform the professional legal services sought by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has selected Outside Counsel to provide assistance in such matters. Outside Counsel is willing to provide such assistance and represents to the City that it is able to do so without a conflict of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional legal services to be performed by the Outside Counsel are of an expert and technical nature and are temporary and occasional in character.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, the Parties hereby covenant, agree and represent as follows:

#### **I. SCOPE OF REPRESENTATION AND PARTNERING**

Outside Counsel is retained to assist the City Attorney in providing legal representation for the City regarding the investigation, evaluation, defense, and management of claims for damage and lawsuits arising because of asbestos related matters. The duties of counsel include serving as lead counsel in the defense of asbestos related matters, communication of claim and litigation status with designated City Attorneys, expertise in and knowledge of substantive law pertaining to asbestos matters, evaluation and advice regarding claim and litigation disposition, law and motion document preparation and appearance, expert witness retention and management, court appearances, mediation and trial representation, writs and appeals, investigation, discovery, and damage analysis.

Outside Counsel shall at all times work under the direction of the City Attorney. The City and City Attorney shall rely on the competence, expertise and experience of Outside Counsel. At all times, Outside Counsel shall provide professional legal advice and services at the highest level expected of law firms providing legal services in the Los Angeles region. This is a non-exclusive agreement to provide legal services to the City and, at the City Attorney's discretion, the City may augment the services with another law firm or law firms or select to terminate Outside Counsel's services in a manner consistent with this Agreement.

City Attorney and Outside Counsel recognize and agree that an important purpose of this

Agreement is to promote effective collaboration between City Attorney and Outside Counsel so that, among other things, City Attorney is able to gain familiarity with the legal issues presented in these matters and for Outside Counsel to impart substantive subject matter knowledge to City Attorney's lawyers. To this end, City Attorney and Outside Counsel both agree to make reasonable efforts to coordinate their efforts and work.

## II. GENERAL CONDITIONS

### A. Period of Performance

1. This Agreement shall begin on April 1, 2025 and shall continue until March 31, 2028, unless terminated earlier under the provisions of this Agreement.

### B. Termination or Suspension of Legal Services

#### 1. Termination/Suspension For City's Convenience

a) Services performed under this Agreement may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part at any time by City Attorney. City Attorney shall terminate or suspend services by delivering to Outside Counsel a written notice specifying the extent to which services are terminated or suspended and the effective date of such termination or suspension.

b) After receiving a notice of termination or suspension, unless otherwise directed by City Attorney, Outside Counsel shall:

1) Stop services on the date and to the extent specified in the notice; and

2) Continue to perform services not terminated or suspended by the notice.

c) After receiving a notice of termination, Outside Counsel shall:

1) Submit final billing for services rendered through the time of termination no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the effective date of termination; and

2) If Outside Counsel fails to submit a final billing within the time allowed, City Attorney may determine the amount, if any, to be paid to Outside Counsel. Outside Counsel agrees that City Attorney's determination shall be final.

#### 2. Termination For Outside Counsel's Default

a) Services performed under this Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by City Attorney upon a default by Outside Counsel. Under this Agreement, Outside Counsel will be deemed in default if Outside Counsel:

1) Fails to perform the service(s) within the specified time period;  
or

2) Fails to perform any of the provisions contained in this Agreement; or

3) Fails to make adequate progress in the matter and endangers the performance of this Agreement's terms.

b) If City Attorney wholly or partially terminates services under this Agreement, City Attorney may obtain alternative legal services with terms and in a manner City Attorney deems appropriate. In addition to any other remedies provided by this Agreement, law or equity, Outside Counsel shall be liable to City for any excess costs associated with obtaining and utilizing alternative legal services.

3. Closing Report Upon Termination

a) If requested by City Attorney, Outside Counsel shall deliver a Closing Report within two days of the termination of services.

b) The Closing Report shall include, but is not limited to:

1) A brief description of the facts of the case;

2) A discussion of applicable law;

3) A description of the status of the case; and

4) A list and description of future scheduled court appearances.

c) Outside Counsel shall give City Attorney all evidence, files and attorney work product for every matter in which Outside Counsel is substituted out as attorney of record. This includes any computerized indices, programs and document retrieval systems created or used for the matter. Outside Counsel shall file a Motion for Substitution of Counsel or other necessary pleadings with the court when instructed to do so by City Attorney.

C. Independent Contractor Status

This Agreement is between City and Outside Counsel and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create, as between City and Outside Counsel, the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association. Outside Counsel understands and agrees that all Outside Counsel personnel furnishing services to City under this Agreement are employees solely of Outside Counsel and not City. Outside Counsel shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any Outside Counsel personnel for injuries arising from services performed under this Agreement.

D. Ownership of Documents

All information, documents, records, reports, data, or other materials furnished to Outside Counsel or other such information, documents, records, data or other materials to which Outside Counsel has access during their performance pursuant to this Agreement are deemed confidential and shall remain the property of City. Outside Counsel shall not make use of such items for any purpose unrelated to the matter involved herein and shall not make oral or written disclosure thereof, other than as necessary for their performance hereunder, without the prior written approval of City Attorney.

E. Insurance

Outside Counsel shall comply with the insurance requirements described in the mandatory City Contracting Requirements, attached hereto as Exhibit A, having the coverage and limits as specified in Exhibit A. If Outside Counsel does not obtain professional liability insurance or maintain the insurance throughout the duration of this Agreement, City Attorney may terminate the Agreement.

F. Governing Law

The parties agree that this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and any action brought by either party on this Agreement shall be brought in the Los Angeles County Central District Superior Courts.

G. Validity

The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision.

H. Waiver

No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by either party shall constitute a waiver of any future breach of the provision or any breach of any other provision of this Agreement. Failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement at any time shall not be construed as a waiver of that provision.

I. Remedies Reserved to City

The remedies reserved to City shall be cumulative and additional to any other remedies provided in law or equity.

J. Authorization for Warranty

Outside Counsel represents and warrants that the signatory(ies) to this Agreement is(are) fully authorized to obligate Outside Counsel and that all corporate acts necessary to the execution of this Agreement have been accomplished.

K. Changes and Written Amendment of Terms

Material changes to this Agreement shall only be effective upon the execution of a mutually-approved written amendment.

III. OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Professional Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

City recognizes that Outside Counsel may have clients that, from time to time, may have interests adverse to City. Any such representation shall be in accordance with the ethical duties of members of the State Bar of California including, without limitation, those established by the Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct. Outside Counsel shall send written notice to City Attorney Conflicts Attorney of any actual or potential conflict of interest that exists during Outside Counsel's engagement under this Agreement. The request for waiver shall describe in detail the nature of the proposed engagement by Outside Counsel, the nature of the conflict, and why Outside Counsel believes a waiver is appropriate.

Outside Counsel understands and agrees that it shall not apply for, accept or enter into any contract with any City of Los Angeles department or office for any non-outside counsel legal services for the duration of this or any other outside counsel contract with the City, unless Outside Counsel first obtains the written approval of the Chief Deputy of the Office of the City Attorney. This is in addition to the approval by the City awarding authority of the non-outside counsel legal services contract.

Outside Counsel understands and agrees that Outside Counsel may not pay or receive, or agree to pay or receive, any referral fees, remuneration, reciprocal referral or anything else of value as a result of or related to the matters on which Outside Counsel is engaged by the City, other than the fees and costs paid by the City for Outside Counsel's services in these matters. Outside Counsel understands and agrees that no City employee may solicit, agree to accept or receive any referral fees, remuneration or other item of value related to any services rendered to the City, any claim or other matter brought or filed against the City or any settlement, resolution, verdict, or other disposition by or against City. Outside Counsel immediately shall report any such solicitation, agreement or receipt to the City Attorney and to the City Ethics Commission.

B. Key Outside Counsel Personnel

1. Outside Counsel's Supervising Attorney for this Agreement shall be Daniel A. Berman. Outside Counsel's Supervising Attorney shall not be changed without City Attorney's written authorization.

2. Outside Counsel's Supervising Attorney shall have full authority to act for Outside Counsel on all daily operational matters under this Agreement and shall serve as or designate Lead Counsel for all law and motion appearances, pretrial and trial proceeding(s), settlement conference(s) or meetings of counsel for the litigants, depositions, document productions, and all court and other proceedings in which substantive rights of the parties may be determined. Designation of a Lead Counsel other than the Supervising Attorney shall be subject to City Attorney's prior written approval.

C. Legal Representation

1. Outside Counsel shall provide City with the necessary representation by qualified staff at the least costly billing category. Partners and associates shall be admitted to practice law before all of the courts of the State of California or of whatever state or district in which Outside Counsel is engaged to represent the City. The names of personnel authorized to provide services under this Agreement and the hourly rates for each staff member are listed in the document entitled, "Hourly Rates," attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B to this Agreement.

Any use of personnel other than as enumerated shall be subject to the prior written approval of City Attorney's Supervising Attorney. Outside Counsel may hire consultants, but only with the prior written approval of City Attorney's Supervising Attorney. Outside Counsel may retain other law firms or attorneys as subcontractors to provide the legal services covered by this Agreement, but only with the prior written approval of the Chief Deputy City Attorney. Any such written approval of subcontractors must set forth the name of each approved attorney or other personnel and the agreed rate for such individual. Outside Counsel will require any such subcontractors or consultants to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and will indemnify, defend and forever hold harmless the City from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of any act or omission of any such subcontractors or consultants.

2. Outside Counsel's legal representation shall include, but is not limited to:

- a) Asbestos related claims for damage and lawsuits, settlement negotiations and pretrial proceedings;
- b) Appearances at all law and motion hearings, discovery proceedings, hearings regarding orders to show cause, writs, trials, and, when applicable, administrative hearings;
- c) All due diligence, legal research, preparation for hearings, and review of all documents and other evidentiary materials;
- d) Investigative, secretarial, and clerical support services necessary to perform the legal representation in a professional manner.
- e) Providing legal advice and counsel;

3. Outside Counsel shall provide all required reports referenced in this Agreement.

4. Outside Counsel shall meet with City Attorney as City Attorney requires.

5. Outside Counsel shall obtain written approval from City Attorney before retaining any consultant or expert witness to assist with any assigned case.

6. Outside Counsel shall consult with City Attorney on trial and tactical decisions.

7. Outside Counsel shall assist City Attorney's Supervising Attorney in settlement evaluations and negotiations, and shall obtain City Attorney's authority before making any settlement proposal on City's behalf to the Court or any party.

8. Outside Counsel shall immediately notify City Attorney, in writing, when a judgment, verdict or other award is rendered.

9. Upon City Attorney's request, Outside Counsel shall provide copies of all court rulings and all pleadings filed with the court or other administrative body, including those submitted by other parties.

10. Outside Counsel shall maintain all backup documentation to support all entries included in its billings.

E. Reporting Requirements

Depending on the nature of the matter and the benefit derived, City Attorney may request that Outside Counsel provide City Attorney with the following reports:

1. Case Evaluation and Plan

a) The Case Evaluation and Plan is a written independent evaluation of the case that can be used to develop City's legal position and strategy. It will also serve to assist in controlling litigation costs. Outside Counsel shall base the Case Evaluation and Plan on a review of the pleadings, discovery, reports and other documents, physical evidence, conversations with City Attorney and any other information Outside Counsel deems appropriate based on Outside Counsel's expertise and experience.

b) The Case Evaluation and Plan shall include, but is not limited to:

1) Statement of known facts and identified legal issues, including identities of opposing attorney(s), if known;

2) Statement of precedent-setting or sensitive issues, if applicable;

3) Statement of alleged and probable injuries and damages;

4) Statement of liability exposure;

5) Statement of recommendation(s) on case strategy, including discovery, motions, extent of legal research, consultants and percipient witnesses, experts to be retained, and the extent of expert services to be performed;

6) Statement of Outside Counsel's projected costs that can be reasonably anticipated. Costs shall be budgeted on a total, annualized basis and shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Attorney fees - an identification of the staffing levels, hourly rates and estimated number of hours for each partner, associate, and/or paralegal;

(b) Consultant and expert witness rates, and estimated number of hours each will be needed;

(c) Deposition, transcript and other expenses;

(d) Fees and expenses for handling the case through each of the following applicable stages:

(1) Pleadings

(2) Discovery

(3) Pretrial conference(s)

(4) Mediation or Arbitration

(5) Trial, and

(6) Any other identified stages.

2. Proposed Settlement Recommendations

a) If requested by City Attorney, Outside Counsel shall submit to City Attorney written settlement recommendations that clearly state the reasons supporting a proposed settlement.

3. Appellate Action

a) If requested by City Attorney, Outside Counsel shall submit to City Attorney recommendations as to whether to appeal or petition for other review, or defend in the appellate courts. Outside Counsel shall state clearly the reason(s) supporting the recommended action.

b) Outside Counsel shall list City Attorney as co-counsel with Outside Counsel on all briefs and papers submitted to the appellate courts or other reviewing body.

**IV. CITY'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Key City Personnel

1. City hereby appoints the City Attorney, or his or her designee, to represent the City on all matters related to this Agreement; however, any written amendment to this Agreement requiring additional funds shall be conditioned upon the approval of the additional appropriation of said funds by the Department of Water and Power. The City Attorney's Supervising Attorneys shall be Deputy City Attorney Pamela McFarlane and the Chief Deputy City Attorney. On all matters relating to invoices the City Attorney's representative shall be the City Attorney's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer.

2. City Attorney's Supervising Attorneys shall have full authority to act for City on all daily operational matters under this Agreement and shall review and approve Outside Counsel's reports, whether written or verbal, and any change in Outside Counsel's designated Lead Counsel.

3. Approval of proposed settlement recommendations is subject to City's settlement approval procedures.

**V. COMPENSATION**

A. Appropriation of Funds.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power has appropriated Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for this Agreement. Outside Counsel's work pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed that amount without the prior approval by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners and written approval of the City Attorney. The City is not obligated to pay Outside Counsel for any work done and/or costs incurred in excess of the appropriated amount unless additional appropriations are made and a written amendment to this Agreement is executed by the Parties.

B. Outside Counsel's Obligation For Continued Performance.

In the event that Outside Counsel's fees, costs and expenses, in the aggregate, exceed the amount appropriated by City as provided herein, Outside Counsel shall not be obligated to provide services or incur any further costs or expenses on the work required hereunder, and the City shall not be liable for fees or costs in excess of the amount appropriated, unless the appropriated amount is increased as provided herein. Outside Counsel shall be responsible for notifying City Attorney's Supervising Attorneys that the aforesaid appropriated amount will be expended before completion of the work required hereunder and that Outside Counsel will need additional funds if City desires further work.

Outside Counsel shall give written notice to City Attorney's Supervising Attorney and to the City Attorney's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, when Outside Counsel's expenditures under this Agreement are equal to sixty percent (60%) and eighty percent (80%) of the total dollar value appropriated for this Agreement so that City Attorney has

sufficient time to consider whether it desires to seek an additional appropriation and written amendment to the Agreement.

C. Fees

1. The City shall pay Outside Counsel for the services performed by Outside Counsel which are reasonably necessary. The fees for such services shall be based upon the time expended to render the required services, with fractions thereof being stated to the tenth of an hour, and shall be computed at a rate not to exceed the rates specified for each category of staff as listed in Section B of Exhibit B.

2. Billing rates may be increased with the prior written approval of the Chief Deputy City Attorney only.

D. City's Reservation of Rights to Obtain Reimbursement

City shall pay Outside Counsel based on Outside Counsel's submission of monthly invoices consistent with the provisions of this Agreement. Even though City makes payment pursuant to invoices, City shall have the right to demand reimbursement any time City determines that previously paid costs and expenses were not properly billed by Outside Counsel. Outside Counsel shall promptly reimburse City for such costs and expenses previously paid by City.

E. Expenses

Absent the express prior written approval of the appropriate City Attorney's Supervising Attorney, the City will not pay for any extraordinary expenses incurred in any legal matter. The City Attorney's Chief Financial and Administrative Office must approve in writing any item of expense that exceeds \$5,000. The City Attorney's Supervising Attorney must approve in writing any item of expense that exceeds \$1,000. Such expenses include, but are not limited to, expert witnesses, consultant services, investigative services, computer litigation support services, videotaping of depositions, temporary office help, travel expenses, meals as well as other expenses. Travel time is non-reimbursable. The City will not pay for business class or first class airfare or luxury hotels. City shall reimburse Outside Counsel for the actual out-of-pocket expenses, enumerated below, but without any additional costs for having advanced the funds. Outside Counsel shall note that City is exempt from all filing fee charges.

1. Reimbursable ordinary expenses shall include, but are not limited to:

a) Deposition fees- The City expects Outside Counsel to keep the costs of deposition transcripts to a minimum. When depositions are taken and Outside Counsel receives the original, City shall not pay the court reporter's fee for providing Outside Counsel with an extra photocopy of the deposition transcript. City expects Outside Counsel to make a photocopy of the original at Outside Counsel's office. Likewise, when attending depositions of third parties or third-party witnesses, City requests that, if Outside Counsel believes an additional copy of the deposition transcript is necessary, Outside Counsel agree with opposing

counsel or co-counsel to share the costs. Prior written approval from City must be obtained before ordering any expedited original or expedited copy of a deposition transcript.

b) Deposition summaries, if necessary, should be brief and should be completed by the deposing attorney. The City shall not pay for a paralegal or other lawyer to summarize the deposition transcript unless trial is imminent. City shall not pay for summaries that are, in effect, a complete regurgitation of the underlying deposition.

c) Transcript fees;

d) Messenger service - where appropriate, documents should be transmitted via email or facsimile/telecopier;

e) Facsimile/Telecopier (FAX) transmission - Outside Counsel shall not bill the City for any expense related to facsimile charges beyond Outside Counsel's actual net costs for long distance telephone charges actually and reasonably incurred by Outside Counsel for the sending of facsimiles. Outside Counsel shall indicate in its billing statements the number of pages transmitted via facsimile together with the related cost of each charge. Outside Counsel shall attach the appropriate receipts, invoices or proof of any expenditure for your charges for facsimiles.

f) Process service;

g) In-house document reproduction. Outside Counsel may charge up to \$0.10 cents per page for photocopies. The billing statement shall contain the total number of copies made.

2. Reimbursable extraordinary expenses shall include charges of which Outside Counsel has obtained City Attorney's prior written approval. Such expenses shall include, but are not limited to:

a) Consultants;

b) Expert witnesses;

c) Investigative services;

d) Computer Assisted Legal Research ("CALR")-- The City of Los Angeles's decision to retain a particular firm is based in part on the firm's expertise and knowledge. The City therefore assumes familiarity with the basic substantive law at issue in the matter for which the firm was retained; any exception to this general expectation should be discussed fully at the time of retention. In conducting legal research the law firm is expected to utilize all appropriate sources reasonably available, including previously prepared briefs and memoranda. Should Outside Counsel determine that it is necessary to incur CALR charges in order to satisfy the terms of this Agreement, Outside Counsel shall obtain City

Attorney Supervising Attorney's prior written approval to charge for such expenses. No charges for CALR shall be paid by the City without its prior written approval of such a charge.

e) Outside Counsel shall describe in detail in its billings any travel expenses incurred by Outside Counsel. City retains the right to audit these expenses. Only coach fare will be reimbursed for travel. Travel expenses are reimbursable only for non-local travel. Travel time is non-reimbursable.

f) Lodging - If a receipt is submitted, a single occupancy hotel accommodation will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$165.50 plus taxes. For trial attendance by out-of-town experts or consultants, this rate may be increased, depending on the availability of lodging and prior City Attorney written approval.

3. Non-reimbursable expenses shall include, but are not limited to:

a) Staff time or overtime for performing secretarial, clerical, or word processing functions;

b) Charges for time spent complying with City Attorney audits or billing inquiries;

c) Charges for work performed which City Attorney had not authorized. Such work shall be a gratuitous effort by Outside Counsel; and

d) Expenses that are considered to be part of general law firm overhead, including but not limited to, administrative time, secretarial time, calendaring, setting up files, indexing, word processing, air conditioning, equipment rental, office supplies, meals, snacks, beverages, seminars, books or association dues, etc.

e) Travel time and local travel expenses.

F. Most Favored Nations

Outside Counsel represents that, as of the date hereof, the rates set forth in Exhibit B as referenced in Section V.C., above, and the other economic terms and conditions provided in this Agreement, taken individually, are at least as favorable to City as those provided to any other client of Outside Counsel.

If during the term of this Agreement (including any extension or renewal) Outside Counsel has in effect or places into effect with any client a lower rate or other more favorable economic term or condition than provided under this Agreement (a "More Favorable Provision"), Outside Counsel shall promptly offer such More Favorable Provision, unconditionally, to City by providing written notice thereof to City (an "MFN Notice") and, at City's election, this Agreement will be deemed to have been modified to provide City with such More Favorable Provision from the date such provision is effective for Outside Counsel's other client.

Outside Counsel's failure to provide City with an MFN Notice will not limit or otherwise impact City's right to enjoy the benefits of the applicable More Favorable Provision(s).

## VI. BILLINGS AND PAYMENTS

### A. Billings

1. Outside Counsel shall submit its billing statement monthly in arrears, no later than the tenth of the month following the month service was rendered.

2. Outside Counsel and City Attorney recognize that legal services performed under this Agreement are being paid for with tax dollars from the citizens of the City of Los Angeles and that, therefore, a heightened duty of care exists in both Outside Counsel and City Attorney to ensure that Outside Counsel scrupulously adheres to principles of moderation, frugality and cost consciousness in carrying out the goals of this Agreement. Outside Counsel pledges to observe a duty of reasonableness and cost effective representation in all aspects of this Agreement. Accordingly, each billing statement shall contain a certification by Outside Counsel's Supervising Attorney that the services performed and the expenses incurred were both reasonable and necessary.

3. The City will not pay for more than one attorney doing any particular task unless City Attorney has given its prior written approval. The City will not pay for two or more attorneys attending the same deposition or court appearance. The City will pay for the time recorded by more than one attorney for in-office conferences, but only if the conference is an occasional and necessary strategy meeting relating to some significant legal event or proceeding.

The City shall not pay for duplicative time charges by two or more attorneys, e.g., for legal research, reviewing documents, drafting documents, except as approved in writing by City Attorney. The City shall not pay for "training" or "apprenticeship" time. The City shall not pay for the involvement of attorneys who work on the case irregularly or sporadically, unless a particular attorney has a special expertise that substantially advances the prosecution/defense of the case.

4. Use of paralegals is encouraged providing they meet the requirements set forth herein. Assignment of work to paralegals should not result in duplicative activity between attorneys and paralegals, or the reworking or rewriting of paralegals' work product by attorneys. The City will not pay for paralegal time spent performing clerical/secretarial work (e.g., filing, indexing, sorting, organizing, photocopying and bates stamping documents) unless the City has given its prior written approval. City expects paralegals to perform true paralegal work, e.g., research, document productions, preparing discovery or responses, interviewing witnesses, etc.

5. Hourly fee billings under this Agreement shall not be made in more than one-tenth of an hour (six minute) increments, and shall represent the devotion of a full six minutes before such an increment is billed. Under no circumstances shall Outside Counsel use "block billing" procedures, wherein a list of series of activities is done each day with only an aggregate amount of time specified. Instead, Outside Counsel shall

provide a detailed specific entry for each separate task and sub-task reflecting the time for such task or subtask. All tasks set forth in Outside Counsel's billing documentation shall be highly specific and highly detailed. Overly generalized listings of task descriptions such as "review contract" or "prepare for negotiations" will not be acceptable. Outside Counsel shall provide a detailed description of each action as described below.

6. Each billing statement shall be identified by a unique number and itemized to include:

a) Case name, and case number;

b) Staffing level(s), hourly rates and specific activities for each attorney and/or paralegal;

1) Each activity shall be billed in a reporting format acceptable to City Attorney.

2) A detailed description of specific activities for each attorney and/or paralegal shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) In-person conferences.

(b) Telephone call(s).

(c) Correspondence.

(d) Depositions.

(e) Case reports.

(f) Pleading, brief or opinion drafting.

(g) Hearings.

(h) Research, including computerized legal research databases.

(i) Case reviews.

(j) Trials.

c) Total current monthly fees billed for each staffing level;

d) Total cumulative fees billed for each staffing level;

e) Total current monthly expenses billed in the following categories:

1) Consultant and expert witness expenses;

- 2) Deposition and transcript expenses;
  - 3) Other miscellaneous expenses.
- f) Total cumulative expenses to date billed in (e) above.

B. Payments

1. City shall make payment(s) for services rendered under this Agreement based on the monthly, itemized billing statement(s) Outside Counsel submits to City Attorney.

2. City Attorney's legal and accounting staff shall review all billing statements in accordance with City's review procedures.

3. City shall make its best effort to process payments promptly after receiving Outside Counsel's monthly billing statement. City shall not pay interest or finance charges on any outstanding balance(s).

C. Audit

For at least three years after completion of services under this Agreement or termination of this Agreement, Outside Counsel and any third party retained by Outside Counsel to assist in the performance of this Agreement, shall maintain backup documentation to support all entries included in the monthly billing statement. Such backup documentation shall be maintained in an auditable format and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. City Attorney, at its sole discretion, may, at any time up to three years beyond the completion of services or termination of this Agreement, audit Outside Counsel and any third party retained by Outside Counsel to assist in the performance of this Agreement. Outside Counsel and any such third parties shall promptly and fully cooperate with the audit, including affording City Attorney and/or its auditors access to records and files maintained by Outside Counsel and the third party.

VII. NOTICES

All invoices, notices and required reports shall be written and hand-delivered or mailed by first class, postage prepaid, addressed to City Attorney or Outside Counsel at the addresses below, or at any other address City Attorney or Outside Counsel shall provide in writing to each other:

A. If invoice to City Attorney:

Adriana Blazevic  
City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Attorney  
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1000  
Los Angeles, California 90012-4130

If notice or a report to City Attorney:

City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Attorney  
221 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1000  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Attention: Deputy City Attorney Pamela McFarlane

If notice concerning conflict of interest to City Attorney:

Anne Haley, Assistant City Attorney  
City of Los Angeles, Office of the City Attorney  
200 North Main Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall East  
Los Angeles, California 90012-4130

B. If notice to Outside Counsel:

Wood Smith Henning & Berman LLP  
10960 Wilshire Boulevard, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90024  
Attention: Daniel A. Berman

#### **VIII. ASSIGNMENT**

A. No part of this Agreement or any right or obligation arising from it is assignable without City's prior written consent.

B. Any attempt by Outside Counsel to assign or subcontract services relating to this Agreement without City's prior written consent shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

#### **IX. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Standard terms and conditions for City outside legal services contracts are attached as Exhibit A.

#### **X. MERGER**

This Agreement supersedes all prior communications and all previous written and oral agreements, and shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between City, City Attorney and Outside Counsel relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

#### **XI. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

The terms and conditions contained in the body of this Agreement and in Exhibit B shall supersede, control and prevail over any conflicting term or condition contained in any other document, including Exhibit A.

**XII. COMPLIANCE WITH LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER SECTION 470(c)(12)**

Outside Counsel, Subcontractors, and their Principals are obligated to fully comply with City of Los Angeles Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, regarding limitations on campaign contributions and fundraising for certain elected City officials or candidates for elected City office if the contract is valued at \$100,000 or more and requires approval of a City elected official. Additionally, Outside Counsel is required to provide and update certain information to the City as specified by law. Any Contractor subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12), shall include the following notice in any contract with a subcontractor expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance under this contract:

“Notice Regarding Los Angeles Campaign Contribution and Fundraising Restrictions

As provided in Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, you are subcontractor on a City of Los Angeles contract. Pursuant to City Charter Section 470(c)(12), subcontractor and its principals are prohibited from making campaign contributions and fundraising for certain elected City officials or candidates for elected City office for 12 months after the City contract is signed. Subcontractor is required to provide to contractor names and addresses of the subcontractor's principals and contact information and shall update that information if it changes during the 12 month time period. Subcontractor's information included must be provided to contractor within 10 business days. Failure to comply may result in termination of contract or any other available legal remedies including fines. Information about the restrictions may be found at the City Ethics Commission's website at <http://ethics.lacity.org/> or by calling 213/978-1960.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the day and year written below. By signing below, the signatories attest that they have no personal, financial, beneficial, or familial interest in this agreement.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY  
BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JANISSE QUIÑONES  
General Manager and Chief Engineer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

And: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHANTE L. MITCHELL  
Board Secretary

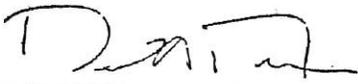
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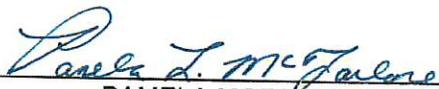
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**ATTACHMENT A**

Standard Provisions for City Contracts (Rev. 1/25 [v.2])

STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS

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## STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS

### PSC-1. Construction of Provisions and Titles Herein

All titles, subtitles, or headings in this Contract have been inserted for convenience, and shall not be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any of the terms or provisions of this Contract. The language of this Contract shall be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against **CITY** or **CONTRACTOR**. The word "**CONTRACTOR**" includes the party or parties identified in this Contract. The singular shall include the plural and if there is more than one **CONTRACTOR**, unless expressly stated otherwise, their obligations and liabilities shall be joint and several. Use of the feminine, masculine, or neuter genders shall be deemed to include the genders not used.

### PSC-2. Applicable Law, Interpretation and Enforcement

Each party's performance shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and **CITY**, including but not limited to, laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, wage and hours and licensing. This Contract shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, or procedures that apply to the performance of this Contract with no additional compensation paid to **CONTRACTOR**.

In any action arising out of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** consents to personal jurisdiction, and agrees to bring all such actions, exclusively in state or federal courts located in Los Angeles County, California.

If any part, term or provision of this Contract is held void, illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any federal, state or local law or regulation, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions of this Contract shall not be affected.

### PSC-3. Time of Effectiveness

Unless otherwise provided, this Contract shall take effect when all of the following events have occurred:

- A. This Contract has been signed on behalf of **CONTRACTOR** by the person or persons authorized to bind **CONTRACTOR**;
- B. This Contract has been approved by the City Council or by the board, officer or employee authorized to give such approval;
- C. The Office of the City Attorney has indicated in writing its approval of this Contract as to form; and
- D. This Contract has been signed on behalf of **CITY** by the person designated by the City Council, or by the board, officer or employee authorized to enter into this Contract.

#### **PSC-4. Integrated Contract**

This Contract sets forth all of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, and replaces any and all previous Contracts or understandings, whether written or oral, relating thereto. This Contract may be amended only as provided for in the provisions of PSC-5 hereof.

#### **PSC-5. Amendment**

All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and signed and approved pursuant to the provisions of PSC-3.

#### **PSC-6. Excusable Delays**

Neither party shall be liable for its delay or failure to perform any obligation under and in accordance with this Contract, if the delay or failure arises out of fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by the party or any of the party's Subcontractors), freight embargoes, terrorist acts, insurrections or other civil disturbances, or other similar events to those described above, but in each case the delay or failure to perform must be beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party delayed or failing to perform (these events are referred to in this provision as "Force Majeure Events").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a delay or failure to perform by a Subcontractor of **CONTRACTOR** shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event, unless the delay or failure arises out of causes beyond the control of both **CONTRACTOR** and Subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, **CONTRACTOR** shall not be liable for the delay or failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit **CONTRACTOR** to perform timely. As used in this Contract, the term "Subcontractor" means a subcontractor at any tier.

In the event **CONTRACTOR'S** delay or failure to perform arises out of a Force Majeure Event, **CONTRACTOR** agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain the goods or services from other sources, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by the Force Majeure Event.

#### **PSC-7. Waiver**

A waiver of a default of any part, term or provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any succeeding default or as a waiver of the part, term or provision itself. A party's performance after the other party's default shall not be construed as a waiver of that default.

#### **PSC-8. Suspension**

At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** may suspend any or all services provided under this Contract by providing **CONTRACTOR** with written notice of suspension. Upon receipt of the notice of suspension, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately cease the services

suspended and shall not incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses to **CITY** until **CITY** gives written notice to recommence the services.

**PSC-9. Termination**

A. Termination for Convenience

**CITY** may terminate this Contract for **CITY'S** convenience at any time by providing **CONTRACTOR** thirty days written notice. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately take action not to incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses, except as may be necessary to terminate its activities. **CITY** shall pay **CONTRACTOR** its reasonable and allowable costs through the effective date of termination and those reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **CONTRACTOR** to effect the termination. Thereafter, **CONTRACTOR** shall have no further claims against **CITY** under this Contract. All finished and unfinished documents and materials procured for or produced under this Contract, including all intellectual property rights **CITY** is entitled to, shall become **CITY** property upon the date of the termination. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to execute any documents necessary for **CITY** to perfect, memorialize, or record **CITY'S** ownership of rights provided herein.

B. Termination for Breach of Contract

1. Except as provided in PSC-6, if **CONTRACTOR** fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract or so fails to make progress as to endanger timely performance of this Contract, **CITY** may give **CONTRACTOR** written notice of the default. **CITY'S** default notice will indicate whether the default may be cured and the time period to cure the default to the sole satisfaction of **CITY**. Additionally, **CITY'S** default notice may offer **CONTRACTOR** an opportunity to provide **CITY** with a plan to cure the default, which shall be submitted to **CITY** within the time period allowed by **CITY**. At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** may accept or reject **CONTRACTOR'S** plan. If the default cannot be cured or if **CONTRACTOR** fails to cure within the period allowed by **CITY**, then **CITY** may terminate this Contract due to **CONTRACTOR'S** breach of this Contract.
2. If the default under this Contract is due to **CONTRACTOR'S** failure to maintain the insurance required under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately: (1) suspend performance of any services under this Contract for which insurance was required; and (2) notify its employees and Subcontractors of the loss of insurance coverage and Contractor's obligation to suspend performance of services. **CONTRACTOR** shall not recommence performance until **CONTRACTOR** is fully insured and in compliance with **CITY'S** requirements.

3. If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against **CONTRACTOR**, or if **CONTRACTOR** makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
4. If **CONTRACTOR** engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract or violates **CITY'S** laws, regulations or policies relating to lobbying, then **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
5. Acts of Moral Turpitude
  - a. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** if **CONTRACTOR** or any Key Person, as defined below, is charged with, indicted for, convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, any act which constitutes an offense involving moral turpitude under federal, state, or local laws ("Act of Moral Turpitude").
  - b. If **CONTRACTOR** or a Key Person is convicted of, pleads nolo contendere to, or forfeits bail or fails to appear in court for a hearing related to, an Act of Moral Turpitude, **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.
  - c. If **CONTRACTOR** or a Key Person is charged with or indicted for an Act of Moral Turpitude, **CITY** may terminate this Contract after providing **CONTRACTOR** an opportunity to present evidence of **CONTRACTOR'S** ability to perform under the terms of this Contract.
  - d. Acts of Moral Turpitude include, but are not limited to: violent felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 667.5, crimes involving weapons, crimes resulting in serious bodily injury or death, serious felonies as defined by Penal Code Section 1192.7, and those crimes referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2); in addition to and including acts of murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, kidnapping, human trafficking, pimping, voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, assault on a peace officer, mayhem, fraud, domestic abuse, elderly abuse, and child abuse, regardless of whether such acts are punishable by felony or misdemeanor conviction.

- e. For the purposes of this provision, a Key Person is a principal, officer, or employee assigned to this Contract, or owner (directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries) of ten percent or more of the voting power or equity interests of **CONTRACTOR**.
  
- 6. In the event **CITY** terminates this Contract as provided in this section, **CITY** may procure, upon such terms and in the manner as **CITY** may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and **CONTRACTOR** shall be liable to **CITY** for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited to, any excess costs for such services.
  
- 7. If, after notice of termination of this Contract under the provisions of this section, it is determined for any reason that **CONTRACTOR** was not in default under the provisions of this section, or that the default was excusable under the terms of this Contract, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to PSC-9(A) Termination for Convenience.
  
- 8. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
  
- C. In the event that this Contract is terminated, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify all employees and Subcontractors, and shall notify in writing all other parties contracted with under the terms of this Contract within five working days of the termination.

**PSC-10. Independent Contractor**

**CONTRACTOR** is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of **CITY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not represent or otherwise hold out itself or any of its directors, officers, partners, employees, or agents to be an agent or employee of **CITY**.

**PSC-11. Contractor's Personnel**

Unless otherwise approved by **CITY**, **CONTRACTOR** shall use its own employees to perform the services described in this Contract. **CITY** has the right to review and approve any personnel who are assigned to work under this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall remove personnel from performing work under this Contract if requested to do so by **CITY**.

**CONTRACTOR** shall not use Subcontractors to assist in performance of this Contract without the prior written approval of **CITY**. If **CITY** permits the use of Subcontractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall remain responsible for performing all aspects of this Contract and paying all Subcontractors. **CITY** has the right to approve **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors, and **CITY** reserves the right to request replacement of any

Subcontractor. **CITY** does not have any obligation to pay **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors, and nothing herein creates any privity of contract between **CITY** and any Subcontractor.

**PSC-12. Assignment and Delegation**

**CONTRACTOR** may not, unless it has first obtained the written permission of **CITY**:

- A. Assign or otherwise alienate any of its rights under this Contract, including the right to payment; or
- B. Delegate, subcontract, or otherwise transfer any of its duties under this Contract.

**PSC-13. Permits**

**CONTRACTOR** and its directors, officers, partners, agents, employees, and Subcontractors, shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, certifications and other documents necessary for **CONTRACTOR'S** performance of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** of any suspension, termination, lapses, non-renewals, or restrictions of licenses, permits, certificates, or other documents that relate to **CONTRACTOR'S** performance of this Contract.

**PSC-14. Claims for Labor and Materials**

**CONTRACTOR** shall promptly pay when due all amounts owed for labor and materials furnished in the performance of this Contract so as to prevent any lien or other claim under any provision of law from arising against any **CITY** property (including reports, documents, and other tangible or intangible matter produced by **CONTRACTOR** hereunder), and shall pay all amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act or any other applicable law with respect to labor used to perform under this Contract.

**PSC-15. Current Los Angeles City Business Tax Registration Certificate Required**

For the duration of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall maintain valid Business Tax Registration Certificate(s) as required by **CITY'S** Business Tax Ordinance, Section 21.00 *et seq.* of the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC"), and shall not allow the Certificate to lapse or be revoked or suspended.

**PSC-16. Retention of Records, Audit and Reports**

**CONTRACTOR** shall maintain all records, including records of financial transactions, pertaining to the performance of this Contract, in their original form or as otherwise approved by **CITY**. These records shall be retained for a period of no less than three years from the later of the following: (1) final payment made by **CITY**, (2) the expiration of this Contract or (3) termination of this Contract. The records will be subject to examination and audit by authorized **CITY** personnel or **CITY'S** representatives at any time. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide any reports requested by **CITY** regarding

performance of this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

In lieu of retaining the records for the term as prescribed in this provision, **CONTRACTOR** may, upon **CITY'S** written approval, submit the required information to **CITY** in an electronic format, e.g. USB flash drive, at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

#### **PSC-17. Bonds**

All bonds required by **CITY** shall be filed with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management for its review and acceptance in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") Sections 11.47 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time.

#### **PSC-18. Indemnification**

Except for the active negligence or willful misconduct of **CITY**, or any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest, **CONTRACTOR** shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless **CITY** and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all lawsuits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by **CITY**, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including **CONTRACTOR'S** employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of an act, error, or omission by **CONTRACTOR**, Subcontractors, or their boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

#### **PSC-19. Intellectual Property Indemnification**

**CONTRACTOR**, at its own expense, shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the **CITY**, and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all lawsuits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by **CITY**, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature arising out of the infringement, actual or alleged, direct or contributory, of any intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, right of publicity, and proprietary information: (1) on or in any design, medium, matter, article, process, method, application, equipment, device, instrumentation, software, hardware, or firmware used by **CONTRACTOR**, or its Subcontractors, in performing the work under this Contract; or (2) as a result of **CITY'S** actual or intended use of any Work Product (as defined in PSC-21) furnished by **CONTRACTOR**, or its Subcontractors, under this Contract. The rights and remedies of **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive

and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

**PSC-20. Intellectual Property Warranty**

**CONTRACTOR** represents and warrants that its performance of all obligations under this Contract does not infringe in any way, directly or contributorily, upon any third party's intellectual property rights, including, without limitation, patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, right of publicity and proprietary information.

**PSC-21. Ownership and License**

Unless otherwise provided for herein, all finished and unfinished works, tangible or not, created under this Contract including, without limitation, documents, materials, data, reports, manuals, specifications, artwork, drawings, sketches, blueprints, studies, memoranda, computation sheets, computer programs and databases, schematics, photographs, video and audiovisual recordings, sound recordings, marks, logos, graphic designs, notes, websites, domain names, inventions, processes, formulas, matters and combinations thereof, and all forms of intellectual property originated and prepared by **CONTRACTOR** or its Subcontractors under this Contract (each a "Work Product"; collectively "Work Products") shall be and remain the exclusive property of **CITY** for its use in any manner **CITY** deems appropriate. **CONTRACTOR** hereby assigns to **CITY** all goodwill, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret and all other intellectual property rights worldwide in any Work Products originated and prepared under this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees to execute any documents necessary for **CITY** to perfect, memorialize, or record **CITY'S** ownership of rights provided herein.

**CONTRACTOR** agrees that a monetary remedy for breach of this Contract may be inadequate, impracticable, or difficult to prove and that a breach may cause **CITY** irreparable harm. **CITY** may therefore enforce this requirement by seeking injunctive relief and specific performance, without any necessity of showing actual damage or irreparable harm. Seeking injunctive relief or specific performance does not preclude **CITY** from seeking or obtaining any other relief to which **CITY** may be entitled.

For all Work Products delivered to **CITY** that are not originated or prepared by **CONTRACTOR** or its Subcontractors under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall secure a grant, at no cost to **CITY**, for a non-exclusive perpetual license to use such Work Products for any **CITY** purposes.

**CONTRACTOR** shall not provide or disclose any Work Product to any third party without prior written consent of **CITY**.

Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** relating to this Contract shall include this provision to contractually bind its Subcontractors performing work under this Contract such that **CITY'S** ownership and license rights of all Work Products are preserved and protected as intended herein.

**PSC-22. Data Protection**

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall protect, using the most secure means and technology that is commercially available, **CITY**-provided data or consumer-provided data acquired in the course and scope of this Contract, including but not limited to customer lists and customer credit card or consumer data, (collectively, the "City Data"). **CONTRACTOR** shall notify **CITY** in writing as soon as reasonably feasible, and in any event within twenty-four hours, of **CONTRACTOR'S** discovery or reasonable belief of any unauthorized access of City Data (a "Data Breach"), or of any incident affecting, or potentially affecting City Data related to cyber security (a "Security Incident"), including, but not limited to, denial of service attack, and system outage, instability or degradation due to computer malware or virus. **CONTRACTOR** shall begin remediation immediately. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide daily updates, or more frequently if required by **CITY**, regarding findings and actions performed by **CONTRACTOR** until the Data Breach or Security Incident has been effectively resolved to **CITY'S** satisfaction. **CONTRACTOR** shall conduct an investigation of the Data Breach or Security Incident and shall share the report of the investigation with **CITY**. At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** and its authorized agents shall have the right to lead or participate in the investigation. **CONTRACTOR** shall cooperate fully with **CITY**, its agents and law enforcement.
- B. If **CITY** is subject to liability for any Data Breach or Security Incident, then **CONTRACTOR** shall fully indemnify and hold harmless **CITY** and defend against any resulting actions.

**PSC-23. Insurance**

During the term of this Contract and without limiting **CONTRACTOR'S** obligation to indemnify, hold harmless and defend **CITY**, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide and maintain at its own expense a program of insurance having the coverages and limits not less than the required amounts and types as determined by the Office of the City Administrative Officer of Los Angeles, Risk Management (template Form General 146 in Exhibit 1 hereto). The insurance must: (1) conform to **CITY'S** requirements; (2) comply with the Insurance Contractual Requirements (Form General 133 in Exhibit 1 hereto); and (3) otherwise be in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with all Insurance Contractual Requirements shown on Exhibit 1 hereto. Exhibit 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.

**PSC-24. Best Terms**

Throughout the term of this Contract, **CONTRACTOR**, shall offer **CITY** the best terms, prices, and discounts that are offered to any of **CONTRACTOR'S** customers for similar goods and services provided under this Contract.

**PSC-25. Warranty and Responsibility of Contractor**

**CONTRACTOR** warrants that the work performed hereunder shall be completed in a manner consistent with professional standards practiced among those firms within **CONTRACTOR'S** profession, doing the same or similar work under the same or similar circumstances.

**PSC-26. Mandatory Provisions Pertaining to Non-Discrimination in Employment**

Unless otherwise exempt, this Contract is subject to the applicable non-discrimination, equal benefits, equal employment practices, and affirmative action program provisions in LAAC Section 10.8 et seq., as amended from time to time.

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the applicable non-discrimination and affirmative action provisions of the laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and **CITY**. In performing this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall not discriminate in any of its hiring or employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of such person's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, disability, domestic partner status, marital status or medical condition.
- B. The requirements of Section 10.8.2.1 of the LAAC, the Equal Benefits Ordinance, and the provisions of Section 10.8.2.1(f) are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference.
- C. The provisions of Section 10.8.3 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the "Equal Employment Practices" provisions of this Contract.
- D. The provisions of Section 10.8.4 of the LAAC are incorporated and made a part of this Contract by reference and will be known as the "Affirmative Action Program" provisions of this Contract.

Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-27. Child Support Assignment Orders**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Child Support Assignment Orders Ordinance, Section 10.10 of the LAAC, as amended from time to time. Pursuant to Section 10.10(b) of the LAAC, **CONTRACTOR** shall fully comply with all applicable State and Federal employment reporting requirements. Failure of **CONTRACTOR** to comply with all applicable reporting requirements or to implement lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment or Notices of Assignment, or the failure of any principal owner(s) of **CONTRACTOR** to comply with any Wage and Earnings Assignment or Notices of Assignment applicable to them personally, shall constitute a default by the **CONTRACTOR** under this Contract. Failure of **CONTRACTOR** or principal owner to cure

the default within 90 days of the notice of default will subject this Contract to termination for breach. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-28. Living Wage Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Living Wage Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.37 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees that it shall comply with federal law proscribing retaliation for union organizing. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-29. Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.36 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-30. Access and Accommodations**

**CONTRACTOR** represents and certifies that:

- A. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 *et seq.*, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Section 701 *et seq.*, the Fair Housing Act, and its implementing regulations and any subsequent amendments, and California Government Code Section 11135;
- B. **CONTRACTOR** shall not discriminate on the basis of disability or on the basis of a person's relationship to, or association with, a person who has a disability;
- C. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide reasonable accommodation upon request to ensure equal access to **CITY**-funded programs, services and activities;
- D. Construction will be performed in accordance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), 24 C.F.R. Part 40; and
- E. The buildings and facilities used to provide services under this Contract are in compliance with the federal and state standards for accessibility as set forth in the 2010 ADA Standards, California Title 24, Chapter 11, or other applicable federal and state law.

**CONTRACTOR** understands that **CITY** is relying upon these certifications and representations as a condition to funding this Contract. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-31. Contractor Responsibility Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Contractor Responsibility Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.40 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time.

**PSC-32. Business Inclusion Program**

Unless otherwise exempted prior to bid submission, **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with all aspects of the Business Inclusion Program as described in the Request for Proposal/Qualification process, throughout the duration of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall utilize the Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement ("RAMP") at <https://www.rampla.org/s/>, to perform and document outreach to Minority, Women, and Other Business Enterprises. **CONTRACTOR** shall perform subcontractor outreach activities through RAMP. **CONTRACTOR** shall not change any of its designated Subcontractors or pledged specific items of work to be performed by these Subcontractors, nor shall **CONTRACTOR** reduce their level of effort, without prior written approval of **CITY**.

**PSC-33. Slavery Disclosure Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Slavery Disclosure Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.41 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-34. First Source Hiring Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the First Source Hiring Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.44 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-35. Local Business Preference Ordinance**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the Local Business Preference Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.47 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-36. Iran Contracting Act**

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Sections 2200-2208, all contractors entering into, or renewing contracts with **CITY** for goods and services estimated at \$1,000,000 or more are required to complete, sign, and submit the "Iran Contracting Act of 2010 Compliance Affidavit."

**PSC-37. Restrictions on Campaign Contributions and Fundraising in City Elections**

Unless otherwise exempt, if this Contract is valued at \$100,000 or more and requires approval by an elected **CITY** office, **CONTRACTOR**, **CONTRACTOR'S** principals, and **CONTRACTOR'S** Subcontractors expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance

under the Contract, and the principals of those Subcontractors (the "Restricted Persons") shall comply with Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35. Failure to comply entitles **CITY** to terminate this Contract and to pursue all available legal remedies. Charter Section 470(c)(12) and LAMC Section 49.7.35 limit the ability of the Restricted Persons to make campaign contributions to and engage in fundraising for certain elected **CITY** officials or candidates for elected **CITY** office for twelve months after this Contract is signed. Additionally, a **CONTRACTOR** subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) is required to comply with disclosure requirements by submitting a completed and signed Ethics Commission Form 55 and to amend the information in that form as specified by law. Any **CONTRACTOR** subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12) shall include the following notice in any contract with any Subcontractor expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance under this Contract:

"Notice Regarding Restrictions on Campaign Contributions and Fundraising  
in City Elections

You are a subcontractor on City of Los Angeles Contract # \_\_\_\_\_ . Pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, you and your principals are prohibited from making campaign contributions to and fundraising for certain elected City of Los Angeles ("**CITY**") officials and candidates for elected **CITY** office for twelve months after the **CITY** contract is signed. You are required to provide the names and contact information of your principals to the **CONTRACTOR** and to amend that information within ten business days if it changes during the twelve month time period. Failure to comply may result in termination of this Contract and any other available legal remedies. Information about the restrictions may be found online at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org) or by calling the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960."

**PSC-38.** Contractors' Use of Criminal History for Consideration of Employment Applications

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with the City Contractors' Use of Criminal History for Consideration of Employment Applications Ordinance, LAAC Section 10.48 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time. Any subcontract entered into by **CONTRACTOR** for work to be performed under this Contract must include an identical provision.

**PSC-39.** Limitation of City's Obligation to Make Payment to Contractor

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, including any exhibits or attachments incorporated therein, and in order for **CITY** to comply with its governing legal requirements, **CITY** shall have no obligation to make any payments to **CONTRACTOR** unless **CITY** shall have first made an appropriation of funds equal to or in excess of its obligation to make any payments as provided in this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that any services provided by **CONTRACTOR**, purchases made by **CONTRACTOR** or expenses incurred by **CONTRACTOR** in excess of the appropriation(s) shall be free and without charge to **CITY** and **CITY** shall have no obligation to pay for the services, purchases or expenses. **CONTRACTOR** shall have no obligation to provide any services,

provide any equipment or incur any expenses in excess of the appropriated amount(s) until CITY appropriates additional funds for this Contract.

**PSC-40. Compliance with Identity Theft Laws and Payment Card Data Security Standards**

**CONTRACTOR** shall comply with all identity theft laws including without limitation, laws related to: (1) payment devices; (2) credit and debit card fraud; and (3) the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act ("FACTA"), including its requirement relating to the content of transaction receipts provided to Customers. **CONTRACTOR** also shall comply with all requirements related to maintaining compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards ("PCI DSS"). During the performance of any service to install, program or update payment devices equipped to conduct credit or debit card transactions, including PCI DSS services, **CONTRACTOR** shall verify proper truncation of receipts in compliance with FACTA.

**PSC-41. Compliance with California Public Resources Code Section 5164**

California Public Resources Code Section 5164 prohibits a public agency from hiring a person for employment or as a volunteer to perform services at any park, playground, or community center used for recreational purposes in a position that has supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor, if the person has been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code, and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2).

If applicable, **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with California Public Resources Code Section 5164, and shall additionally adhere to all rules and regulations that have been adopted or that may be adopted by CITY. **CONTRACTOR** is required to have all employees, volunteers and Subcontractors (including all employees and volunteers of any Subcontractor) of **CONTRACTOR** working on premises to pass a fingerprint and background check through the California Department of Justice at **CONTRACTOR'S** sole expense, indicating that such individuals have never been convicted of certain crimes as referenced in the Penal Code and articulated in California Public Resources Code Section 5164(a)(2), if the individual will have supervisory or disciplinary authority over any minor.

**PSC-42. Possessory Interests Tax**

Rights granted to **CONTRACTOR** by CITY may create a possessory interest. **CONTRACTOR** agrees that any possessory interest created may be subject to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 and a property tax may be levied on that possessory interest. If applicable, **CONTRACTOR** shall pay the property tax. **CONTRACTOR** acknowledges that the notice required under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 has been provided.

**PSC-43. Confidentiality**

All documents, information, City Data (as that term is defined in PSC-22), and materials provided to **CONTRACTOR** by **CITY** or developed by **CONTRACTOR** pursuant to this Contract (collectively "Confidential Information") are confidential. **CONTRACTOR** shall not provide, and shall prohibit its employees and subcontractors from providing or disclosing, any Confidential Information or their contents or any information therein either orally or in writing, to any person or entity, except as authorized by **CITY** or as required by law. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** of any attempt by a third party to obtain access to any Confidential Information. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

**PSC-44. Contractor Data Reporting**

If Contractor is a for-profit, privately owned business, Contractor shall, within 30 days of the effective date of the Contract and on an annual basis thereafter (i.e., within 30 days of the annual anniversary of the effective date of the Contract), report the following information to City via the Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement ("RAMP") or via another method specified by City: Contractor's and any Subcontractor's annual revenue, number of employees, location, industry, race/ethnicity and gender of majority owner ("Contractor/Subcontractor Information"). Contractor shall further request, on an annual basis, that any Subcontractor input or update its business profile, including the Contractor/Subcontractor Information, on RAMP or via another method prescribed by City.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**INSURANCE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

**CONTACT** For additional information about compliance with City Insurance and Bond requirements, contact the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management at (213) 978-RISK (7475) or go online at [www.lacity.org/cao/risk](http://www.lacity.org/cao/risk). The City approved Bond Assistance Program is available for those contractors who are unable to obtain the City-required performance bonds. A City approved insurance program may be available as a low-cost alternative for contractors who are unable to obtain City-required insurance.

**CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

**CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT:**

1. **Additional Insured/Loss Payee.** The CITY must be included as an Additional Insured in applicable liability policies to cover the CITY'S liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the named insured. The CITY is to be named as an Additional Named Insured and a Loss Payee As Its Interests May Appear in property insurance in which the CITY has an interest, e.g., as a lien holder.
2. **Notice of Cancellation.** All required insurance will be maintained in full force for the duration of its business with the CITY. By ordinance, all required insurance must provide at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) directly to the CITY if your insurance company elects to cancel or materially reduce coverage or limits prior to the policy expiration date, for any reason except impairment of an aggregate limit due to prior claims.
3. **Primary Coverage.** CONTRACTOR will provide coverage that is primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance of the CITY. The CITY'S program shall be excess of this insurance and non-contributing.
4. **Modification of Coverage.** The CITY reserves the right at any time during the term of this Contract to change the amounts and types of insurance required hereunder by giving CONTRACTOR ninety (90) days' advance written notice of such change. If such change should result in substantial additional cost to CONTRACTOR, the CITY agrees to negotiate additional compensation proportional to the increased benefit to the CITY.
5. **Failure to Procure Insurance.** All required insurance must be submitted and approved by the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management prior to the inception of any operations by CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR'S failure to procure or maintain required insurance or a self-insurance program during the entire term of this Contract shall constitute a material breach of this Contract under which the CITY may immediately suspend or terminate this Contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance to protect the CITY'S interests and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith and recover all monies so paid from CONTRACTOR.

6. **Workers' Compensation.** By signing this Contract, CONTRACTOR hereby certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 *et seq.*, of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake

self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and that it will comply with such provisions at all time during the performance of the work pursuant to this Contract.

**7. California Licensee.** All insurance must be provided by an insurer admitted to do business in California or written through a California-licensed surplus lines broker or through an insurer otherwise acceptable to the CITY. Non-admitted coverage must contain a **Service of Suit** clause in which the underwriters agree to submit as necessary to the jurisdiction of a California court in the event of a coverage dispute. Service of process for this purpose must be allowed upon an agent in California designated by the insurer or upon the California Insurance Commissioner.

**8. Aggregate Limits/Impairment.** If any of the required insurance coverages contain annual aggregate limits, CONTRACTOR must give the CITY written notice of any pending claim or lawsuit which will materially diminish the aggregate within thirty (30) days of knowledge of same. You must take appropriate steps to restore the impaired aggregates or provide replacement insurance protection within thirty (30) days of knowledge of same. The CITY has the option to specify the minimum acceptable aggregate limit for each line of coverage required. No substantial reductions in scope of coverage which may affect the CITY'S protection are allowed without the CITY'S prior written consent.

**9. Commencement of Work.** For purposes of insurance coverage only, this Contract will be deemed to have been executed immediately upon any party hereto taking any steps that can be considered to be in furtherance of or towards performance of this Contract. The requirements in this Section supersede all other sections and provisions of this Contract, including, but not limited to, PSC-3, to the extent that any other section or provision conflicts with or impairs the provisions of this Section.

## Required Insurance and Minimum Limits

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement/Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of coverages checked below, with the specified minimum limits, must be submitted and approved prior to occupancy/start of operations. Amounts shown are Combined Single Limits ("CSLs"). For Automobile Liability, split limits may be substituted for a CSL if the total per occurrence equals or exceeds the CSL amount.

	Limits
<p>_____ Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employer's Liability (EL)</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Waiver of Subrogation in favor of City</p>	<p>WC _____ Statutor ✓ EL _____</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Longshore &amp; Harbor Workers <input type="checkbox"/> Jones Act</p>	
<p>_____ General Liability _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Products/Completed Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Legal Liability _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Misconduct _____</p>
<p>_____ Automobile Liability (for any and all vehicles used for this contract, other than commuting to/from work) _____</p>	
<p>_____ Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) _____</p>	
<p>Discovery Period _____</p>	
<p>_____ Property Insurance (to cover replacement cost of building - as determined by insurance company) _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> All Risk Coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Flood _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Boiler and Machinery <input type="checkbox"/> Builder's Risk <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>_____ Pollution Liability _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>_____ Surety Bonds - Performance and Payment (Labor and Materials) Bonds _____</p>	
<p>_____ Crime Insurance _____</p>	
<p>Other: _____</p>	
<p>_____</p>	
<p>_____</p>	

**EXHIBIT B**

**Hourly Rates for Outside Counsel**

**A. The specific hourly rates for each authorized timekeeper shall not exceed the following:**

Authorized Timekeeper	Title	Hourly Rate
Kevin D. Smith	Partner	\$350
Jade N. Tran	Partner	\$350
Patrick S. Schoenburg	Partner	\$350
Thomas F. Vandenburg	Partner	\$350
Tracy M. Lewis	Partner	\$350
Craig M. Derring	Partner	\$350
Carla N. Braunstein	Partner	\$350
Jon Kangwa	Senior Counsel	\$325
M.Soto	Law Clerk	\$150

**B. The hourly rate for each timekeeper category shall not exceed the following:**

Title	Hourly Rate
Partners	\$350
Senior Counsel	\$325
Associates	\$300
Paralegals	\$150