

AGREEMENT NO.

BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
STARCREST CONSULTING GROUP, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation ("City") acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners ("Board"), and Starcrest Consulting Group, LLC, a New Mexico limited liability company, whose address is 1616 Speakman Drive SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123 ("Consultant").

WHEREAS, City requires as-needed services on a wide range of CEQA/NEPA documentation and special environmental studies to assist in meeting environmental regulations and Harbor Department initiatives; and

WHEREAS, City requires professional, scientific, expert or technical services of a temporary or occasional basis to assist the City in providing historical resources support, archeology and paleontology support, air quality support, toxic air contaminants support, greenhouse gases support, NEPA documentation support and peer review; and

WHEREAS, Consultant is an organization that provides services, including, but not limited to those services required by the City and, by virtue of training and experience, is well-qualified to provide such services to the City; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the nature and length of the services required by City, it is not feasible for City to have such services performed by its own employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, terms and conditions hereinafter contained to be kept and performed by the respective parties hereto, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals.

1.1 The recitals to this Agreement above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

2. Services To Be Performed By Consultant.

2.1 All of the services Consultant shall perform for City are set forth in Exhibit A hereto and hereinafter shall be referred to as "Scope of Work."

2.2 Consultant's performance of Tasks and, as applicable, Subtasks shall occur as follows:

a. The Director of the Environmental Management Division of City's Harbor Department ("Director") shall issue a written document in the form

attached hereto as Exhibit B that has been signed by Executive Director of the City's Harbor Department ("Executive Director") and that specifies, without limitation: the Task or Subtask to be performed; the specific services required in connection with such Task or Subtask; the deliverables required in the performance of such Task or Subtask; the schedule for the performance of such Task or Subtask; authorized personnel who may perform the Task or Subtask; authorized compensation for such Task or Subtask; and MBE/WBE/SBE/OBE utilization ("Directive").

b. Consultant, to reflect its agreement with all the terms of such Directive, shall sign, date and return such Directive to Director.

c. Following Director's receipt of the Directive signed by Consultant, Director shall issue a written document in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C that has been signed by Director and that authorizes Consultant to commence performance of the services contemplated by such Directive ("Notice to Proceed").

2.3 Consultant acknowledges and agrees that it lacks authority to perform and that Director lacks authority to request the performance of any services outside the Scope of Work. Consultant further acknowledges and agrees that any services it performs outside the Scope of Work or a Directive, or in the absence of both a Directive and a Notice to Proceed, are performed as a volunteer and shall not be compensable under this Agreement.

2.4 The Scope of Work shall be performed by personnel qualified and competent in the sole reasonable discretion of Director, whether performance is undertaken by Consultant or third-parties with whom Consultant has contracted on the effective date of this Agreement, whom Director may subsequently approve in writing ("Subconsultants"), or as listed on Project Directives. Obligations of this Agreement, whether undertaken by Consultant or Subconsultants, are and shall be the responsibility of Consultant. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement creates no rights in Subconsultants with respect to City and that obligations that may be owed to Subconsultants, including, but not limited to, the obligation to pay Subconsultants for services performed, are those of Consultant alone. Upon Director's written request, Consultant shall supply City's Harbor Department with all agreements between it and its Subconsultants.

2.5 As between City and Consultant, Consultant is solely responsible for any taxes or fees which may be assessed against it or its employees resulting from performance of the Scope of Work, whether social security, payroll or other, and regardless of whether assessed by the federal government, any state, the City, or any other governmental entity.

2.6 Director shall resolve in his or her sole reasonable discretion any issues or questions which may arise during the term of this Agreement as to the quality or acceptability of Consultant's performance of the Scope of Work, the manner of performance, the interpretation of direction given to Consultant, the acceptable completion of a Directive, and the amount of compensation due. Upon written notice from Director, Consultant shall assign replacement personnel and/or shall remedy any deficient services or work product to Director's reasonable satisfaction and at

Consultant's sole cost and expense. Compliance with the requirements of this Section 2.6 is a condition to payment by City of compensation to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

2.7 Consultant's representative responsible for administering this Agreement, Archana Agrawal ("Project Manager"), shall not be changed without Director's written approval. Director may, for any reason in his or her sole reasonable discretion, require Consultant to substitute a new Project Manager. If City requests such a substitution, the substitute Project Manager shall expend whatever time and costs necessary to become familiar with the Project and any portions of the Scope of Work already performed at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

2.8 If the law requires Consultant, in performing the Scope of Work, to follow a different standard of care than the ordinary standard of care applied to a reasonable person, Consultant shall perform such services with the degree of diligence, skill, judgment, and care applicable to Consultant's profession ("professional standard"). Consultants not required to follow a professional standard shall exercise the degree of care required of ordinary persons.

2.9 For portions of the Scope of Work to be performed on a time and material basis, Consultant shall assign personnel, whether employees or Subconsultants, with the lowest applicable hourly rate who are fully competent to provide the services required. If Consultant finds it necessary to have any portion of the Scope of Work, which this Section 2.9 would require to be performed by personnel at a lower rate, to be performed by personnel at a higher rate, Consultant shall, nevertheless, invoice City at the lower rate.

2.10 Consultant shall promptly consider and implement, to the reasonable satisfaction of Director, any written comments of Director.

2.11 Consultant shall review information provided by City's Harbor Department. Any such information reasonably believed by Consultant to be inaccurate, incomplete or inapplicable shall be brought promptly to the attention of Director in writing.

2.12 Consultant shall perform the Scope of Work as expeditiously as possible and at the time or times required by the Director. Time is of the essence in the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant's failure to conform to the schedule set forth in a project directive shall entitle City to have services completed by others, shall obligate Consultant to pay City City's cost to undertake completion of such services, and shall authorize City to withhold such amounts from any payments otherwise due to Consultant. Consultant's failure to timely perform in accordance with the schedule set forth in a project directive shall result in economic losses to the City, including, but not limited to, the timely bidding and awarding of contracts, completion of the project in connection with which Consultant's services are rendered and the use of such project by City's Harbor Department, its tenants and the public.

3. Services To Be Performed By City.

3.1 City's Harbor Department shall provide Consultant with available and/or necessary horizontal and vertical survey data in the form of field notes or electronic format as maintained by City's Harbor Department, access to public records, prints of

existing aerial photos, existing planimetric maps, environmental documents, existing oceanographic studies and existing soil reports in the vicinity, previous specifications and other information which, in the sole reasonable discretion of Director, shall assist in completing the Scope of Work.

3.2 Consultant shall provide Director with reasonable advance written notice if it requires access to premises of City's Harbor Department. Subsequent access rights, if any, shall be granted to Consultant at the sole reasonable discretion of Director, specifying conditions Consultant must satisfy in connection with such access. Consultant acknowledges that such premises may be occupied or used by tenants or contractors of City and that access rights granted by City's Harbor Department to Consultant shall be consistent with any such occupancy or use.

3.3 City shall not be obligated to provide information and/or services except as specified in this Agreement.

4. Effective Date and Term.

4.1 After approval by City in accordance with Section 245 of City's Charter, the effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its execution by Executive Director. Consultant acknowledges that Section 245 of City's Charter furnishes to the City Council of City ("Council") the right to review this Agreement and that this Agreement shall not become effective until the sixth Council meeting day after approval of this Agreement by Board or Council's approval of the Agreement.

4.2 The term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years, commencing on the Agreement's effective date. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect until:

a. Director determines that Consultant has completed the Scope of Work and provides Consultant written notice thereof; or

b. Board, in its sole discretion, terminates this Agreement, which termination shall become effective five (5) calendar days following Executive Director's transmittal of written notice advising Consultant of such action by Board. Upon receipt of such written notice, Consultant shall cease the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant shall be entitled to compensation only for services actually performed prior to such termination. Director, in his or her sole reasonable discretion, shall determine the amount of services actually performed and shall allocate a portion of the total compensation due Consultant accordingly. If Board so terminates this Agreement, Consultant shall deliver all drawings, specifications, plans, reports, studies, calculations, estimates, documents and other work product produced pursuant to this Agreement to City in an organized, usable form with all items properly labeled to the degree of detail specified by the Director. No compensation shall be due Consultant until it complies with the requirements of this paragraph; or

c. Three (3) years have elapsed from the effective date of the Agreement.

4.3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement is subject to the provisions of City's Charter which, among other things, precludes City from making any expenditure of funds or incurring any liability, including contractual commitments, in excess of the amount appropriated therefor. Board, in awarding this Agreement, is expected to appropriate sufficient funds to meet the estimated expenditure of funds through June 30 of the current fiscal year and to make further appropriations in each succeeding fiscal year during the life of the Agreement. However, Board is under no legal obligation to do so. City, its boards, officers, and employees are not bound by the terms of this Agreement or obligated to make payment thereunder in any fiscal year in which the Board does not appropriate funds therefor. Consultant is not entitled to any compensation in any fiscal year in which funds have not been appropriated for the Agreement by Board.

Although Consultant is not obligated to perform any services required by the Scope of Work in any fiscal year in which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, Consultant shall resume performance of the Scope of Work on the same terms and conditions for a period of sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation therefor is approved by Board within that sixty (60) day period. Consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this sixty (60) day period. The time for performance shall be extended during this period until the appropriation is made; however, such extension of time is not compensable.

If in any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by Board for this Agreement, this Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

5. Compensation.

5.1 For the full and satisfactory performance of the Scope of Work, City shall pay Consultant and Consultant shall accept a sum not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000). The total sum payable under this Agreement shall be determined by Project Directives and Consultant acknowledges that final compensation may not reach the maximum sum allowed for herein.

5.2 Compensation payable under this Agreement for payment for labor, travel, per diem, materials, supplies, transportation, and all other direct and indirect costs and expenses incurred by Consultant ("Expenses") are listed in Exhibit D. No markups or premiums shall be applied to services performed by Subconsultants unless Exhibit D expressly so allows.

5.3 Compensation payable under this Agreement shall be on a (1) Fixed Fee, (2) Time and Materials, (3) Equal Payment or (4) any combination of the three, as may be more particularly specified in a Project Directive.

a. Fixed Fee. Lump sum compensation for satisfactory performance as may be specified in a particular Project Directive.

b. Time and Materials Fee. Consultant shall be paid based on the actual time expended in the performance of Tasks using the applicable rates set forth in

Exhibit D. Consultant will also be reimbursed for materials and other out-of-pocket expenses at cost. The rates identified in Exhibit D state the maximum rates Consultant shall charge under this Agreement. No premium rates, including, but not limited to, overtime or hazardous duty premiums, shall be charged unless authorized in Exhibit D.

c. Equal Payment Fee. Consultant shall be paid equal amounts over time throughout a particular Project Directive, up to the stated fixed amount.

5.4 Each month during the term of this Agreement, as a prerequisite to payment for services, Consultant shall submit a written invoice to City's Harbor Department for services performed during the prior month, accompanied by such records and receipts as may be required by Section 5.5. Each such invoice shall bear a City Business Tax Registration Number and a Taxpayer Identification Number. Each invoice shall identify all services performed by Subconsultants. If payments are to be based on the performance of established milestones, Consultant shall bill as each milestone is completed, but not more often than once a month.

Consultant shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of each such invoice for payment in the format that contains the information specified in Exhibit E, and that includes the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of perjury that the above bill is just and correct according to the terms of Agreement No. _____ and that payment has not been received. I further certify that I have complied with the provisions of the City's Living Wage Ordinance.

(signed)

5.5 Consultant shall submit supporting documents with each invoice, which may include, but not be limited to, provider invoices, receipts, payrolls, and time sheets. Consultant is not required to submit support for direct costs items of \$25 or less.

5.6 If Consultant utilizes Subconsultants to perform aspects of the Scope of Work, Consultant shall submit to City, with each monthly invoice, a Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F. Consultant shall provide an explanation for any item that does not meet or exceed the participation levels required by a particular Directive, with specific plans and recommendations for improved subconsultant utilization. Invoices will not be paid without a completed Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report form.

5.7 All sums due and payable to Consultant shall be paid as soon as, in the ordinary course of City business, the same may be reviewed and approved.

For payment and processing, all invoices shall be mailed to the following address:

Accounts Payable Section
Harbor Department, City of Los Angeles
P.O. Box 191
San Pedro, CA 90733-0191

6. Recordkeeping and Audit Rights.

6.1 Consultant shall keep and maintain full, complete and accurate books of accounts and records of the services performed under this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. Consultant's books and records shall be readily accessible to and open for inspection and copying at the premises by City, its auditors or other authorized representatives. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, failure to do so shall constitute a conclusive waiver of any right to compensation for such services as are otherwise compensable hereunder. Such books and records shall be maintained by Consultant for a period of three (3) years after completion of services to be performed under this Agreement or until all disputes, appeals, litigation or claims arising from this Agreement have been resolved.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, City may audit, review and copy any and all writings (as that term is defined in Section 250 of the California Evidence Code) of Consultant and Subconsultants arising from or related to this Agreement or performance of the Scope of Work, whether such writings are (a) in final form or not, (b) prepared by Consultant, Subconsultants or any individual or entity acting for or on behalf of Consultant or a Subconsultant, and (c) without regard to whether such writings have previously been provided to City. Consultant shall be responsible for obtaining access to and providing writings of Subconsultants. Consultant shall provide City at Consultant's sole cost and expense a copy of all such writings within fourteen (14) calendar days of a written request by City. City's right shall also include inspection at reasonable times of the Consultant's office or facilities which are engaged in the performance of the Scope of Work. Consultant shall, at no cost to City, furnish reasonable facilities and assistance for such review and audit. Consultant's failure to comply with this Section 6.2 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall entitle City to withhold any payment due under this Agreement until such breach is cured.

7. Consultant Is An Independent Contractor.

Consultant, in the performance of the Scope of Work, is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of City. Consultant shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of the City and shall have no power to bind the City in contract or otherwise.

8. Business Tax Registration Certificate.

City's Office of Finance requires the implementation and enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.09 et seq. This section provides that every person, other than a municipal employee, who engages in any business within City, is required to obtain the necessary Business Tax Registration Certificate and pay business taxes. The City Controller has determined that this Code Section applies to consulting firms that are doing work for City's Harbor Department. See Exhibit G.

9. Indemnification and Insurance.

9.1 Indemnification

Except for the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City, or any of its Boards, Officers, Agents, Employees, Assigns and Successors in Interest, Consultant undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and any of its Boards, Officers, Agents, Employees, Assigns, and Successors in Interest from and against all suits 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 the 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 Consultant'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 the negligent acts, errors, omissions or willful misconduct incident to the performance of this Agreement by Consultant or its subcontractors of any tier. Rights and remedies available to the City under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Agreement and those allowed under the laws of the United States, the State of California, and the City.

9.2 Acceptable Evidence and Approval of Insurance

Electronic submission is the required method of submitting Consultant's insurance documents. Track4LA[®] is the City's online insurance compliance system and is designed to make the experience of submitting and retrieving insurance information quick and easy. The system is designed to be used primarily by insurance brokers and agents as they submit client insurance certificates directly to the City. It uses the standard insurance industry form known as the ACORD 25 Certificate of Liability Insurance in electronic format. The advantages of Track4LA[®] include standardized, universally accepted forms, paperless approval transactions (24 hours, 7 days per week), and security checks and balances. Consultant's insurance broker or agent shall obtain access to Track4LA[®] at <http://track4la.lacity.org/> and follow the instructions to register and submit the appropriate proof of insurance on Consultant's behalf.

9.3 Professional Liability

Consultant is required to provide Professional Liability insurance with respect to negligent or wrongful acts, errors or omissions, or failure to render services in connection with the professional services to be provided under this Agreement. This insurance shall protect against claims arising from professional services of the insured, or by its employees, agents, or contractors, and include coverage (or no exclusion) for contractual liability.

Consultant certifies that it now has professional liability insurance in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), which covers work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement and that it will keep such insurance or its equivalent in effect at all times during performance of said Agreement and until two (2) years following acceptance of the completed project by Board.

Each policy shall include a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Harbor Department, a 10-days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium, and a 30-days notice of cancellation for any other reasons. Consultant's insurance broker or agent shall submit for approval on Consultant's behalf said insurance to the City's online insurance compliance system Track4LA[®] at <http://track4la.lacity.org/>.

Notice of occurrences of claims under the policy shall be made to the City Attorney's office with copies to Risk Management.

9.4 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Consultant shall certify that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor code which requires 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 Consultant shall comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the tasks under this Agreement. Coverage for claims under U.S. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, if required under applicable law, shall be included. Consultant shall submit Workers' Compensation policies whether underwritten by the state insurance fund or private carrier, which provide that the public or private carrier waives its right of subrogation against the City in any circumstance in which it is alleged that actions or omissions of the City contributed to the accident. Such Worker's Compensation and occupational disease requirements shall include coverage for all employees of Consultant, and for all employees of any subcontractor or other vendor retained by Consultant. Consultant's insurance broker or agent shall submit for approval on Consultant's behalf said insurance to the City's online insurance compliance system Track4LA[®] at <http://track4la.lacity.org/>.

9.5 Carrier Requirements

All insurance which Consultant is required to provide pursuant to this Agreement shall be placed with insurance carriers authorized to do business in the State of California and which are rated A-, VII or better in Best's Insurance Guide. Carriers without a Best's rating shall meet comparable standards in another rating service acceptable to City.

9.6 Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy described above shall provide that it will not be canceled or reduced in coverage until after the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Attention: Risk Manager and the City Attorney of City have each been given thirty (30) days' prior written notice by registered mail addressed to 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731.

9.7 Copies of Policies

Two certified copies of each policy containing the additional insured and 30-day cancellation notice language shall be furnished to Executive Director. Alternatively, two duplicate original additional insured endorsements on forms provided by the

Department, as indicated above, may be submitted. The form of such policy or endorsement shall be subject to the approval of the Risk Manager of the Department.

9.8 Modification of Coverage

Executive Director, at his or her discretion, based upon recommendation of independent insurance consultants to City, may increase or decrease amounts and types of insurance coverage required hereunder at any time during the term hereof by giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to Consultant.

9.9 Renewal of Policies

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of each policy, Consultant shall furnish to Executive Director a renewal endorsement or renewal certificate showing that the policy has been renewed or extended or, if new insurance has been obtained, evidence of insurance as specified above. If Consultant neglects or fails to secure or maintain the insurance required above, Executive Director may, at his or her own option but without any obligation, obtain such insurance to protect City's interests. The cost of such insurance will be deducted from the next payment due Consultant.

9.10 Right to Self-Insure

Upon written approval by the Executive Director, Consultant may self-insure if the following conditions are met:

1. Consultant has a formal self-insurance program in place prior to execution of this Agreement. If a corporation, Consultant must have a formal resolution of its board of directors authorizing self-insurance.
2. Consultant agrees to protect the City, its boards, officers, agents and employees at the same level as would be provided by full insurance with respect to types of coverage and minimum limits of liability required by this Agreement.
3. Consultant agrees to defend the City, its boards, officers, agents and employees in any lawsuit that would otherwise be defended by an insurance carrier.
4. Consultant agrees that any insurance carried by Department is excess of Consultant's self-insurance and will not contribute to it.
5. Consultant provides the name and address of its claims administrator.
6. Consultant submits a Financial Statement or Balance Sheet prior to Executive Director's consideration of approval of self-insurance and annually thereafter evidence of financial capacity to cover the self-insurance.

7. Consultant agrees to inform Department in writing immediately of any change in its status or policy which would materially affect the protection afforded Department by this self-insurance.
8. Consultant has complied with all laws pertaining to self-insurance.

9.11 Accident Reports

Consultant shall report in writing to Executive Director within fifteen (15) calendar days after it, its officers or managing agents have knowledge of any accident or occurrence involving death of or injury to any person or persons, or damage in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to property, occurring upon the premises, or elsewhere within the Port of Los Angeles if Consultant's officers, agents or employees are involved in such an accident or occurrence. Such report shall contain to the extent available (1) the name and address of the persons involved, (2) a general statement as to the nature and extent of injury or damage, (3) the date and hour of occurrence, (4) the names and addresses of known witnesses, and (5) such other information as may be known to Consultant, its officers or managing agents.

10. Personal Services Agreement.

10.1 During the term of this Agreement, Consultant agrees that it will not enter into other contracts or perform any work without the written permission of the Executive Director where the work may conflict with the interests of City's Harbor Department.

10.2 Consultant acknowledges that it has been selected to perform the Scope of Work because of its experience, qualifications and expertise. Any assignment or other transfer of this Agreement or any part hereof shall be void provided, however, that Consultant may permit Subconsultant(s) to perform portions of the Scope of Work in accordance with Section 2.3. All Subconsultants whom Consultant utilizes, however, shall be deemed to be its agents. Subconsultants' performance of the Scope of Work shall not be deemed to release Consultant from its obligations under this Agreement or to impose any obligation on the City to such Subconsultant(s) or give the Subconsultant(s) any rights against the City.

11. Confidentiality.

Consultant shall not disclose any proprietary or confidential information of City to any third party or parties during or after the term of this Agreement without the prior written consent of City. The data, documents, reports, or other materials which contain information relating to the review, documentation, analysis and evaluation of the Scope of Work and any recommendations made by Consultant relative thereto shall be considered confidential and shall not be reproduced, altered, used or disseminated by Consultant or its employees or agents in any manner except and only to the extent necessary in the performance of the work under this Agreement. In addition, Consultant is required to safeguard such information from access by unauthorized personnel.

12. Affirmative Action.

Consultant shall not discriminate in its employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of employee's or applicant's race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status,

domestic partner status, or medical condition. The provisions of Section 10.8.4 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code are incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of this Agreement. All subcontracts awarded shall contain a like nondiscrimination provision. See Exhibit H.

13. Small Business Development Program.

It is the policy of City's Harbor Department to provide Small Business Enterprises ("SBE") and Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and all Other Business Enterprises ("MBE"/"WBE"/"OBE") an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of all City contracts in all areas where such contracts afford such participation opportunities. Consultant shall assist City's Harbor Department in implementing this policy and shall use its best efforts to afford the opportunity for SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and OBEs to achieve participation in subcontracts where such participation opportunities present themselves and attempt to ensure that all available business enterprises, including SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and OBEs, have equal participation opportunities which might be presented under this Agreement. See Exhibit I.

14. Conflict of Interest.

Consultant has reviewed and understands the provisions of Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of the California Government Code relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees, as well as the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Municipal Ethics and Conflict of Interest provisions of Section 49.5.1 et seq. and the Conflict of Interest Codes of the City and City's Harbor Department. All parties hereto agree that they are unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of City relating to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, it is further understood and agreed that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, City may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice thereof. Consultant's signature of this Agreement constitutes its affirmation that any former employees of City or City's Harbor Department that are employed by Consultant and that assist in performing the Scope of Work shall be free of any conflicts of interest with respect to City and City's Harbor Department.

15. Compliance with Applicable Laws.

Consultant's activities under this Agreement, including its performance of the Scope of Work, shall comply with all federal, state, municipal, local and departmental laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders. If in any instance a City standard is more stringent than a state, federal or other requirement, the City standard shall be followed unless the Director notifies the Consultant otherwise in writing, in which case the requirements of said notification shall apply.

16. Trademarks, Copyrights and Patents.

Consultant shall promptly and fully inform Director in writing of any patents, trademarks or copyrights related to services provided under this Agreement or patent trademark or copyright disputes, existing or potential, which Consultant has knowledge of, relating to any idea, design, method, material, equipment or other matter connected to this Agreement. Consultant agrees to save, keep, hold harmless, protect and indemnify City and any of its officers or agents from any damages, cost, or expenses in

law or equity from infringement of any patent, trademark, service mark or copyright of any person or persons, or corporations in consequence of the use by City of any materials supplied by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

17. Proprietary Information.

Writings, as that term is defined in Section 250 of the California Evidence Code (including, without limitation, drawings, specifications, estimates, reports, records, reference material, data, charts, documents, renderings, computations, computer tapes or disks, submittals and other items of any type whatsoever, whether in the form of writing, figures or delineations), which are obtained, generated, compiled or derived in connection with this Agreement (collectively hereafter referred to as "property"), are owned by City as soon as they are developed, whether in draft or final form. City has the right to use or permit the use of property and any ideas or methods represented by such property for any purpose and at any time without compensation other than that provided in this Agreement. Consultant hereby warrants and represents that City at all times owns rights provided for in this section free and clear of all third-party claims whether presently existing or arising in the future, whether or not presently known. Consultant need not obtain for City the right to use any idea, design, method, material, equipment or other matter which is the subject of a valid patent, unless such patent is owned by Consultant or one of its employees, or its Subconsultant or the Subconsultant's employees, in which case such right shall be obtained without additional compensation. Whether or not Consultant's initial proposal or proposals made during this Agreement are accepted by City, it is agreed that all information of any nature whatsoever connected with the Scope of Work, regardless of the form of communication, which has been or may be given by Consultant, its Subconsultants or on either's behalf, whether prior or subsequent to this Agreement becoming effective, to the City, its boards, officers, agents or employees, is not given in confidence. Accordingly, City or its designees may use or disclose such information without liability of any kind, except as may arise under valid patents.

18. Royalty-Free License.

If research or development is furnished in connection with this Agreement and if, in the course of such research or development, patentable work product is produced by Consultant, its officers, agents, employees, or Subconsultants, the City shall have, without cost or expense to it, an irrevocable, non-exclusive royalty-free license to make and use, itself or by anyone on its behalf, such work product in connection with any activity now or hereafter engaged in or permitted by City. Upon City's request, Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, shall promptly furnish or obtain from the appropriate person a form of license satisfactory to the City. It is expressly understood and agreed that, as between City and Consultant, the referenced license shall arise for City's benefit immediately upon the production of the work product, and is not dependent on the written license specified above. City may transfer such license to its successors in the operation or ownership of any real or personal property now or hereafter owned or operated by City.

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19. City's Disclosure Obligations.

Consultant acknowledges that City is subject to laws, rules and/or regulations generally requiring it to disclose records upon request, which laws, rules and/or regulations include, but are not limited to, the California Public Records Act (California Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.) ("Disclosure Laws").

20. Notices.

In all cases where written notice is to be given under this Agreement, service shall be deemed sufficient if said notice is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid. When so given, such notice shall be effective from the date of mailing of the same. For the purpose hereof, unless otherwise provided by notice in writing from the respective parties, notice to City's Harbor Department shall be addressed to Director of Environment Management, Los Angeles Harbor Department, P.O. Box 151, San Pedro, California 90733-0151, and notice to Consultant shall be addressed to it at the address set forth above. Nothing herein contained shall preclude or render inoperative service of such notice in the manner provided by law.

21. Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN").

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that all consultants and suppliers of materials and supplies provide a TIN to the party that pays them. Consultant declares that its authorized TIN is 85-0450288. No payments will be made under this Agreement without a valid TIN.

22. Service Contractor Worker Retention Policy and Living Wage Requirements.

Board adopted Resolution No. 5771 on January 13, 1999, agreeing to adopt the provisions of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 171004 relating to Service Contractor Worker Retention ("SCWR"), Section 10.36 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as the policy of City's Harbor Department. Further, Charter Section 378 requires compliance with the City's Living Wage requirements as set forth by ordinance, Section 10.37 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Consultant shall comply with the policy wherever applicable. Violation of this provision, where applicable, shall entitle City to terminate this Agreement and otherwise pursue legal remedies that may be available.

23. Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders/Notices of Assignments.

Consultant and Subconsultants shall comply with all applicable state and federal employment reporting requirements for employees.

Consultant and Subconsultants shall certify that the principal owner(s) are in compliance with any Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments applicable to them personally. Consultant and Subconsultants shall fully comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments in accordance with Section 5230 et seq. of the California Family Code.

24. Equal Benefits Policy.

Board adopted Resolution No. 6328 on January 12, 2005, agreeing to adopt the provisions of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 172,908, as amended, relating to Equal Benefits, Section 10.8.2.1 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as a policy of City's Harbor Department. Consultant shall comply with the policy wherever applicable. Violation of this policy shall entitle the City to terminate any agreement with Consultant and pursue any and all other legal remedies that may be available. See Exhibit J.

25. State Tidelands Grants.

This Agreement is entered into in furtherance of and as a benefit to the State Tidelands Grant and the trust created thereby. Therefore, this Agreement is at all times subject to the limitations, conditions, restrictions and reservations contained in and prescribed by the Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled "An Act Granting to the City of Los Angeles the Tidelands and Submerged Lands of the State Within the Boundaries of Said City," approved June 3, 1929 (Stats. 1929, Ch. 651), as amended, and provisions of Article VI of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles relating to such lands. Consultant agrees that any interpretation of this Agreement and the terms contained herein must be consistent with such limitations, conditions, restrictions and reservations.

26. Construction of Agreement.

This Agreement shall not be construed against the party preparing the same, shall be construed without regard to the identity of the person who drafted such and shall be construed as if all parties had jointly prepared this Agreement and it shall be deemed their joint work product; each and every provision of this Agreement shall be construed as though all of the parties hereto participated equally in the drafting hereof; and any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be interpreted against any one party. As a result of the foregoing, any rule of construction that a document is to be construed against the drafting party shall not be applicable.

27. Titles and Captions.

The parties have inserted the section titles in this Agreement only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and the section titles in no way define, limit, extend or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of the parties in including any particular provision in this Agreement.

28. Modification in Writing.

This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of all parties. Any such modifications are subject to all applicable approval processes required by, without limitation, City's Charter and City's Administrative Code.

29. Waiver.

A failure of any party to this Agreement to enforce the Agreement upon a breach or default shall not waive the breach or default or any other breach or default. All waivers shall be in writing.

30. Governing Law.

This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of California and shall in all respects be construed, interpreted, enforced and governed under and by the laws of the State of California, without reference to choice of law rules.

31. Severability.

Should any part, term, condition or provision of this Agreement be declared or determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, public policy, or city charter, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, conditions or provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and such invalid, illegal or unenforceable part, term, condition or provision shall be treated as follows: (a) if such part, term, condition or provision is immaterial to this Agreement, then such part, term, condition or provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement; or (b) if such part, term, condition or provision is material to this Agreement, then the parties shall revise the part, term, condition or provision so as to comply with the applicable law or public policy and to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible.

32. Jurisdiction.

The parties hereto consent to the jurisdiction of the State of California for the enforcement of this Agreement.

33. Integrated Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the matters referred to herein. No other representations, covenants, undertakings, or prior or contemporaneous agreements, oral or written, regarding such matters which are not specifically contained, referenced, and/or incorporated into this Agreement by reference shall be deemed in any way to exist or bind any of the parties. Each party acknowledges that it has not been induced to enter into the Agreement and has not executed the Agreement in reliance upon any promises, representations, warranties or statements not contained, referenced, and/or incorporated into the Agreement. **THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE, AND IS, AN INTEGRATED AGREEMENT.**

34. Exhibits; Sections.

All exhibits to which reference is made in this Agreement are deemed incorporated in this Agreement, whether or not actually attached. To the extent the terms of an exhibit conflict with or appear to conflict with the terms of the body of the Agreement, the terms of the body of the Agreement shall control. References to sections are to sections of this Agreement unless stated otherwise.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date next to their signatures.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, by its Board of Harbor Commissioners

Date: _____

By: _____
Executive Director

Attest: _____
Secretary

STARCREST CONSULTING GROUP, LLC

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Attest: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

_____, 2010
CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By _____
TIMOTHY A. HOGAN , Assistant

Account # _____ W.O. # _____
Ctr/Div # _____ Job Fac. # _____
Proj/Prog # _____

Budget FY: Amount:

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For Acct/Budget Div. Use Only:

Verified by: _____

Verified Funds Available: _____

Date Approved: _____

TAH:aw
10/19/10

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I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Special Services in support of LAHD projects in the following areas as needed:

- Cultural Resources (historical resources, archaeology and paleontology)
- Air Quality, Toxic Air Contaminants, and Greenhouse Gases
- NEPA Documentation and Peer-Review

Special Services include, but are not limited to the following: data-gathering and reporting on general project issues such as researching new regulations and guidelines; performing peer-reviews of technical documents; developing general protocols; preparing technical overviews and primers; and providing support to the US Army Corps of Engineers on LAHD projects.

The steps required by the Harbor Department for the preparation of Special Environmental Studies are as follows:

A. Kick-Off Meeting

The LAHD will discuss with the Consultant the practices and requirements to be followed in the preparation of a given special services study/task.

B. Project Schedule

The Consultant will commit to a schedule for the preparation of special service study/task.

C. Special Study Report/Tasks

The Consultant shall provide electronic copies of the draft and final report/task for review by the LAHD's Project Manager, as well as hard copies when requested. The

1. **Cultural Resource Studies:** The cultural resource Studies may need to assess ethnographic, paleontological, archaeological and historical resources. The studies will require analysis of historic architectural resources including expert knowledge of the CA Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places
2. **Air Quality Analysis:** The Air Quality analysis shall be based on the newest approved USEPA/CARB/SCAQMD guidance and shall be performed by a team of experts in the following sub-specialties:
 - a. **Criteria Pollutant Modeling,** including dispersion modeling and hotspot analysis,

- b. Health Risk Assessments based on the most up to date guidance from USEPA and CARB and include a PM Morbidity/Mortality analysis, and
- c. General Conformity.

The consultant must be able to perform all modeling, offer expert advice in terms of establishing new methodologies, interpreting study results, and preparing guidance on new and existing rules and regulations.

- 3. NEPA Documentation and Peer-Review: Work under this special study shall include preparation and review of NEPA documents, including special public notices, categorical exclusions, findings of no significance, and EISs.

E. Submittal Requirements

Consultant will prepare and submit copies of the deliverable(s) to Environmental Management Division's Project Manager for review.

F. Meetings

The LAHD may request the Consultant to attend/participate in meetings/hearings during the special study project schedule.

II. GENERAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Consultant, as directed, shall attend in person or telephonically all meetings (including but not limited to Project Management Meetings), conferences and hearings (including but not limited to Public Hearings), and provide drawings and exhibits necessary to complete the Work.
- B. Consultant shall prepare and deliver to Director of Environmental Management, as directed, for review and comment minutes of all meetings attended by Consultant, whether or not LAHD is represented at said meeting, where Consultant in its judgment believes the subject of such meeting is material to the assigned Projects. Such minutes shall also be retained by the Consultant in the Project's Administrative File.
- C. Consultant shall promptly consider any comments of Director of Environmental Management upon the receipt thereof, and, in the event it disagrees with such comments, promptly notify Director of Environmental Management of such disagreement. It will be assumed that failure to so respond and/or incorporation of Director of Environmental Management comments into the Work signifies agreement with such comments

- D. Any information provided by LAHD, whether in the form of drawings, documents, and/or written or verbal comments, excluding survey data, shall be reviewed by Consultant. Consultant shall promptly provide written notice to the Director of Environmental Management if it believes that any information provided by the LAHD is inaccurate, incomplete or inapplicable.
- E. Director of Environmental Management shall assist Consultant in coordinating with tenant or owner for access to Project area and for minimizing disruption of tenant operations.
- F. Consultants who are classified by the law as professionals and who perform services within that professional discipline shall exercise that degree of diligence, skill, judgment and care which is consistent with the standard of care for that profession.

Consultants who are not classified by the law as professional or professional consultants who perform services outside the scope of professional services shall exercise that degree of care required of ordinary persons. Consultant shall be responsible for all services performed by Consultant and SubConsultants under this Agreement and shall assure all services are competently performed. The Consultant shall correct or remedy any errors, omissions or deficiencies that occur in performance of the services under this Agreement at its expense. Revising Consultant-prepared documents during Project to incorporate comments by the Director of Environmental Management, public or agencies having jurisdiction in matters of the particular task assignment is not considered to be a remedy of errors, omissions or deficiencies, but is an integral part of document preparation.