

AGREEMENT NO.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
PRESTIGIOUS INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INC.

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 PRESTIGIOUS INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INC., a California Corporation, 2436 North Euclid Avenue, Suite D, Upland, California 91784. ("Consultant").

WHEREAS, City requires assistance in administering an effective background investigation program; and

WHEREAS, Consultant possesses the necessary licenses and is familiar with conducting background investigations in accordance with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training; and

WHEREAS, City requires the professional, expert and technical services of Consultant on a temporary or occasional basis to assist the City in conducting personnel security background investigations on prospective Port Police applicants, civilian employees, and other Harbor Department employees; and

WHEREAS, Consultant possesses extensive experience in dealing with conducting interviews, reviewing personal history statements, confirming education history, and neighborhood canvassing; and

WHEREAS, Consultant, by virtue of training and experience, is well qualified to provide such services to City; and

WHEREAS, City does not employ personnel with the required expertise nor is it feasible to do so on a temporary or occasional basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

I. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT

A. Consultant hereby agrees to render to City, as an independent contractor, certain professional, technical and expert services of a temporary and occasional character as set forth in Exhibit A ("Scope of Work").

B. Consultant, at its sole cost and expense, shall furnish all services, materials, equipment, subsistence, transportation and all other items necessary to perform the Scope of Work. 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.

C. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that it lacks authority to perform any services outside the Scope of Work. Consultant further acknowledges and agrees that any services it performs outside the Scope of Work are performed as a volunteer and shall not be compensable under this Agreement.

D. The Scope of Work shall be performed by personnel qualified and competent in the sole reasonable discretion of the Executive Director or his or her designee ("Executive Director"), whether performance is undertaken by Consultant or third-parties with whom Consultant has contracted ("Subconsultants"). 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 Executive Director's written request, Consultant shall supply City's Harbor Department ("Department") with all agreements between it and its Subconsultants.

## II. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CITY

A. City shall furnish Consultant, upon its request, all documents and papers in possession of City which may lawfully be supplied to Consultant and which are necessary for it to perform its obligations.

B. The Executive Director or his or her designee is designated as the contract administrator for City and shall also decide any and all questions which may arise as to the quality or acceptability of the services performed and the manner of performance, the interpretation of instructions to Consultant and the acceptable completion of this Agreement and the amount of compensation due. Notwithstanding the preceding, the termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of Article X (Termination) hereof.

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

## III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. Subject to the provisions of Charter Section 245, the effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its execution by Executive Director upon authorization of the Board. Consultant is aware that the City Council, pursuant to Charter Section 245 of

the City of Los Angeles, has the right to review this Agreement. Accordingly, in no event shall this Agreement become effective until the sixth Council meeting day after Board action or the City Council's approval of the Agreement.

B. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect commencing from the date of execution and shall have an **initial term of one (1) year** unless earlier terminated according to the provisions herein. Executive Director shall have the option to extend the term of this Agreement for **two (2), one-year options**, for a **total term not to exceed three (3) years** from the Effective Date.

Exercise of the option to renew shall be by written notice from the Executive Director delivered to Consultant no later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the initial one-year term and any option periods of the Agreement. The decision to exercise or not exercise the one-year option shall be within the sole and absolute discretion of the Executive Director. Should the Executive Director elect to exercise the option, Consultant shall be bound by the same terms and conditions contained in this Agreement unless a modification is mutually agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Board.

#### IV. TERMINATION DUE TO NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Los Angeles City Charter which, among other things, precludes the City from making any expenditure of funds or incurring any liability, including contractual commitments, in excess of the amount appropriated thereof.

The 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, the Board is under no legal obligation to do so.

The 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 therefore. The Consultant is not entitled to any compensation in any fiscal year in which funds have not been appropriated for the Agreement by the Board.

Although the Consultant is not obligated to perform any work under the Agreement in any fiscal year in which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, the Consultant agrees to resume performance of the work required by the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a period of sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation therefore is approved by the Board within that 60-day period. The Consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this 60-day 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 the Board for the work required by the Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

V. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

A. As compensation for the satisfactory performance of the services required by this Agreement, City shall pay and reimburse Consultant at the rates set forth in Exhibit B.

B. The maximum payable under this Agreement, including reimbursable expenses (see Exhibit B), shall be Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000).

C. Consultant shall submit invoices in quadruplicate to City monthly following the effective date of this Agreement for services performed during the preceding month. Each such invoice shall be signed by the Consultant and shall include 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.

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(Consultant’s Signature)

D. Consultant must include on the face of each itemized invoice submitted for payment its Business Tax Registration Certificate number, as required at Article VIII of this Agreement. No invoice will be processed for payment by City without this number shown thereon. All invoices shall be approved by the Executive Director or his or her designee prior to payment. All invoices due and payable and found to be in order shall be paid as soon as, in the ordinary course of City business, the same may be approved, audited and paid.

Consultant shall submit appropriate supporting documents with each invoice. Such documents may include provider invoices, payrolls, and time sheets. The City may require, and Consultant shall provide, all documents reasonably required to determine whether amounts on the invoice are allowable expenses under this Agreement.

Further, where the Consultant employs Subconsultants under this Agreement, the Consultant shall submit to City, with each monthly invoice, a Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form (Exhibit C) listing SBE/VSBE/MBE/WBE/DVBE/OBE amounts. Consultant shall provide an explanation for any item that does not meet or exceed the anticipated participation levels for this Agreement, with specific plans and recommendations for improved Subconsultant utilization. Invoices will not be paid without

a completed Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form. All invoices are subject to audit. Consultant is not required to submit support for direct costs items of \$25 or less.

E. For payment and processing, all invoices should be mailed to the following address:

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

## VI. RECORDKEEPING AND AUDIT RIGHTS

A. 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, which 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.

B. 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 Article VI 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.

## VII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant, in the performance of the work required by this Agreement, 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.

## VIII. BUSINESS TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

The City of Los Angeles Office of Finance requires the implementation and enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.09 et seq. This Code Section provides that every person, other than a municipal employee, who engages in any business within the City of Los Angeles, 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 the Department. See Exhibit D.

## IX. 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.

## X. INSURANCE

A. In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by Article IX, Consultant shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense and keep in force at all times during the term of this Agreement the following insurance:

### (1) Commercial General Liability Insurance

Commercial general liability insurance covering personal and advertising injury, bodily injury, and property damage providing contractual liability, independent contractors, products and completed operations, and premises/operations coverage written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to City if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for injury or claim. Where Consultant provides or dispenses alcoholic beverages, Host Liquor Liability coverage shall be provided

as above. Where Consultant provides pyrotechnics, Pyrotechnics Liability shall be provided as above. Said limits shall provide first dollar coverage except that Executive Director may permit a self-insured retention or self-insurance in those cases where, in his or her judgment, such retention or self-insurance is justified by the net worth of Consultant. The retention or self-insurance provided shall provide that any other insurance maintained by the Harbor Department shall be excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute to it. In all cases, regardless of any deductible or retention, said insurance shall contain a defense of suits provision and a severability of interest clause. Each policy shall name the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, its officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds.

(2) Automobile Liability Insurance

Automobile liability insurance written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to City if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) covering damages, injuries or death resulting from each accident or claim arising out of any one claim or accident. Said insurance shall protect against claims arising from actions or operations of the insured, or by its employees. Coverage shall contain a defense of suits provision and a severability of interest clause. Each policy shall name the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, its officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds.

(3) 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.

B. Insurance Procured by Consultant on Behalf of City

In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by Article IX, and where Consultant is required to name the City of

Los Angeles Harbor Department, its officers, agents and employees as Primary additional insureds on any insurance policy required by this Agreement, Consultant shall cause City to be named as an additional insured on all policies it procures in connection with this Article X. Consultant shall cause such additional insured status to be reflected in the original policy or by additional insured endorsement (CG 2010 or equivalent) substantially as follows:

"Notwithstanding any inconsistent statement in the policy to which this endorsement is attached, or any endorsement or certificate now or hereafter attached hereto, it is agreed that City, Board, their officers, agents and employees, are additional insureds hereunder, and that coverage is provided for all contractual obligations, operations, uses, occupations, acts and activities of the insured under Agreement No. \_\_\_\_, and under any amendments, modifications, extensions or renewals of said Agreement regardless of where such contractual obligations, operations, uses, occupations, acts and activities occur.

"The policy to which this endorsement is attached shall provide a 10-days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium, and a 30-days notice of cancellation for any other reasons to the Risk Manager.

"The coverage provided by the policy to which this endorsement is attached is primary coverage and any other insurance carried by City is excess coverage;

"In the event of one of the named insured's incurring liability to any other of the named insureds, this policy shall provide protection for each named insured against whom claim is or may be made, including claims by other named insureds, in the same manner as if separate policies had been issued to each named insured. Nothing contained herein shall operate to increase the company's limit of liability; and

"Notice of occurrences or claims under the policy shall be made to the Risk Manager of City's Harbor Department with copies to the City Attorney's Office."

C. Required Features of Coverages

Insurance procured by Consultant in connection with this Article X shall include the following features:

(1) Acceptable Evidence and Approval of Insurance

Electronic submission is the required method of submitting Consultant's insurance documents. Consultant's insurance broker or agent shall register with the City's online insurance compliance system **KwikComply** at <https://kwikcomply.org/> and submit the appropriate proof of insurance on Consultant's behalf.



Upon request by City, Consultant shall furnish full copies of certified policies of any insurance policy required herein. This obligation is intended to, and shall, survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(2) 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.

(3) Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy described above shall provide that it shall 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 a 10-days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium and a 30-days notice of cancellation for any other reason by written notice by registered mail addressed to 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731.

(4) Modification of Coverage

Executive Director, at his or her sole reasonable 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.

(5) Renewal of Policies

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any policy required by this Agreement, Consultant shall renew or extend such policy in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and direct their insurance broker or agent to submit to the City's online insurance compliance system **KwikComply** at <https://kwikcomply.org/> a renewal endorsement or renewal certificate 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 shall be deducted from the next payment due Consultant.

(6) Limits of Coverage

If Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums required by this Agreement, City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits

maintained by Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to City.

D. 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 its most recently filed 10-Q and its 10-K or audited annual financial statements for the three most recent fiscal years prior to Executive Director's consideration of approval of self-insurance and annually thereafter.
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.

E. 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.

#### XI. TERMINATION PROVISION

The Board of Harbor Commissioners, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to terminate and cancel all or any part of this Agreement for any reason upon giving the Consultant ten (10) days' advance, written notice of the Board's election to cancel and terminate this Agreement. It is agreed that any Agreement entered into shall not limit the right of the City to hire additional consultants or perform the services described in this Agreement either during or after the term of this Agreement.

#### XII. PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

A. During the term hereof, 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 the Department.

B. 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 Article I. 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.

#### XIII. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Consultant, during the performance of this Agreement, 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 shall be incorporated and made a part of this Agreement. All subcontracts awarded shall contain a like nondiscrimination provision. See Exhibit E.

#### XIV. SMALL/VERY SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM AND LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM

It is the policy of the Department to provide Small Business Enterprises (SBE), Very Small Business Enterprises (VSBE) and Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, Disabled

Veteran Business Enterprises and all Other Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE/DVBE/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 the City in implementing this policy and shall use its best efforts to afford the opportunity for SBEs, VSBES, MBEs, WBEs, DVBEs, and OBEs to achieve participation in subcontracts where such participation opportunities present themselves and attempt to ensure that all available business enterprises, including SBEs, VSBES, MBEs, WBEs, DVBEs, and OBEs, have equal participation opportunity which might be presented under this Agreement. See Exhibit F.

It is also the policy of the Department to support an increase in local and regional jobs. The Department's Local Business Preference Program aims to benefit the Southern California region by increasing jobs and expenditures within the local and regional private sector. Consultant shall assist the City in implementing this policy and shall use its best efforts to afford the opportunity for Local Business Enterprises to achieve participation in subcontracts where such participation opportunities present themselves.

NOTE: Prior to being awarded a contract with the City, Consultant and all Subconsultants must be registered on the City's Contracts Management and Opportunities Database, Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN), at <http://www.labavn.org>.

#### XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

It is hereby understood and agreed that the parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of 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 the 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.

During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall inform the Department in writing when Consultant, or any of its Subconsultants, employs or hires in any capacity, and for any length of time, a person who has worked for the Department as a Commissioner, officer or employee. Said notice shall include the individual's name and current position and their prior position and years of employment with the Department. Written notice shall be provided by Consultant to the Department within thirty (30) days of the employment or hiring of the individual.

XVI. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Consultant shall at all times in the performance of its obligations comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and with the reasonable requests and directions of Executive Director.

XVII. GOVERNING LAW / VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without reference to the conflicts of law, rules and principles of such State. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the State or Federal courts located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, in the judicial district required by court rules.

XVIII. TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND PATENTS

Consultant agrees to save, keep, hold harmless, protect and indemnify the 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.

XIX. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

A. 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.

B. 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.

## XX. CONFIDENTIALITY

The data, documents, reports, or other materials which contain information relating to the review, documentation, analysis and evaluation of the work described in this Agreement 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.

## XXI. 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 purposes hereof, unless otherwise provided by notice in writing from the respective parties, notice to the Department shall be addressed to Director of \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

## XXII. 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 it has an authorized TIN which shall be provided to the Department prior to payment under this Agreement. No payments will be made under this Agreement without a valid TIN.

**XXIII. SERVICE CONTRACTOR WORKER RETENTION POLICY AND LIVING WAGE POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles 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 the 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 the City to terminate this Agreement and otherwise pursue legal remedies that may be available.

**XXIV. WAGE AND EARNINGS ASSIGNMENT ORDERS / NOTICES OF ASSIGNMENTS**

The Consultant and/or any Subconsultant are obligated to fully comply with all applicable state and federal employment reporting requirements for the Consultant and/or Subconsultant's employees.

The Consultant and/or Subconsultant 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. The Consultant and/or Subconsultant will fully comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments in accordance with Cal. Family Code Sections 5230 et seq. The Consultant or Subconsultant will maintain such compliance throughout the term of this Agreement.

**XXV. EQUAL BENEFITS POLICY**

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles 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 the 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 G.

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

The Consultant, Subconsultants, 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 agreement is valued at \$100,000 or more and requires approval of a City elected official. Additionally, Consultant is required to provide and update certain information to the City as specified by law. Any Consultant subject to Charter Section 470(c)(12), shall include the following notice in any contract with a

subconsultant expected to receive at least \$100,000 for performance under this Agreement:

#### Notice Regarding Los Angeles Campaign Contribution and Fundraising Restrictions

As provided in Charter Section 470(c)(12) and related ordinances, you are a subconsultant on Harbor Department Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_. Pursuant to City Charter Section 470(c)(12), subconsultant 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 Agreement is signed. Subconsultant is required to provide to Consultant names and addresses of the subconsultant's principals and contact information and shall update that information if it changes during the 12 month time period. Subconsultant's information must be provided to Consultant within 10 business days. Failure to comply may result in termination of the Agreement 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.

Consultant, Subconsultants, and their Principals shall comply with these requirements and limitations. Violation of this provision shall entitle the City to terminate this Agreement and pursue any and all legal remedies that may be available.

#### XXVII. 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.

#### XXVIII. INTEGRATION

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.**

**XXIX. 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.

**XXX. 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.

**XXXI. TITLES AND CAPTIONS**

The parties have inserted the Article titles in this Agreement only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and the Article 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.

**XXXII. 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.

**XXXIII. 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.

#### XXXIV. EXHIBITS; ARTICLES

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 Articles are to Articles of this Agreement unless stated otherwise.

#### XXXV. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute together one and the same instrument.

(Signature page follows)

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

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
EUGENE D. SEROKA  
Executive Director

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
AMBER M. KLESGES  
Board Secretary

PRESTIGIOUS INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INC.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print/type name and title)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print/type name and title)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

\_\_\_\_\_, 2018  
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney  
JANNA B. SIDLEY, General Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MINAH PARK, Deputy

Attachments

Account #	54290	W.O. #	_____
Ctr/Div #	0412	Job Fac. #	_____
Proj/Prog #	641		
Budget FY:		Amount:	
	2018-19		\$6,000
	2019-20		\$34,000
	2020-21		\$34,000
	2021-22		\$6,000
	TOTAL		\$80,000

For Acct/Budget Div. Use Only:

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Verified Funds Available: \_\_\_\_\_

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