

**FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**AND**  
**BDG LAW GROUP, A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION**

Transmittal 1

## **AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT, Contract Number \_\_\_\_\_, is made and entered into by and between the City of Los Angeles ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting through its Board of Harbor Commissioners ("Board") and the Office of the City Attorney ("City Attorney"), and BDG LAW GROUP, A Professional Law Corporation, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1015, Los Angeles, CA 90024 ("Outside Counsel"), with reference to the following:

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Under the authority of Volume I, Article II, Section 275 of the City Charter, City Attorney and the Board have approved the use of Outside Counsel to assist the City Attorney with legal services in connection with real estate matters including commercial and industrial leasing of real property by a governmental agency landlord, assignment and subleasing, ground leasing and financing, purchase and sale, and real estate remedies and enforcement of leases; and

**WHEREAS**, Outside Counsel represents to the City that it is neither concurrently nor potentially a consultant performing non-legal services for the City during the term of this Outside Counsel contract; and

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

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

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

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

Outside Counsel is retained to assist the City Attorney in providing legal services for real estate matters including commercial and industrial leasing of real property by a governmental agency landlord, assignment and subleasing, ground leasing and financing, purchase and sale, and real estate remedies and enforcement of leases. Outside Counsel shall at all times work under the direction of the City Attorney. The City and City Attorney shall rely on the competence, expertise and experience of Outside Counsel. At all times, Outside Counsel shall provide professional legal advice and services at the highest level expected of law firms providing legal services in the Los Angeles region. This is a non-exclusive agreement to provide legal services to the City and, at the City Attorney's discretion, the City may augment the services with another law firm or law firms or select to terminate Outside Counsel's services in a manner consistent with this Agreement.

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

**2. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**A. Period of Performance**

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. Outside Counsel 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 after the expiration of the fifth Council meeting day after Board action, or the date of 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 continue until the earlier of the following occurs:

1. Three (3) years have lapsed from the effective date of this Agreement;

or

2. The Board of Harbor Commissioners, in its sole discretion, terminates and cancels all or part of this Agreement for any reason upon giving to Outside Counsel ten (10) days' notice in writing of its election to cancel and terminate this Agreement.

**B. Termination or Suspension of Legal Services**

**1. Termination or Suspension for City's Convenience**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Termination for Outside Counsel's Default

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

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

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

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

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

3. Closing Report Upon Termination

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

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

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

2) A discussion of applicable law;

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

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

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

C. Independent Contractor Status

This Agreement is between City and Outside Counsel and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create, as between City and Outside Counsel, the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association. Outside Counsel understands and agrees that all Outside Counsel personnel furnishing services to City under this Agreement are employees solely of Outside Counsel and not City. Outside

Counsel shall bear the sole responsibility and liability for any taxes or fees which may be assessed against it or its employees and for furnishing workers' compensation benefits to any Outside Counsel personnel for injuries arising from services performed under this Agreement.

D. Ownership of Documents

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

E. Insurance

A. In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by [Indemnification Section PCS-18 attached hereto as Exhibit A], Outside Counsel shall procure and maintain at its sole cost and expense and keep in force during the term of this Agreement the following insurance detailed below in subsection 1.

(1) Professional Liability Insurance

Outside Counsel 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.

Outside Counsel certifies that it now has professional liability insurance in the amount of 1 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 the completed term of this Agreement.

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

F. Insurance Procured by Outside Counsel on Behalf of City

In addition to and not as a substitute for, or limitation of, any of the indemnity obligations imposed by Article 9, and where Outside Counsel 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, Outside Counsel shall cause City to be named as an additional insured on all policies it procures in connection with this Article 10. Outside Counsel 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."

G. Required Features of Coverages

Insurance procured by Outside Counsel in connection with this Article 10 shall include the following features:

(1) Acceptable Evidence and Approval of Insurance

Electronic submission is the required method of submitting Outside Counsel's insurance documents. Outside Counsel'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 Outside Counsel's behalf.

Upon request by City, Outside Counsel shall furnish a copy of the binder of insurance and/or a full certified policy for 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 Outside Counsel 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

For each insurance policy described above, Outside Counsel shall give a 10-day prior notice of cancellation or reduction in coverage for nonpayment of premium, and a 30-day prior notice of cancellation or reduction in coverage for any other reason, by written notice via registered mail and addressed to the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, Attn: Risk Manager and the City Attorney's Office, 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 Outside Counsel.

(5) Renewal of Policies

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any policy required by this Agreement, Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel.

(6) Limits of Coverage

If Outside Counsel maintains higher limits than the minimums required by this Agreement, City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Outside Counsel. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to City.

H. Governing Law

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

I. Validity

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

J. Waiver

No waiver of a breach of any provision of this Agreement by either party shall constitute a waiver of any future breach of the provision or any breach of any other provision of this Agreement. Failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement at any time

shall not be construed as a waiver of that provision.

K. Remedies Reserved to City

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

L. Authorization for Warranty

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

M. Changes and Written Amendment of Terms

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

N. Maintaining Attorney-Client Privilege

Outside counsel acknowledge that they have no authority to waive the attorney-client privilege on behalf of the City (including the City Attorney and any City official or employee). Outside Counsel agree to conduct their activities relating to this matter in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of the communications between Outside Counsel and not to waive the attorney-client privilege with respect to documents or communications obtained or conducted in connection with this matter without the express consent of the City Attorney. This section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

**3. OUTSIDE COUNSEL'S SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. Restriction on Outside Counsel as Consultants

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

B. Professional Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

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

appropriate.

C. Key Outside Counsel Personnel

1. Outside Counsel's Responsible Attorney for this Agreement shall be GREGORY BERGMAN. Outside Counsel's Responsible Attorney shall not be changed without City Attorney's written authorization.

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

D. Legal Representation

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

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

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

- a) All settlement negotiations and pretrial proceedings;
- b) Appearances at all law and motion hearings, discovery proceedings, hearings regarding orders to show cause, writs, trials and, when applicable, administrative hearings;
- c) All due diligence, legal research, preparation for hearings, and review of all documents and other evidentiary materials;
- d) Investigative, secretarial, and clerical support services necessary to

perform the legal representation in a professional manner.

3. Outside Counsel shall provide all required reports referenced in this Agreement.
4. Outside Counsel shall meet with City Attorney as City Attorney requires.
5. Outside Counsel shall consult with City Attorney on trial and tactical decisions.
6. Outside Counsel shall assist City Attorney's Responsible Attorney in settlement evaluations and negotiations, and shall obtain City Attorney's authority before making any settlement proposal on City's behalf to the Court or any party.
7. Outside Counsel shall immediately notify City Attorney, in writing, when a judgment, verdict or other award is rendered.
8. Upon City Attorney's request, Outside Counsel shall provide copies of all court rulings and all pleadings filed with the court or other administrative body, including those submitted by other parties.
9. Outside Counsel shall maintain all backup documentation to support all entries included in its billings.

E. Reporting Requirements

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

1. Case Evaluation and Plan

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

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

- 1) Statement of known facts and identified legal issues, including identities of opposing attorney(s), if known;
- 2) Statement of precedent-setting or sensitive issues, if applicable;
- 3) Statement of alleged and probable injuries and damages;
- 4) Statement of liability exposure;
- 5) Statement of recommendation(s) on case strategy, including discovery, motions, extent of legal research, consultants

and percipient witnesses, experts to be retained, and the extent of expert services to be performed;

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

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

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

(c) Deposition, transcript and other expenses;

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

(1) Pleadings

(2) Discovery

(3) Pretrial conference(s)

(4) Mediation or Arbitration

(5) Trial, and

(6) Any other identified stages.

2. Proposed Settlement Recommendations

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

3. Appellate Action

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

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

4. Publicity

If any publicity is generated by the subject matter of this representation, Outside Counsel shall not make any public or media statement absent express consent by the City Attorney. All media inquiries (whether radio, print, electronic transmission or television) shall be immediately directed to

the City Attorney's office

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

A. Key City Personnel

1. City hereby appoints the City Attorney, or his or her designee, to represent the City on all matters related to this Agreement; however, any written amendment to this Agreement requiring additional funds shall be conditioned upon the approval of the additional appropriation of said funds by the Board. The City Attorney's Responsible Attorneys shall be Sr. Assistant City Attorney STEVEN OTERA and the Chief Deputy City Attorney. On all matters relating to invoices the City Attorney's representative shall be the City Attorney's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer.
2. City Attorney's Responsible Attorneys shall have full authority to act for City on all daily operational matters under this Agreement and shall review and approve Outside Counsel's reports, whether written or verbal, and any change in Outside Counsel's designated Lead Counsel.
3. Approval of proposed settlement recommendations is subject to City's settlement approval procedures.

**5. COMPENSATION**

A. Maximum Compensation Amount

The maximum compensation payable by the City under this Agreement, including reimbursable expenses, is ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000). Outside Counsel's hourly work pursuant to this Agreement for specific services shall not exceed the amount of appropriated funding under this Agreement, as explained in section V.B. below. The City is not obligated to pay Outside Counsel for any work done and/or costs incurred in excess of (i) the maximum compensation amount, unless a written amendment to this Agreement is executed by the parties; or (ii) the appropriated amount, unless additional appropriations are made within the maximum compensation amount.

B. 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.

C. Outside Counsel's Obligation for Continued Performance

In the event that Outside Counsel's fees, costs and expenses, in the aggregate, exceed the amount appropriated by City as provided herein, Outside Counsel shall not be obligated to provide services or incur any further costs or expenses on the work required hereunder, and the City shall not be liable for fees or costs in excess of the amount appropriated, unless the appropriated amount is increased as provided herein. Outside Counsel shall be responsible for notifying City Attorney's Responsible Attorneys that the aforesaid appropriated amount will be expended before completion of the work required hereunder and that Outside Counsel will need additional funds if City desires further work. Outside Counsel shall give written notice to City Attorney's Supervising Attorney and to the City Attorney's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, when Outside Counsel's expenditures under this Agreement are equal to sixty percent (60%) and eighty percent (80%) of the total dollar value appropriated for this Agreement so that City Attorney has sufficient time to consider whether it desires to seek an additional appropriation and written amendment to the Agreement.

D. Fees

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

2. Requests for billing rate increases and/or for additional biller(s) must be in writing and accompanied by a proposed new budget. Such request(s) are subject to approval by the Chief Deputy City Attorney.

E. City's Reservation of Rights to Obtain Reimbursement

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

Outside Counsel. Outside Counsel shall promptly reimburse City for such costs and expenses previously paid by City.

F. Expenses

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

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

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

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

c) Transcript fees;

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

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

f) Process service;

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

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

- a) Consultants;
- b) Expert witnesses;
- c) Investigative services;

d) Computer Assisted Legal Research ("CALR") - The City of Los Angeles's decision to retain a particular firm is based in part on the firm's expertise and knowledge. The City therefore assumes familiarity with the basic substantive law at issue in the matter for which the firm was retained; any exception to this general expectation should be discussed fully at the time of retention. In conducting legal research the law firm is expected to utilize all appropriate sources reasonably available, including previously prepared briefs and memoranda. Should Outside Counsel determine that it is necessary to incur CALR charges in order to satisfy the terms of this Agreement, Outside Counsel shall obtain City Attorney Responsible Attorney's prior written approval to charge for such expenses. No charges for CALR shall be paid by the City without its prior written approval of such a charge.

e) Travel expenses. Outside Counsel shall describe in detail in its billings any travel expenses incurred by Outside Counsel, City retains the right to audit these expenses. Travel expense will only be reimbursed to the extent consistent with City Travel Guidelines (Exhibit 4). Only coach fare will be reimbursed for travel. Luxury class fare and hotel will not be reimbursed. If a receipt is submitted, a single occupancy hotel accommodation will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$165.50 plus taxes. For trial attendance by out-of-town experts or consultants, this rate may be increased, depending on the availability of lodging and prior City Attorney written approval. Meals and incidents are reimbursed up to the federal (GSA) per diem rate. The first and last days of travel will be capped at 75 percent of the per diem rate. Travel time is not compensable.

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

- a) Staff time or overtime for performing secretarial, clerical, or word processing functions;
- b) Charges for time spent complying with City Attorney audits or billing or budgeting inquiries;
- c) Charges for work performed which City Attorney had not authorized. Such work shall be a gratuitous effort by Outside Counsel; and
- d) Expenses that are considered to be part of general law firm overhead, including but not limited to, administrative time, secretarial time,

calendaring, setting up files, indexing, word processing, air conditioning, equipment rental, office supplies, meals, snacks, beverages, seminars, books or association dues, etc.;

e) Travel time.

G. Most Favored Nations

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

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

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

6. BILLINGS AND PAYMENTS

A. Billings

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

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

"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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Outside Counsel's Signature)

2. The City will not pay for more than one attorney doing any particular task unless City Attorney has given its prior written approval. The City will not pay for two or

more attorneys attending the same deposition or court appearance. The City will pay for the time recorded by more than one attorney for in-office conferences, but only if the conference is an occasional and necessary strategy meeting relating to some significant legal event or proceeding.

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

3. Use of staff must be at the least costly staffing level. Senior attorneys performing contract drafting or other work which could be done by associate attorneys will only be compensated at the associate attorney rate. Use of paralegals is encouraged providing they meet the requirements set forth herein. Assignment of work to paralegals should not result in duplicative activity between attorneys and paralegals, or the reworking or rewriting of paralegals' work product by attorneys. The City will not pay for paralegal time spent performing clerical/secretarial work (e.g., filing, indexing, sorting, organizing, photocopying and bates stamping documents) unless the City has given its prior written approval. City expects paralegals to perform true paralegal work, e.g., research, document productions, preparing discovery or responses, interviewing witnesses. Work expected to be performed by paralegals but performed by attorneys and billed at the attorney rate will be compensated only at the paralegal rate.

4. Billings under this Agreement shall not be made in more than one-tenth of an hour (six minute) increments, and shall represent the devotion of a full six minutes before such an increment is billed. Under no circumstances shall Outside Counsel use "block billing" procedures, wherein a list of series of activities is done each day with only an aggregate amount of time specified. Instead, Outside Counsel shall provide a detailed specific entry for each separate task and sub-task reflecting the time for such task or subtask. All tasks set forth in Outside Counsel's billing documentation shall be highly specific and highly detailed. Overly generalized listings of task descriptions such as "review contract" or "prepare for negotiations" will not be acceptable. Outside Counsel shall provide a detailed description of each action as described below.

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

a) Case name and case number;

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

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

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

(a) In-person conferences.

(b) Telephone call(s).

- (c) Correspondence.
  - (d) Depositions.
  - (e) Case reports.
  - (f) Pleading, brief or opinion drafting.
  - (g) Hearings.
  - (h) Research, including computerized legal research databases.
  - (i) Case reviews.
  - (j) Trials.
- c) Total current monthly fees billed for each staffing level;
  - d) Total cumulative fees billed for each staffing level;
  - e) Total current monthly expenses billed in the following categories:
    - 1) Consultant and expert witness expenses;
    - 2) Deposition and transcript expenses;
    - 3) Other miscellaneous expenses.
  - f) Total cumulative expenses to date billed in (e) above.

**B. Payments**

City shall make payment(s) for services rendered under this Agreement based on the monthly, itemized billing statement(s) Outside Counsel submits to City Attorney. City Attorney's legal and accounting staff shall review all billing statements in accordance with City's review procedures. City shall make its best effort to process payments promptly after receiving Outside Counsel's monthly billing statement. City shall not pay interest or finance charges on any outstanding balance(s).

For payment and processing, all original billing statements should be emailed to: [Khee@portla.org](mailto:Khee@portla.org) and mailed to the following address:

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

C. Audit

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

7. NOTICES

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

- A. If notice or a report to City Attorney:  
City Los Angeles, Harbor Department  
Office of the City Attorney  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California 90731  
Attention: STEVEN OTERA

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

- B. If notice to Outside Counsel:  
BDG LAW GROUP, APLC  
GREGORY BERGMAN  
10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1015  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

8. ASSIGNMENT

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

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

**9. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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

**10. MERGER**

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

**11. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The Outside Counsel, 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.

**12. 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. Outside Counsel 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 C.

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. Outside Counsel 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, Outside Counsel and all Subconsultants must be registered on the City's Contracts Management and Opportunities Database, Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP), at <http://www.RAMPLA.org>.

**13. 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

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, Outside Counsel shall inform the Department in writing when Outside Counsel, 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 Outside Counsel to the Department within thirty (30) days of the employment or hiring of the individual.

**14. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**

Outside Counsel 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.

**15. 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.

**16. TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND PATENTS**

Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel in the performance of this Agreement.

**17. 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. Outside Counsel 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. Outside

Counsel 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 Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel'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 Outside Counsel, 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 Outside Counsel, 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, Outside Counsel, 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 Outside Counsel, 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.

**18. 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 Outside Counsel relative thereto shall be considered confidential and shall not be reproduced, altered, used or disseminated by Outside Counsel 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, Outside Counsel is required to safeguard such information from access by unauthorized personnel.

**19. 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. Outside Counsel 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.

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

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles adopted Resolution Nos. 19-8419 and 19-8420 on January 24, 2019, adopting the provisions of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 185356 relating to Service Contractor Worker Retention (SCWR), Section 10.36

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. Outside Counsel 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.

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

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

The Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel or Subconsultant will maintain such compliance throughout the term of this Agreement.

**22. 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. Outside Counsel shall comply with the policy wherever applicable. Violation of this policy shall entitle the City to terminate any Agreement with Outside Counsel and pursue any and all other legal remedies that may be available.

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

The Outside Counsel, 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, Outside Counsel is required to provide and update certain information to the City as specified by law. Any Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel 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 Outside Counsel within 10 business days. Failure to comply may result in termination of the Agreement

period. Subconsultant's information must be provided to Outside Counsel 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.

Outside Counsel, 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.

#### **24. 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. Outside Counsel agrees that any interpretation of this Agreement and the terms contained herein must be consistent with such limitations, conditions, restrictions and reservations.

#### **25. 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.**

#### **26. 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.

**27. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

The terms and conditions contained in the body of this Agreement shall supersede, control and prevail over any conflicting term or condition contained in any other document, including, but not limited to, Exhibit A.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective, duly authorized representatives.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,  
a municipal corporation

By \_\_\_\_\_  
KATHLEEN KENEALY,  
Chief Deputy City Attorney

Date \_\_\_\_\_

BDG LAW GROUP, APLC

By *Gregory M. Bergman*  
GREGORY BERGMAN  
President

Date October 24, 2022

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY *[Signature]*, 2022  
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney  
STEVEN Y.OTERA, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

By: *[Signature]*

Account #	<u>54410</u>	W.O. #	<u>000</u>
Ctr/Div #	<u>0120</u>	Job Fac. #	<u>000</u>
Proj/Prog #	<u>000</u>		
Budget FY:		Amount:	
	FY22-23		25,000
	FY23-24		50,000
	FY24-25		50,000
	FY25-26		25,000
	TOTAL		150,000
For Acct/Budget Div. Use Only:			
Verified by:	<u>Erin O'Malley</u>	<small>Digitally signed by Erin O'Malley Date: 2022.11.03 16:04:16 -0700</small>	
Verified Funds Available:	<i>Jalle</i>	<small>Digitally signed by Frank Liu Date: 2022.11.03 16:57:30 -0700</small>	
Date Approved:	<u>11/3/22</u>		

City Business License Number: 0000 475180

Internal Revenue Service ID Number: 95-3853032

Council File/CAO File Number: N/A

Harbor Department Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PSC-3. Time of Effectiveness

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

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

**PSC-4. Integrated Contract**

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

**PSC-5. Amendment**

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

**PSC-6. Excusable Delays**

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

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

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

**PSC-7. Waiver**

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

**PSC-8. Suspension**

At **CITY'S** sole discretion, **CITY** may suspend any or all services provided under this Contract by providing **CONTRACTOR** with written notice of suspension. Upon receipt of the notice of suspension, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately cease the services suspended and shall not incur any additional obligations, costs or expenses to **CITY** until **CITY** gives written notice to recommence the services.

**PSC-9. Termination**

A. Termination for Convenience

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

B. Termination for Breach of Contract

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

services. **CONTRACTOR** shall not recommence performance until **CONTRACTOR** is fully insured and in compliance with **CITY'S** requirements.

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

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

**PSC-10. Independent Contractor**

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-12. Assignment and Delegation**

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

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

**PSC-13. Permits**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-20. Intellectual Property Warranty**

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

**PSC-21. Ownership and License**

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-22. Data Protection**

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

**PSC-23. Insurance**

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

**PSC-24. Best Terms**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-28. Living Wage Ordinance**

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

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

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

**PSC-30. Access and Accommodations**

**CONTRACTOR** represents and certifies that:

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

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

**PSC-31. Contractor Responsibility Ordinance**

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

**PSC-32. Business Inclusion Program**

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

**PSC-33. Slavery Disclosure Ordinance**

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-36. Iran Contracting Act**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PSC-42. Possessory Interests Tax**

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

#### **PSC-43. Confidentiality**

All documents, information and materials provided to **CONTRACTOR** by **CITY** or developed by **CONTRACTOR** pursuant to this Contract (collectively "Confidential Information") are confidential. **CONTRACTOR** shall not provide or disclose any Confidential Information or their contents or any information therein, either orally or in writing, to any person or entity, except as authorized by **CITY** or as required by law. **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** of any attempt by a third party to obtain access to any Confidential Information. This provision will survive expiration or termination of this Contract.

#### **PSC-44. COVID-19**

Employees of Contractor and/or persons working on its behalf, including, but not limited to, subcontractors (collectively, "Contractor Personnel"), while performing services under this Agreement and prior to interacting in person with City employees, contractors, volunteers, or members of the public (collectively, "In-Person Services") must be fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19"). "Fully vaccinated" means that 14 or more days have passed since Contractor Personnel have received the final dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series (Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech) or a single dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen) and all booster doses recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prior to assigning Contractor Personnel to perform In-Person Services, Contractor shall obtain proof that such Contractor Personnel have been fully vaccinated. Contractor shall retain such proof for the document retention period set forth in this Agreement. Contractor shall grant medical or religious exemptions ("Exemptions") to Contractor Personnel as required by law. If Contractor wishes to assign Contractor Personnel with Exemptions to perform In-Person Services, Contractor shall require such Contractor Personnel to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing, with the full cost of testing to be borne by Contractor. If Contractor Personnel test positive, they shall not be assigned to perform In-Person Services or, to the extent they have already been performing In-Person Services, shall be immediately removed from those assignments. Furthermore, Contractor shall immediately notify City if Contractor Personnel performing In-Person Services (1) have tested positive for or have been diagnosed with COVID-19, (2) have been informed by a medical professional that they are likely to have COVID-19, or (3) meet the criteria for isolation under applicable government orders.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**INSURANCE CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

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

**CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT:

**1. Additional Insured/Loss Payee.** The CITY must be included as an Additional Insured in applicable liability policies to cover the CITY'S liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the named insured. The CITY is to be named as an Additional Named Insured and a Loss Payee As Its Interests May Appear in property insurance in which the CITY has an interest, e.g., as a lien holder.

**2. Notice of Cancellation.** All required insurance will be maintained in full force for the duration of its business with the CITY. By ordinance, all required insurance must provide at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice (ten (10) days for non-payment of premium) directly to the CITY if your insurance company elects to cancel or materially reduce coverage or limits prior to the policy expiration date, for any reason except impairment of an aggregate limit due to prior claims.

**3. Primary Coverage.** CONTRACTOR will provide coverage that is primary with respect to any insurance or self-insurance of the CITY. The CITY'S program shall be excess of this insurance and non-contributing.

**4. Modification of Coverage.** The CITY reserves the right at any time during the term of this Contract to change the amounts and types of insurance required hereunder by giving CONTRACTOR ninety (90) days' advance written notice of such change. If such change should result in substantial additional cost to CONTRACTOR, the CITY agrees to negotiate additional compensation proportional to the increased benefit to the CITY.

**5. Failure to Procure Insurance.** All required insurance must be submitted and approved by the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Risk Management prior to the inception of any operations by CONTRACTOR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Required Insurance and Minimum Limits

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

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

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

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

### Limits

\_\_\_\_ **Workers' Compensation (WC) and Employer's Liability (EL)**

WC Statutory

EL \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver of Subrogation in favor of City

Longshore & Harbor Workers

Jones Act

\_\_\_\_ **General Liability** \_\_\_\_\_

Products/Completed Operations

Sexual Misconduct \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Legal Liability \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Automobile Liability** (for any and all vehicles used for this contract, other than commuting to/from work) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions) \_\_\_\_\_

Discovery Period \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Property Insurance** (to cover replacement cost of building - as determined by insurance company) \_\_\_\_\_

All Risk Coverage

Boiler and Machinery

Flood \_\_\_\_\_

Builder's Risk

Earthquake \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Pollution Liability** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Surety Bonds - Performance and Payment (Labor and Materials) Bonds** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Crime Insurance** \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**

**BERGMAN DACEY GOLDSMITH LAW GROUP HOURLY RATES**

Hourly rates are listed below are applied for legal services performed.

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

<b>Authorized Timekeeper</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Robert Bergman	Of Counsel	\$325
Gergory Bergman	Shareholder	\$350
Brian Bergman	Shareholder	\$350
Elina Antoniou	Of Counsel	\$325
Jason Barbato	Of Counsel	\$325

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
Shareholder	\$350
Of Counsel	\$325
Associate	\$275
Paralegal	\$125

### AFFIDAVIT OF COMPANY STATUS

"The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that the following information and information contained on the attached Consultant Description Form is true and correct and includes all material information necessary to identify and explain the operations of

**BDG LAW GROUP, A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION**

Name of Firm

as well as the ownership and location thereof. Further, the undersigned agrees to provide complete and accurate information regarding ownership in the named firm, and all of its domestic and foreign affiliates, any proposed changes of the ownership and to permit the audit and examination of firm ownership documents, and the ownership documents of all of its domestic and foreign affiliates, in association with this agreement."

(1) **Small/Very Small Business Enterprise Program:** Please indicate the ownership of your company. Please check all that apply. At least one box must be checked:

SBE     VSBE     MBE     WBE     DVBE     OBE

- A Small Business Enterprise (SBE) is an independently owned and operated business that is not dominant in its field and meets criteria set forth by the Small Business Administration in Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121.
- A Very Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) is (1) a small business that has average annual gross receipts of \$5,000,000 or less within the previous three years, or (2) a small business manufacturer with 25 or fewer employees.
- A Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as a business in which a minority owns and controls at least 51% of the business. A Woman Business (WBE) is defined as a business in which a woman owns and controls at least 51% of the business. For the purpose of this project, a minority includes:
  - (1) Black (all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups not of Hispanic origin);
  - (2) Hispanic (all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race);
  - (3) Asian and Pacific Islander (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, The Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); and
  - (4) American Indian or Alaskan Native (all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and maintaining identifiable tribal affiliations through membership and participation or community identification).
- A Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) is defined as a business in which a disabled veteran owns at least 51% of the business, and the daily business operations are managed and controlled by one or more disabled veterans.
- An OBE (Other Business Enterprise) is any enterprise that is neither an SBE, VSBE, MBE, WBE, or DVBE.

(2) **Local Business Preference Program:** Please indicate the Local Business Enterprise status of your company.

Only one box must be checked:

LBE     Non-LBE

- A Local Business Enterprise (LBE) is: (a) a business headquartered within Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura Counties; or (b) a business that has at least 50 full-time employees, or 25 full-time employees for specialty marine contracting firms, working in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura Counties. "Headquartered" shall mean that the business physically conducts and manages all of its operations from a location in the above-named counties.
- A Non-LBE is any business that does not meet the definition of a LBE.

Signature: 

Printed Name: Gregory M. Bergman

Title: President

Date Signed: July 27, 2022

## Consultant Description Form

### PRIME CONSULTANT:

Contract Title: RFP for Real Property Counsel at the Harbor Department

Business Name: BDG LAW GROUP, APLC RAMP ID#: 60641

Award Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE (Circle all that apply)

Local Business Enterprise: YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

Primary NAICS Code: 54111

Address: 10880 Wilshire Boulevard No 1015

City/State/Zip: Los Angeles CA 90024

County: Los Angeles

Telephone: ( 310 ) 470-6110 FAX: ( 310 ) 474-0931

Contact Person/Title: Gregory M Bergman

Email Address: gbergman@bdgfirm.com

### SUBCONSULTANT:

Business Name: N/A RAMP ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Total: (% or \$): \_\_\_\_\_

Services to be provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE (Circle all that apply)

Local Business Enterprise: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

Primary NAICS Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBCONSULTANT:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RAMP ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Award Total: (% or \$): \_\_\_\_\_

Services to be provided: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Group: SBE VSBE MBE WBE DVBE OBE (Circle all that apply)

Local Business Enterprise: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (Check only one)

Primary NAICS Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



# CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## Office of Finance - LATAX Report

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**

0000475180

**LEGAL NAME**

BDG LAW GROUP, A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DBA NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION ADDRESS</u>	<u>STARTED AT LOCATION</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	<u>IN CITY</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>EMP ZONE</u>
0001		10880 WILSHIRE BLVD UNIT 1015 LOS ANGELES CA 90024-4101	09/12/1983		Y	Council District 5	None
<u>FCC</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>						
L049	Professions / Occupations						

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