

# **CITY OF LANCASTER, CA**

RFP NO. 828-24

## **HOMELESS CLEAN UP & DETERRENT SERVICES**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

June 10, 2024

2:00 P.M.

(13:59:59 – according to the City's official proposal clock)

**SUBMIT TO:** 

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
LANCASTER CITY HALL
"RFP 828-24 HOMELESS CLEAN UP & DETERRENT SERVICES"
44933 FERN AVENUE
LANCASTER, CA 93534

For questions concerning this RFP, contact by e-mail only: PURCHASING – <u>BIDINQUIRIES@CITYOFLANCASTERCA.ORG</u>

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CLEAN UP & VEGETATION REMOVAL

#### INTRODUCTION

The City of Lancaster is a community of over 160,000 residents, located approximately one hour north of Los Angeles. The City has various homeless encampments, illegal dumping, and overgrown vegetation locations throughout its 94.55 square mile border. These locations include but are not limited to underneath roadway overpasses, drainage channels, industrial, neighborhood, vacant land, and open space areas. These sites create health, environmental, and public safety concerns.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

The City of Lancaster is seeking Proposals from qualified Contractors to provide comprehensive Homeless Encampment Clean Up, Illegal Dumping Clean Up, and Deterrent Services throughout the City for a period of three (3) years with two options to renew for an additional one (1) year terms each. Clean Up and Deterrent Services are scheduled 12 days per month for a total of 100 total work hours. Contractors can be subject to emergency/on-call Clean Up and Deterrent Services. The selected Contractor shall be responsible for providing services per the scope of services outlined in this Proposal. The goal of these clean-up activities is to protect the health and safety of homeless individuals, the general public, and the environment. City Staff will be required to identify site locations.

This RFP includes 3 primary tasks required for the Proposer(s) to perform. These tasks include Homeless Encampment Clean Up, Illegal Dumping Clean Up, and Deterrent Service.

This RFP contains the information and documents necessary to prepare and submit a responsive Proposal. Proposers are responsible for complying with all requirements identified herein. By submitting a finished Proposal packet, the Proposer represents that it has thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required within this Proposal and that it is capable of supplying a service to achieve the City's objectives. Requests for modifications to the submitted Proposal packet on the grounds that the Proposer was not fully informed as to any fact or condition will not be allowed. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any Proposal, or portions thereof, or to waive any informalities or irregularities within the Proposals.

## **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP**

Any questions or requests for interpretation or clarification, either administrative or technical, about this RFP must be submitted in writing via email to Purchasing at <a href="mailto:bidinquiries@cityoflancasterca.org">bidinquiries@cityoflancasterca.org</a> prior to 2:00 P.M., June 3, 2024. The subject line should be "Question – RFP 828-24".

Oral statements concerning the meaning or intent of the contents of this RFP by any person is unauthorized and invalid. The City will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the RFP, or for any oral instructions. Any contact with City personnel other than identified above regarding this RFP may disqualify a Proposer.

#### **CLARIFICATION STATEMENTS**

For clarification purposes, the words "Contractor", "Consultant", "Proposer", "Supplier", "Company", "Vendor" and "Bidder" shall be read to be one and the same. The words "Contract", "Purchase Order", and "Agreement" shall be read to be one and the same. The words "Proposal", "Quote", and "Bid" shall be read to be one and the same. "City of Lancaster" and "City" shall be read to be one and the same. "Request for Proposal" and "RFP" shall be read to be one and the same.

#### **NO CONTACT POLICY**

After the date and time established for receipt of Proposals by the City, any contact initiated by any Proposer with any City representative, other than the representative listed herein, concerning this RFP is prohibited. Any such unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the Proposer from this procurement transaction.

## **PROPRIETARY MATERIAL**

Be advised that all information contained in Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation may be subject to the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et. seq.), and information's use and disclosure are governed by this Act. Any information deemed confidential or proprietary should be clearly identified as such. It may then be protected and treated with confidentiality only to the extent permitted by state law.

#### **COMPLETION OF PROPOSAL**

Proposals shall be completed in all respects as required by this RFP. A Proposal may be rejected if conditional or incomplete, or if it contains any alterations or other irregularities of any kind, and will be rejected if any such defect or irregularity can materially affect the quality of the Proposal. Proposals which contain false or misleading statements may be rejected. If, in the opinion of the City's selection committee, such information was intended to mislead the City in its evaluation of the Proposal, and the attribute, condition, or capability is a requirement of this RFP, the Proposal will be rejected. Statements made by a Proposer shall also be without ambiguity, and with adequate elaboration, where necessary, for clear understanding. Unauthorized conditions, exemptions, limitations, or provisions attached to a Proposal will render it non-responsive and may cause its rejection.

The Proposer, in responding to this RFP, must submit Proposals in the format identified in this RFP. The Proposal must address all requirements of the RFP even if a "no response" is appropriate.

Costs for developing Proposals are entirely the responsibility of the Proposer and shall not be chargeable to the City.

Only one Proposal is to be submitted by each Proposer. Multiple Proposals will result in rejection of all Proposals submitted by the Proposer.

#### PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

Proposals shall adhere to the following format for organization and content. Responses should emphasize the Proposer's demonstrated ability to deliver these services. Expensive bindings, colored displays, promotional materials, etc. are not necessary or desired. Emphasis should be concentrated on completeness and clarity of content.

Proposals shall be submitted with one (1) original document as well as a digital version via flash drive, and must include the following sections to facilitate evaluation:

## 1. <u>Company Information</u>

This section should include contact person (contract/project manager) information, address and telephone number of the company main office and branch offices that may provide service to the City. If the Proposer is a joint venture, each party of the joint venture shall submit the required forms stated in this RFP.

## 2. Pricing

The Proposer shall provide pricing for the Scope of Services. Pricing should be based on hourly rates. to include equipment, prevailing wage labor, and any additional costs such as dump fees (if needed), material, etc. A breakdown of what each rate includes should be provided.

## 3. Exceptions to Professional Services Agreement

The Proposer shall list any exceptions to the Professional Services Agreement or insurance requirements. Sample agreement is attached to this RFP.

## 4. Professional References

The Proposer shall provide three professional references, including: company name, address, phone number and capacity of relationship.

## 5. Signature Sheet

Complete the Signature Sheet provided in this RFP document and include it in the Proposal submission.

#### **EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

A committee of at least three staff shall evaluate all Proposals.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored on the following criteria:

- Proposer experience, including the experience of the staff to be assigned to the project, and the
  equipment utilized for the scope of service (40 points)
- Professional references (40 points)
- Cost to the City (20 points)

#### **ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

If, prior to the date fixed for submission of Proposals, a Proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in this RFP or any of its appendices or exhibits, s/he shall immediately notify the City of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document. Modifications shall be made by written Addenda to the RFP.

Interested Proposers may submit request for clarifications in email or writing. The City will compile all requests and provide responses in written format to all Proposers who have furnished or requested an RFP.

If Proposer fails to notify the City, prior to the date fixed for the submission of Proposals, of an error in the RFP known to the Proposer, or an error that reasonably should have been known to the Proposer, Proposer shall submit its Proposal at his/her own risk, and if Proposer is awarded a Contract, Proposer shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

#### ADDENDA TO PROPOSAL

The City may modify the RFP, any of its key actions, dates, or any of its attachments, prior to the date fixed for submission of Proposals by issuance of an Addendum to potential Proposers. Such Addendum shall also be posted on the City's website. Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda in their Proposal. Any Addenda issued during the time for submission of proposals will be made part of the Agreement. Proposer shall be responsible for ensuring all addenda are included in its response.

#### **EXECUTION OF PROPOSAL**

The full name, business address, zip code, and business telephone number (with area code) of individual, partnership, joint venture, or corporation submitting a Proposal shall be typewritten on the Proposal. The Proposer shall ensure that the Proposal is signed by an authorized signatory.

## WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

A Proposal may be withdrawn after its submission by written or facsimile request signed by the Consultant or authorized representative prior to the time and date specified for Proposal submission. Proposals may be withdrawn and resubmitted in the same manner if done so before the Proposal submission deadline. Withdrawal or modification offered in any other manner will not be considered.

#### PROPOSALS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY

Proposals become the property of the City and information contained therein shall become public documents subject to disclosure laws after the contract is awarded. (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.). The City reserves the right make use of any information or idea contained in the Proposal.

Proposer must notify the City in advance of any proprietary or confidential materials contained in the Proposal and provide justification for not making such material public. The City will have the sole discretion to disclose or not disclose such material subject to state law.

All materials, ideas and formats submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of the City upon receipt.

#### **REJECTION OF PROPOSALS**

The City may reject any and all Proposals and may waive any immaterial deviation in a Proposal. The City's waiver of an immaterial defect shall in no way modify this RFP or excuse the Proposer from full compliance with this RFP and/or Contract documents if awarded the Contract. Proposals that include terms and conditions other than the City's terms and conditions may be rejected as non-responsive. The City may make investigations as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the Proposer to perform, and the Proposer shall furnish to the City all such information and data for that purpose as requested by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any Proposal if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Proposer fails to satisfy the City that the Proposer is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the work described therein.

## AWARD OF CONTRACT / PURCHASE ORDER

Award of Contract or Purchase Order will be made upon budget approval and City Council's approval if required. The City reserves the right to modify the Award of Contract or rejection thereof as best meets the needs of the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals in response to this RFP in the best interest of the City. The City further reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Proposals. The City shall not be liable for any cost incurred in connection with the preparation and submittal of any Proposal.

Award, if any, will be to the Proposers whose Proposal best complies with the requirements of this RFP. The City reserves the right to award the Contract as complete, or any part thereof, including any and all schedules, locations, additive alternatives, or extra work.

#### **CANCELLATION**

The City reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City. No obligation either expressed or implied exists on the part of the City to make an award based on the submission of any Proposal.

#### **SCHEDULE OF AWARD**

The City reserves the right to modify the content or schedule at any time, for any reason.

Event	Date
RFP Distribution	May 28, 2024
Last Day to Submit Questions	2:00 P.M., June 3, 2024
Proposal Due Date	2:00 P.M., June 10, 2024
Evaluation Complete	June 11, 2024
Council Award	TBD
Contract Execution	July 1, 2024
Work to Begin	July 2, 2024

#### **DUE DATES**

All Proposals (an original and three copies) are due by 2:00 (13:59:59) P.M. on Monday, June 3, 2024. Any Proposal received at the designated location after the required time and date specified for receipt shall be considered late and non-responsive. **Proposals must be clearly marked on the outside with the name of the Proposer and RFP title**. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to ensure that the Proposal is delivered to the place and by the time specified in this RFP. Email and facsimile responses will not be considered. Any late Proposals shall be returned unopened, to the Proposer.

#### **CONTRACT TERM**

The term of each Agreement shall be three years. The Agreement may extend for additional two 1-year terms upon mutual agreement in writing by both parties.

Pricing shall remain firm for the initial contract term. Should the option to renew for additional terms be exercised, the City and the Proposer may negotiate any and all pricing increases and term length. Any decrease in costs to Proposer shall be passed through to the City.

#### **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS - PRECEDENCE**

In submitting a Proposal, the Proposer agrees to enter into an Agreement with the City. In the event of a conflict existing between documents, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- Agreement
- City's Request for Proposals and Addenda, if any
- Proposer's Response to the Request for Proposals

#### **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

After notification of intent to award Contract, the following Contract documents shall be signed within ten (10) business days from the date the City mails, or by other means, delivers said documents to the Proposer.

- A. The Agreement in the form agreeable to both parties, properly executed by the Proposer.
- B. Properly executed policies or Certificates of Insurance, including an Additional Insured Endorsement for each policy in accordance with the Insurance Requirements, Exhibit B.

No Agreement shall be binding upon the City until all documents are fully executed by the Proposer and the City.

#### FAILURE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

Failure to execute the Agreement and furnish the required insurance, within the required time period shall be just cause for the recession of the award. If the successful Proposer refuses or fails to execute the Agreement, the City may award the Agreement to the next qualified Proposer.

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The City reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time should it be deemed to be in the best interest of the City. No obligation either expressed or implied exists on the part of the City to make an award based on the submission of any Proposal.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS**

Any questions regarding contractual terms and conditions, proposal format, Scope of Services, or Insurance Requirements shall be directed to:

Purchasing
City of Lancaster
bidinquiries@cityoflancasterca.org

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Homeless Encampments - Homeless camps within the City are typically established within riparian corridors, engineered channels, along trails or pathways, underneath overpasses, vacant or adjacent open spaces. As directed by the City Staff, the Contractor shall provide homeless encampment site clean-up by removing discarded trash and debris, biohazardous materials, and encampment waste material.

Illegal Dumping – Dumping sites within the City are typically established within alleyways, neighborhoods, and open space areas. As directed by the City Staff, the Contractor shall provide illegal dumping abatement by removing discarded trash and debris, biohazardous materials, and other illegally dumped or waste material.

Deterrent Services – Contractor shall have the ability to: remove/trim vegetation in designated areas, install and repair fencing, power wash sidewalk and designated areas, and board-up/fortify illegally entered structures all for deterrent purposes. All debris shall be picked up and disposed of properly.

Site Locations - Sites will be identified individually and determined by the City of Lancaster staff. Lancaster Staff will schedule sites based on several factors, including the quantity of waste, the number of encampments, accessibility, and other conditions when possible. City staff will be responsible for giving access to the site (If necessary).

## **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City of Lancaster intends to obtain a qualified contractor's services to provide the services as outlined below. Respondents to this RFP must be able to perform all work outlined in the scope of work

Clean-up duties shall include surveying sites, collecting debris collecting and disposing of biohazard material, dismantling unoccupied structures, removing trash, and waste.

The Contractor shall provide a minimum of 2 crew members per day. All crew members and supervision shall be provided with training in collecting and disposing of hazardous materials. Personal protective equipment, and gear must also be supplied by the contractor to perform this work.

The contractor shall provide equipment and tools to handle, remove, transport, dismantle and dispose of the waste materials, and leave a clean site.

- Minimum requirements but not limited to: Skid Steer (with attaching grapple/rake bucket, hydraulic mower, and drill auger), 15,000 LBS gross weight hydraulic trailer, power washer, power vegetation removal tools, and hand tools.

The contractor shall have material and necessary tools on hand for: board-up/fortifying structures and installing or replacing/repairing fencing. Materials will be billed on the next billing cycle.

The Contractor is responsible for its crew's supervision and management and ensures that all necessary safety procedures are followed.

The Contractor shall maintain a cell phone and provide an emergency telephone number by which Lancaster Staff may make contact for emergency or operational purposes.

Contractor may occasionally be needed to handle an emergency and have personnel available to respond within 12 hours for assessment in the event of an emergency.

The Contractor is to perform work in a timely and efficient manner. Employees must conduct themselves in a courteous and business-like manner at all times.

Often a Sheriff's Deputy or a Lancaster Police Department member is present during the site clean-ups. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Deputy or contact the Sheriff's Department through 911 in the event of any life-threatening safety concerns.

The Contractor shall conform to all applicable occupational safety and health standards, rules, and regulations.

Prevailing wages must be paid for those individuals working on this project, to include, landscape maintenance laborer, laborer – toxic waste removal, and any other position as appropriate. Certified payroll documentation is required to be submitted to the Department of Industrial Relations.

The contractor shall submit employee hours and rate, and equipment and material costs monthly for billing.

The Contractor must acquire a City of Lancaster Business License.

The City reserves the right to direct the waste removed to locations of our choice.

#### CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

City staff will provide a weekly schedule for each type of clean-up services that will include the start time, start date, site(s) location, location map(s), meeting location, access information, and any other relevant information necessary to the success of the clean-up.

Survey homeless encampment sites and illegal dumping sites to determine site conditions and clean-up locations.

Post at homeless encampment sites with all necessary notifications for clean-ups. City staff will request Los Angeles County Sheriff's at some locations to provide safety services during postings. City of Lancaster Staff will photograph notices to document the time and location of posting.

Provide a City Staff representative to serve as a point of contact for each contract, review work orders, authorize work, and address issues and questions.

Coordinate with local law enforcement to provide a Sheriff Deputy or police officer at the site(s) if requested during clean-up.

#### **INVOICES**

The Contractor shall provide monthly invoices.

Invoices shall include:

- Date of Service
- Staff levels and staff hours
- Technique utilized
- Any hazardous waste/waste manifests that include disposal location and total weight or quantity of waste removed.
- Materials used during the billing cycle

## **SIGNATURE SHEET**

My signature certifies that the proposal as submitted complies with all terms and conditions as set forth in RFP No. 828-24.

My signature certifies that this firm has no business or personal relationships with any other companies or person that could be considered a conflict of interest, or potential conflict of interest to the City of Lancaster, pertaining to any and all work or services to be performed as a result of this request and any resulting Contract with the City.

The Proposer hereby certifies that it has:

• A decla	aration from the contractor(s), signed under penalty of perjury, stating that				
	Read each and every clause of this RFP and addenda.				
	Included all costs necessary to complete the specified work in its proposed prices.				
	Agreed that if it is awarded the Contract, it will make no claim against the City based upon misunderstanding of any provision of the Agreement. Should conditions turn out otherwise than anticipated by it, the Proposer agrees to assume all risks incident thereto.				
I hereby certif	y that I am authorized to sign as a Representative for the Firm:				
Name of Firm:					
Address:					
Fed ID No:	DIR # (if applicable):				
Name (print):					
Name (sign):					
Title:					
Telephone:	Fax:				
Email:	Date:				

To receive consideration for award, this signature sheet must be returned with the Proposal.

## **SAMPLE AGREEMENT**

## AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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				RECITALS	
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	NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:				
	1.	<u>Parti</u>	es.		
	The parties to this AGREEMENT are:				
		A.	OWNER:	City of Lancaster.	
		В.	CONTRACTOR:	(company name)	
this AGREE party of an	EMEN <sup>-</sup> ny cha	Returr T shal	n Receipt Requested, Il refuse to accept su	ices required by or related to this AGREEMENT shall be sent by postage prepaid and addressed as listed below. Neither party to the mail; parties to this AGREEMENT shall promptly inform the other es required by this AGREEMENT are effective on the day of receipt,	
		OWN	Attn:	Lancaster  North Fern Avenue	

- CONTRACTOR (Name, Title)
  - (Company name)

Lancaster, California 93534

(address)

(city, state zip)

- 3. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The terms hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties hereto; provided, however, that no party hereto shall assign any of the benefits and burdens hereunder, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, without prior written consent of the other party, and any such assignments without said consent shall be void.
- 4. <u>Incorporation by Reference</u>. The CONTRACTOR'S Proposal is hereby incorporated in and made a part of this AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all of the requirements set forth therein.

5. <u>Precedence of AGREEMENT Documents</u>. If there is a conflict between AGREEMENT documents, the document highest in precedence shall control. The precedence shall be:

First: This AGREEMENT

Second: The RFP

Third: The CONTRACTOR'S Proposal

6. <u>Description of Work</u>. OWNER hereby engages CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR accepts such engagement, to perform the technical and professional services set forth in the "Scope of Services" attached hereto as Exhibit "A". CONTRACTOR shall perform and complete, in a manner satisfactory to OWNER, all work and services set forth in Scope of Services. The Department Director his or her designee shall have the right to review and inspect the work during the course of its performance at such times as may be specified by the Department Director, or his or her designee.

## 7. Obligations of the OWNER.

- A. The total compensation to be paid by OWNER to CONTRACTOR for all work and services described in Scope of Services is not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. CONTRACTOR'S fees and charges for the work and services performed shall in no event exceed those set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- B. No payment made hereunder by OWNER to CONTRACTOR, other than the final payment, shall be construed as an acceptance by OWNER of any work or materials, nor as evidence of satisfactory performance by CONTRACTOR of its obligations under this AGREEMENT.

## 8. Obligations of the CONTRACTOR.

- A. CONTRACTOR shall perform as required by this AGREEMENT. CONTRACTOR also warrants on behalf of itself and all Subcontractors engaged for the performance of this AGREEMENT.
- B. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all employees' and Subcontractor's wages and benefits, and shall comply with all requirements pertaining to employer's liability, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and Social Security.
- 9. <u>Audit</u>. OWNER shall have the option of inspecting and/or auditing all records and other written materials used by CONTRACTOR in preparing its statements to OWNER as a condition precedent to any payment to CONTRACTOR.
- 10. <u>Hold Harmless and Indemnification</u>. CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the OWNER, its elected officials, officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, losses, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable Attorney's fees, incurred in or in any manner arising out of or related to CONTRACTOR'S negligent or willful wrongful acts, errors or omissions, or those of its employees or agents. CONTRACTOR agrees to defend OWNER, its elected officials, officers, employees, and volunteers, from and against any and all claims arising from any alleged negligent or wrongful acts, errors or omissions on the part of CONTRACTOR or on the part of its employees.

11. <u>Amendments</u>. Any amendment, modification, or variation from the terms of this AGREEMENT shall be in writing and shall be effective only upon mutual written approval by the Department Director and CONTRACTOR.

## 12. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.

- A. In the performance of this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee, Subcontractor, or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability or age. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that Subcontractors and applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability or age. Affirmative action relating to employment shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship.
- B. The provisions of subsection A above shall be included in all solicitations or advertisements placed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR for personnel to perform any services under this AGREEMENT. OWNER shall have access to all documents, data and records of CONTRACTOR and its Subcontractors for purposes of determining compliance with the equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination provisions of this Section.
- 13. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>. The OWNER may terminate this AGREEMENT at any time without cause by giving fifteen (15) days written notice to CONTRACTOR of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof. OWNER shall pay any undisputed outstanding invoices within fifteen (15) days of termination.
- 14. <u>Independent CONTRACTOR</u>. CONTRACTOR is an independent CONTRACTOR and shall have no power or authority to incur any debt, obligation or liability on behalf of the OWNER. It is expressly understood between the parties to this AGREEMENT that no employee/employer relationship is intended; CONTRACTOR is an independent CONTRACTOR.

#### 15. **Insurance**.

A. The Consultant, at its expense, shall maintain in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement the following coverage and limits of insurance, which shall be maintained with insurers listed "A-, VIII" or better in the Best's Key Rating Guide:

## **Commercial General Liability**

Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

Per Project General Aggregate \$2,000,000

Including Products/Completed Operations; Contractual Liability/Independent CONTRACTORs; Property Damage

(Coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO form CG2010 11/85 or CG2010 07/04 and CG2037 07/04 combined, or an equivalent providing ongoing and completed operations)

## **Commercial Automobile Liability**

Combined Single Limit per Accident for

Bodily Injury and Property Damage \$1,000,000

(Coverage shall be at least as broad as ISO form CA00 01)

## **Workers Compensation**

As Required by the State of California Statutory Limits

**Employers' Liability** 

Each Accident \$1,000,000

Bodily Injury by Disease \$1,000,000

Each Employee \$1,000,000

(A Waiver of Subrogation must be provided on behalf of the Certificate Holder for the Workers Compensation & Employers' Liability policies)

## **Professional Liability**

Each Occurrence \$1,000,000

General Aggregate \$1,000,000

- B. The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insured's liability.
- C. Professional liability and/or cyber insurance written on a "claims made" basis must be renewed for a period of three (3) years after this contract expires or is terminated. Such insurance must have the same coverage and limits as the policy that was in effect during the term of this contract and will cover Consultant for all claims made by the City insured entities arising out of any acts or omissions of Consultant or its officers, employees, or agents during the time this Agreement was in effect.
- D. Any deductibles or self-insurance retentions must be declared and approved by the City. At the City's option, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City insured entities or the insurer shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.
- E. All insurance shall be primary and non-contributory as respects the City insured entities. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City insured entities shall be in excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

- F. Consultant shall furnish the City with Certificates of Insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this Agreement. Certificates of Insurance shall meet the following requirements:
  - (1) Show that the insurance policy has been endorsed to state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, cancelled, reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 days' prior written notice (10 days' written notice for non-payment) to the City of Lancaster.
  - (2) List in the "Descriptions of Operations/Locations/Vehicles" section:

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The City of Lancaster, its elected officials, officers, employees and volunteers are included as additional covered parties, but only insofar as the operations under this contract are concerned."

(3) List in the "Certificate Holder" section:

The City of Lancaster, 44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, California 93534.

16. <u>Commencement and Completion of Work</u>. The execution of this AGREEMENT by the parties does not constitute an authorization to proceed. The services of CONTRACTOR shall commence when the OWNER, acting by and through its Department Director or his or her designee, has issued the Work Order.

CONTRACTOR shall have no claim for compensation for any services or work which has not been authorized by the OWNER's Work Order.

## 17. Extension of Time for Completion of Work.

- A. If, at any time, the work is delayed due to suspension order by OWNER, or due to any other cause which, in the reasonable opinion of the OWNER, is unforeseeable and beyond the control and not attributable to the fault or negligence of CONTRACTOR, then CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to an extension of time equal to said delay, subject to the OWNER's right to terminate this AGREEMENT pursuant to Section 13.
- B. No extension of time requested or granted hereunder shall entitle CONTRACTOR to additional compensation unless, as a consequence of such extension, additional work must be performed. In such event OWNER shall in good faith consider any request for additional compensation submitted by CONTRACTOR.
- 18. <u>Data Provided to CONTRACTOR</u>. OWNER shall provide to CONTRACTOR, without charge, all data, including reports, records, maps and other information, now in the OWNER's possession which may facilitate the timely performance of the work described in Scope of Services.

## 19. CONTRACTOR's Warranties and Representations.

CONTRACTOR warrants and represents to OWNER as follows:

A. CONTRACTOR has not employed or retained any person or entity, other than a bona fide employee working exclusively for CONTRACTOR, to solicit or obtain this AGREEMENT.

- B. CONTRACTOR has not paid or agreed to pay any person or entity, other than a bona fide employee working exclusively for CONTRACTOR, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the execution of this AGREEMENT. Upon any breach or violation of this warranty, OWNER shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate this AGREEMENT without further liability, or, in the alternative, to deduct from any sums payable hereunder the full amount or value of any such fee, commission, percentage or gift.
- C. CONTRACTOR has no knowledge that any officer or employee of the OWNER has any interest, whether contractual, noncontractual, financial, proprietary, or otherwise, in this transaction or in the business of the CONTRACTOR, and that if any such interest comes to the knowledge of CONTRACTOR at any time, a complete written disclosure of such interest will be made to OWNER, even if such interest would not be deemed a prohibited "conflict of interest" under applicable laws.
- D. Upon the execution of this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR has no interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or business entity which would conflict with or in any manner hinder the performance of services and work required by this AGREEMENT, nor shall any such interest be acquired during the term of this AGREEMENT.

### 20. Resolution of Disputes.

- A. Disputes regarding the interpretation or application of any provisions of this AGREEMENT shall, to the extent reasonably feasible, be resolved through good faith negotiations between the parties.
- B. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through good faith negotiations, either party may give Notice of Dispute to the other party. The Notice of Dispute shall state the nature of the dispute and the corrective action necessary to remedy the dispute.

After Notice of Dispute, the parties shall first attempt to resolve any disputes by mediation. The parties shall agree on a single mediator. Mediation shall be conducted in Lancaster, California. Each party shall pay its own attorneys' fees and the costs of mediation shall be split equally between the parties.

If the dispute has not been resolved by mediation within 45 days after Notice of Dispute, or the parties are unable to agree to a mediator, within 15 days after Notice of Dispute, then, the dispute may, upon agreement of the parties be resolved by binding arbitration.

C. If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret any provisions of this AGREEMENT, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, cost and necessary disbursements, in addition to such other relief as may be sought and awarded.

## 21. Exhibits.

The following exhibits to which reference is made in this AGREEMENT are deemed incorporated herein in their entirety:

Exhibit "A" Scope of Services

Exhibit "B" Payment Clause

# 22. **Governing Law**.

This AGREEMENT shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

# 23. **Effective Date**.

This AGREEMENT shall become effective as of the date set forth below on which the last of the parties, whether OWNER or CONTRACTOR, executes this AGREEMENT.IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and attested by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

	CITY OF LANCASTER LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA
	By:  Jason Caudle, City Manager
	Dated:
	Company Name
	By:(Name, Title)
	Dated:
ATTEST:	
Andrea Alexander, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
City Attorney	