



## **CONTRACT**

This contract, dated the Click or tap here to enter text. day of Click or tap here to enter text., 20Click or tap here to enter text., is between the City of Abilene (“City”), a home rule municipal corporation of the State of Texas and Click or tap here to enter text. (“Contractor”), a Click or tap here to enter text. organized under the laws of the State of Click or tap here to enter text..

### **I. TERMS**

In consideration of \$Click or tap here to enter text., the Contractor must provide the services described in Attachment Click or tap here to enter text., which is incorporated by reference, according to all its provisions.

After the CONTRACTOR has fully performed the terms of this AGREEMENT and the CITY’S agent is satisfied that the work has been completed with the terms of this Agreement, the CITY’S agent shall pay the contractor in one lump sum the money specified.

The CITY reserves the right to prorate or to withhold payment from the CONTRACTOR if the CITY’S agent determines that the CONTRACTOR fails to fully perform the work in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, in which case the CONTRACTOR shall bear all costs, including the cost of hiring someone else, due to the CONTRACTOR’S neglect, delay, or refusal to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

The CITY reserves the right to have its agent inspect the premises to determine whether or not the CONTRACTOR has fully complied with the terms of this Agreement.

### **II. PAYMENT**

Payment shall be made under the terms of Attachment Click or tap here to enter text., which is incorporated by reference, according to all its provisions.

### **III. DURATION**

Contractor must complete all required work within Click or tap here to enter text. calendar days after the effective date of this Contract.

#### **IV. ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor may not assign any interest under this contract without the City's prior written consent. All of the terms and provisions of this Contract are binding on Contractors successors and assigns and may be enforced by the City against such successors and assigns.

#### **V. STATUS OF CONTRACTOR**

The Contractor is an Independent Contractor. Contractor and Contractor's employees are not the agents, servants or employees of the City.

#### **VI. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION**

This contract, including any attachments, constitutes the parties' entire agreement. This agreement may not be modified or replaced except by another signed written agreement.

#### **VII. INDEMNITY**

##### **A. Definitions**

For the purpose of this section the following definitions apply:

“City” shall mean all officers, agents and employees of the City of Abilene.

“Claims” shall mean all claims, liens, suits, demands, accusations, allegations, assertions, complaints, petitions, proceedings and causes of action of every kind and description brought for damages.

“Contractor” includes the corporation, company, partnership, or other entity, its owners, officers, and/or partners, and their agents, successors, and assigns.

“Contractor’s employees” shall mean any employees, officers, agents, subcontractors, licensee and invitees of Contractor.

“Damages” shall mean each and every injury, wound, hurt, harm, fee, damage, cost, expense, outlay, expenditure or loss of any and every nature, including but not limited to:

- (i) injury or damage to any property or right
- (ii) injury, damage, or death to any person or entity
- (iii) attorneys fees, witness fees, expert witness fees and expenses, and
- (iv) all other costs and expenses of litigation

“Premise Defects” shall mean any defect, real or alleged, which now exists or which may hereafter arise upon the premises.

“Proven” shall mean that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final unappealable judgment on a claim adjudging an entity or person liable for a monetary judgment.

“Sole negligence” shall mean negligence of a party that is unmixed with the fault of any other person or entity.

## **B. Indemnity**

**The Contractor must indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City from and against liability for any claims arising out of the Contractor's work and activities conducted in connection with this Contract.**

**The Contractor is an independent contractor and is not, with respect to its acts or omissions, an agent or employee of the City.**

**Contractor must at all times exercise reasonable precautions on behalf of, and be solely responsible for, the safety of Contractor's employees while in the vicinity where the work is being done. The City is not liable or responsible for the negligence or intentional acts or omissions of the Contractor or Contractor's employees.**

**The City assumes no responsibility or liability for damages which are directly or indirectly attributable to premise defects. Responsibility for all such defects is expressly assumed by the Contractor.**

**The City and Contractor must provide the other prompt and timely notice of any covered event which in any way affects or might affect the Contractor or City. The City has the right to compromise and defend the same to the extent of its own interests.**

**BOTH CITY AND CONTRACTOR EXPRESSLY INTEND THIS CONTRACT'S INDEMNITY PROVISION TO REQUIRE CONTRACTOR TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT THE CITY FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CITY'S OWN NEGLIGENCE WHILE CITY IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONTRACT, WHERE THAT NEGLIGENCE IS A CONCURRING CAUSE OF THE DAMAGES. THIS CONTRACT'S INDEMNITY PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIM WHERE DAMAGE IS PROVEN TO RESULT FROM THE SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE CITY.**

## **VIII. INSURANCE**

### **A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor agrees to maintain the type and amounts of insurance required in this contract throughout the term of the agreement. The Contractor is solely responsible for providing the required certificates of insurance. The City may terminate this agreement if the Contractor fails to timely comply with the insurance requirements.

The required insurance must be issued by a company or companies of sound and adequate financial responsibility and authorized to do business in the State of Texas. All policies are subject to examination and approval by the City for their adequacy as to content, form of protection, and providing company.

The required insurance naming the City as additional insured must be primary insurance and not contributing with any other insurance available to City, under any third party liability policy.

Before the City executes the notice to proceed with any work under this agreement, the Contractor must provide the City Secretary with either an original certificate of insurance or a certified copy of the insurance policy evidencing the required insurance. Thereafter, the Contractor must furnish new certificates or copies of the policy before the expiration date.

Texas Labor Code Section 406.096 requires a city to ensure that contractors carry workers' compensation for each employee when the city is a party to any "building or construction contract." The code enumerates that "building and construction" includes:

- (A) erecting or preparing to erect a structure, including a building, bridge, roadway, public utility facility, or related appurtenance;
- (B) remodeling, extending, repairing, or demolishing a structure; or
- (C) otherwise improving real property or an appurtenance to real property through similar activities.

**B. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The required liability insurances and their certificates must:

1. Name the City as an additional insured for operations under this contract.
2. Provide for 30 days advance written notice of cancellation or material change.

**C. TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE**

The following insurance is required under this contract:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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_X_1. Workers' Compensation Employer's Liability	Statutory \$100,000 per occurrence
_X_2. Commercial (Public) Liability including, but not limited to: • Premises/Operations • Independent Contractors • Products/Completed Operations • Contractual Liability (insuring above indemnity) and where the exposures exist • Explosion Collapse and Underground	\$500,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage (per occurrence)
_X_3. Business Automobile Liability to include coverage for: • Owned/Leased Autos • Non-Owned Autos • Hired Cars	\$500,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage (per occurrence)
___4. Professional Liability	\$500,000 combined single limit (per occurrence)
___5. See Addendum for Special Coverages and/or revisions	
___6. No Insurance Required	

**IX. VENUE, CHOICE OF LAW AND INTERPRETATION**

Venue for any cause of action arising under this contract is Taylor County, Texas. This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Texas both as to interpretation and performance. This contract shall, in any dispute over its meaning or application, be interpreted fairly and reasonably, and not more strongly for or against either party.

**X. VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY**

Contractor must comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) and may not knowingly obtain labor or services of an unauthorized alien. Contractor -- not City -- must verify eligibility for employment as required by IRCA.

**XI. INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY**

Contractor agrees that no payments owed by him, of any nature whatsoever, to the City, including payment in advance for service charges or any sums of any character whatsoever, shall become delinquent or in arrears.

The City will not knowingly award contracts for goods or services to any bidder in arrears to the City for any debt, claim, demand, or account whatsoever, including taxes, penalty and interest. Contractor is responsible for ensuring that no indebtedness exists.

Section 130 of the City Charter authorizes the City to counterclaim and offset against any debt, claim, demand or account owed by the City to any person, firm or corporation in arrears to the City for any debt, claim, demand or account of any nature whatsoever, including taxes, penalty and interest.

## **XII. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

It is the City's policy to recruit, employ, and to provide compensation, promotion, and other conditions of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability. The City affirms that employment decisions shall be made only on the basis of bonafide occupational qualifications. The City shall continually review its employment practices and personnel procedures and take positive steps to assure that equality of employment opportunity in the City of Abilene, Texas, is a fact as well as an ideal.

## **XIII. MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

The City hereby gives notice that Minority and Women Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunities to submit bids in for this contract and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, color, sex, religion or national origin in awarding the contract. Technical assistance is available to Minority and Women Business Enterprises through the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center, 749 Gateway St., #301, Building C, Abilene, Texas, 79602, 325-670-0300.

## **XIV. SALES TAX**

The City qualifies as an exempt agency under the Texas Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act (the Tax Act), and is not subject to any State or City sales taxes on materials incorporated into the project. Labor used in the performance of this contract is also not subject to State or City sales taxes. The City will provide an exemption certificate to the Contractor. The Contractor must have a sales tax permit issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and shall issue a resale certificate complying with the Tax Act, as amended, when purchasing said materials. The Contractor is responsible for any sales taxes applicable to equipment purchases, rentals, leases, consumable supplies which are not incorporated into the project, tangible personal property purchased for use in the performance of this contract and not completely consumed, or other

taxable services used to perform this contract, or other taxes required by law in connection with this contract.

## **XV. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, CHARTER, ORDINANCES**

Contractor, its agents, employees and subcontractors must comply with all applicable federal and state laws, the charter and ordinances of the City of Abilene, and with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by local, state and national boards, bureaus and agencies. Contractor must obtain all necessary permits and licenses that are required in completing the work contracted for in this agreement.

## **XVI. PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BONDS**

If the value of this Bid is below \$50,000, Performance and Payment Bonds are not required; however, the City will not pay the Contractor until the work is accepted and the Contractor furnishes an acceptable Release of Lien and Affidavit of Bills Paid to the City.

If the value of this Bid exceeds \$50,000, the Contractor must also furnish a payment bond. If the value of this Bid exceeds \$100,000, the Contractor must furnish a performance bond when the Contract is executed and delivered to the City. The Bonds, for the full amount of the contract, must be executed by a corporate surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas and acceptable to the City. Bonds for projects using federal dollars must be underwritten by a surety name in the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds" as published in the Federal Register by the Audit Staff Bureau of Accounts, U.S. Treasury Department.

The City may require additional security if the initial surety becomes insolvent, bankrupt, or otherwise financially unable to protect the City under the terms of the contract. The City's requiring new or additional security relieves neither the original surety nor the Contractor of their obligations under the contract. City may, without incurring any liability, stop work under the contract until Contractor furnishes additional security.

## **XVII. SEVERABILITY AND WAIVER**

The partial or complete invalidity of one or more provisions of the Contract shall not affect the validity or continuing force and effect of any other provision. The failure of either party hereto to insist, in any one or more instances, upon the performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Contract, or to exercise any right herein, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of such term, covenant, condition or right as respects further performance.

## **XVII. NOTICES**

Any notices or other communications required or permitted under this agreement are sufficiently given if delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to City at:

ATTN:  
P.O. Box 60  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0060

or to Contractor at:

ATTN:

or to such other address furnished in writing by any party to the others. Notice will be deemed given as of the date so delivered or on the date of deposit in the United States mail, as the case may be.

#### **XVII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Contract may be executed in two or more counterparts (including fax, email, or electronic PDF counterparts), each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

#### **XVIII. BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL**

In accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

This section only applies to a contract that: (a) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees, and (b) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity. Additionally, "company" does not include a sole proprietorship.

If this section is applicable, the signatory executing this contract on behalf of company verifies that the company does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract.

#### **XIX. SECTIONS AND OTHER HEADINGS**



Section, paragraph, and other headings contained in this Contract are for reference purposes only and do not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Contract.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract effective as of the date written above:

CITY OF ABILENE

CONTRACTOR

By:

By:

Name:

Name:

Title:

Title:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

Federal Tax ID#:

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Corporate Seal if applicable

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Scope of Work**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

**OPTION 1** \_\_\_\_

Compensation is based on actual hours of work/time devoted to providing the described professional services and will be paid at a rate of \$Click or tap here to enter text. per hour not to exceed \$Click or tap here to enter text..

Contractor must submit monthly invoices to City accompanied by an explanation of charges, professional fees, and services. City will pay invoices according to its normal payment procedures.

**OPTION 2** \_\_\_\_

Payment is in a lump sum amount of \$Click or tap here to enter text. upon completion of the work and written acceptance by City's Project Representative.

No mechanic, contractor, subcontractor, materialman or other person can or will contract for or in any other manner have or acquire any lien upon any building or work covered by the contract or the land upon which the same is situated.

Before final acceptance of this project by the City, the Contractor must execute and provide City with an Affidavit that all bills for labor, materials and incidentals incurred by subcontractors, materialmen, mechanics and suppliers under this agreement have been paid in full, and that there are no claims pending of which Contractor has been notified.

**OPTION 3** \_\_\_\_

Payment is a fixed fee amount of \$Click or tap here to enter text. payable per Click or tap here to enter text. upon completion of the work and written acceptance by City's Project Representative.

No mechanic, contractor, subcontractor, materialman or other person can or will contract for or in any other manner have or acquire any lien upon any building or work covered by the contract or the land upon which the same is situated.

Before final acceptance of this project by the City, the Contractor shall execute and provide City with an Affidavit that all bills for labor, materials and incidentals incurred by subcontractors, materialmen, mechanics and suppliers under this agreement have been paid in full, and that there are no claims pending of which Contractor has been notified.

## ATTACHMENT C

### STATE MANDATED WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE LANGUAGE

#### THIS ATTACHMENT IS ONLY APPLICABLE IF WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE IS PROVIDED

a. Definitions

**Certificate of coverage ("certificate")** - a copy of a certificate of insurance, a certificate of authority to self-insure issued by the commission, or a coverage agreement (TWCC-81, TWCC-82, TWCC-83, or TWCC-84), showing statutory workers' compensation insurance coverage for the person's or entity's employees providing services on a project, for the duration of the project.

**Duration of the project** - includes the time from the beginning of the work on the project until the contractors'/person's work on the project has been completed and accepted by the City.

**Persons providing services on the project ("subcontractors" in 406.096)** - includes all persons or entities performing all or part of the services the contractor has undertaken to perform on the project, regardless of whether that person contracted directly with the contractor and regardless of whether that person has employees. This includes, without limitation, independent contractors, subcontractors, leasing companies, motor carriers, owner-operators, employees of any such entity, or employees of any entity which furnishes persons to provide services on the project. "Services" include, without limitations, providing, hauling, or delivering equipment or materials, or providing labor, transportation, or other service related to a project. "Services" does not include activities unrelated to the project, such as food/beverage vendors, office supply deliveries, and delivery of portable toilets.

b. The Contractor shall provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all employees of the contractor providing services on the project, for the duration of the project.

c. The Contractor must provide a certificate of coverage to the City prior to being awarded the contract.

d. If the coverage period shown on the Contractor's current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project, the Contractor must, prior to the end of the coverage period, file a new certificate of coverage with the City showing that coverage has been extended.

e. Contractor shall obtain from each person providing services on a project and provide to City:

(1) a certificate of coverage, prior to that person beginning work on the project, so the City will have on file certificates of coverage showing coverage for all persons providing services on the project; and

(2) no later than seven (7) days after receipt by the Contractor, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project.

f. The Contractor shall retain all required certificates of coverage for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter.

g. The Contractor shall notify the City in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the Contractor knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing services on the project.

h. The Contractor shall post on each project site a notice, in the text, form and manner prescribed by the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, informing all persons providing services on the project that they are required to be covered, and stating how a person may verify coverage and report lack of coverage.

i. The Contractor shall contractually require each person with whom it contracts to provide services on a project to:

(1) provide coverage, based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts and filing of any coverage agreements, which meets the statutory requirements of Texas Labor Code, Section 401.011(44) for all of its employees providing services on the project, for the duration of the project;

(2) provide to the Contractor, prior to that person beginning work on the project, a certificate of coverage showing that coverage is being provided for all employees of the person providing service on the project, for the duration of the project;

(3) provide the Contractor, prior to the end of the coverage period, a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(4) obtain from each other person with whom it contracts, and provide to the Contractor:

(a) a certificate of coverage, prior to the other person beginning work on the project; and

(b) a new certificate of coverage showing extension of coverage, prior to the end of the coverage period, if the coverage period shown on the current certificate of coverage ends during the duration of the project;

(5) retain all required certificates of coverage on file for the duration of the project and for one (1) year thereafter;

(6) notify the City in writing by certified mail or personal delivery, within ten (10) days after the person knew or should have known, of any change that materially affects the provision of coverage of any person providing service on the project;

(7) contractually require each person with whom it contracts, to perform as required by paragraphs (1) - (7),with the certificates of coverage to be provided to the person for whom they are providing services.

- j. By signing this contract or providing or causing to be provided a certificate of coverage, the Contractor is representing to the City that all employees of the Contractor who will provide services on the project will be covered by workers' compensation coverage for the duration of the project, that the coverage will be based on proper reporting of classification codes and payroll amounts, and that all coverage agreements will be filed with the appropriate insurance carrier or, in the case of a self-insured, with the commission's Division of Self-Insurance Regulation. Providing false or misleading information may subject the Contractor to administrative penalties, criminal penalties, civil penalties, or other civil actions.
- k. The Contractor's failure to comply with any of these provisions is a breach of contract by the Contractor which entitles the City to declare the contract void if the Contractor does not remedy the breach within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of breach from the City.

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