

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR
CITY PROJECT NO. 19-01**

THIS PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), dated April 2, 2019 (“Effective Date”), is made by the CITY OF COSTA MESA, a political subdivision of the State of California (“CITY”), and BLACK ROCK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, a California corporation (“CONTRACTOR”).

CITY desires to construct the public work and improvements described below under Scope of Work, Paragraph 1 (“Work”).

ACCORDINGLY, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK.

The Work consists of the following work in accordance with project specifications: mobilization and public notifications; traffic control; clearing, grubbing, and removal of trees, roots, limbs, shrubs, sod, debris, and other deleterious and miscellaneous materials; excavation work; installation of Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement and Crushed Miscellaneous Base (CMB); construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramp; construction of catch basin; construction of 24” reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) and concrete collar; construction of concrete block slough wall; restoration of existing landscaping and irrigation; relocation of existing irrigation, electrical control boxes, and street light poles and equipment; adjusting existing utilities to grade; traffic signal modification; signing and striping; all work outlined in the specifications; and all other work necessary to complete the work in accordance with the specifications and Contract Documents.

The Work is further described in the “Contract Documents” referred to below.

The Project is known as Hyland Avenue at MacArthur Boulevard Intersection Improvements, City Project No. 19-01 (“Project”).

2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The complete Agreement consists of the following documents relating to the Project:

- a. This Agreement;
- b. CONTRACTOR’s bid;
- c. Notice inviting bids;
- d. Complete plans, profiles, detailed drawings and specifications, including general provisions and special provisions;
- e. Certificates of Insurance;
- f. Faithful Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, including agent’s Power of Attorney for each bond;
- g. Supplements, attachments, and exhibits attached to the above items;
- h. Provisions of the most current edition of The Greenbook: Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (“The Greenbook”); and
- i. All addenda setting forth any modifications or interpretations of the above documents.

The documents attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference. The Greenbook is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The documents comprising the complete Agreement will be referred to as the “Contract Documents.”

All of the Contract Documents are intended to complement one another, so that any Work called for in one and not mentioned in another is to be performed as if mentioned in all documents.

In the event of an inconsistency in the Contract Documents, the terms of this

Agreement shall prevail over all other Contract Documents. The order of precedence between the remaining Contract Documents shall be as set forth in The Greenbook.

The Contract Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any and all other writings and oral negotiations.

3. CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE.

The CITY's Representative is Arash Rahimian, referred to herein as the Project Manager ("Project Manager").

4. CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER; PERSONNEL.

(a) Project Manager. CONTRACTOR's Project Manager must be approved by City. Such approval shall be at CITY's sole discretion.

(b) Personnel. CITY has the right to review and approve any personnel who are assigned to perform work under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall remove personnel from performing work under this Agreement if requested to do so by CITY.

This Paragraph 4 is a material provision of the Agreement.

5. SCHEDULE.

All Work shall be performed in accordance with the schedule approved on behalf of CITY by the Project Manager, and in accordance with the time of performance set forth in Paragraph 8 (Time of Performance).

6. EQUIPMENT - PERFORMANCE OF WORK.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor and materials necessary to perform and complete the Work of construction in a good and workmanlike manner in strict conformity with the Contract Documents.

The equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor and material shall be furnished and such Work performed and completed as required in the plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the Project Manager or his or her designee, and subject to his or her

approval.

7. CONTRACT PRICE.

Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$370,500.00).

8. TIME OF PERFORMANCE.

CONTRACTOR shall commence Work by the date specified in CITY's Notice to Proceed, unless a later date is agreed upon in writing by the parties. The Work shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) working days from the first day of commencement of the Work.

9. TERMINATION.

(a) Termination for Convenience.

CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to CONTRACTOR.

(b) Termination for Breach of Contract.

(i) If CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to prosecute the Work or any severable part of it with such diligence as will ensure its timely completion, or if CONTRACTOR fails to complete the Work on time, or if CONTRACTOR, or any subcontractor, violates any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Project Manager may give written notice to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's sureties of the CITY's intention to terminate this Agreement; and, unless within five (5) days after the serving of that notice, such conduct shall cease and arrangements for the correction thereof be made to the satisfaction of the CITY, this Agreement may be terminated at the option of CITY effective upon CONTRACTOR's receipt of a second notice sent by the CITY indicating that the CITY has exercised its option to terminate.

(ii) If CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt or files for any relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or State insolvency laws, this Agreement shall

automatically terminate without any further action or notice by CITY.

(iii) If CONTRACTOR is in breach of any material provision of this Agreement, CITY may immediately terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to CONTRACTOR of same.

10. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

In the event the Work is not completed, for any reason, within the time required including any approved extensions of time, and to the satisfaction of the Project Manager, CITY may, in addition to any other remedies, equitable and legal, including remedies authorized by Paragraph 9 (Termination) of this Agreement, charge to CONTRACTOR or its sureties, or deduct from payments or credits due CONTRACTOR, a sum equal to \$250.00 as liquidated damages for each day beyond the date provided for the completion of such Work.

The parties hereto agree that the amount set forth above, as liquidated damages constitutes a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs the CITY would suffer for each day that the CONTRACTOR fails to meet the performance schedule. The parties hereby agree and acknowledge that the delays in the performance schedule will cause CITY to incur costs and expenses not contemplated by this Agreement.

11. PERFORMANCE BY SURETIES.

In the event CONTRACTOR fails or refuses to perform the Work, CITY may provide CONTRACTOR with a notice of intent to terminate as provided in Paragraph 9 (Termination), of this Agreement. The CITY shall immediately give written notice of such intent to terminate to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's surety or sureties, and the sureties shall have the right to take over and perform this Agreement; provided, however, that the sureties must, within five (5) days after CITY's giving notice of termination, (a) give the CITY written notice of their intention to take over the performance of this

Agreement; (b) provide adequate assurances, to the satisfaction of the CITY that the Work shall be performed diligently and in a timely manner; and (c) must commence performance thereof within five (5) days after providing notice to the CITY of their intention to take over the Work. Upon the failure of the sureties to comply with the provisions set forth above, CITY may take over the Work and complete it, at the expense of CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR and the sureties shall be liable to CITY for any excess costs or damages including those referred to in Paragraph 10 (Liquidated Damages), incurred by CITY. In such event, CITY may, without liability for so doing, take possession of such materials, equipment, tools, appliances, Contract Documents and other property belonging to CONTRACTOR as may be on the site of the Work and reasonably necessary therefor and may use them to complete the Work.

12. DISPUTES PERTAINING TO PAYMENT FOR WORK.

Should any dispute arise respecting whether any delay is excusable, or its duration, or the value of the Work done, or of any Work omitted, or of any extra Work which CONTRACTOR may be required to do, or respecting any payment to CONTRACTOR during the performance of this Agreement, such dispute shall be decided by the Project Manager, and his or her decisions shall be final and binding upon CONTRACTOR and its sureties.

13. SUPERINTENDENCE BY CONTRACTOR.

At all times during performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall give personal superintendence or have a competent foreman or superintendent on the worksite, with authority to act for CONTRACTOR.

14. INSPECTION BY CITY.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times maintain proper facilities and provide safe access for inspection by CITY to all parts of the Work and to all shops on or off-site where the

Work or portions of the Work, are in preparation. CITY shall have the right of access to the premises for inspection at all times. However, CITY shall, at all times, comply with CONTRACTOR's safety requirements on the job site.

15. CARE OF THE WORK AND OFF-SITE AUTHORIZATION.

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has examined the site of the Work and is familiar with its topography and condition, location of property lines, easements, building lines and other physical factors and limitations affecting the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, shall obtain any permission, and all approvals, licenses, or easements necessary for any operations conducted off the premises owned or controlled by CITY. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all materials delivered to the site or stored off-site and for the Work performed until completion and final inspection and acceptance by CITY. The risk, damage or destruction of materials delivered to the site or to Work performed shall be borne by CONTRACTOR.

16. PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR.

On or before the last Monday of each and every month during the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall meet with the Project Manager or his or her designee to determine the quantity of pay items incorporated into the improvement during that month. A "Progress Payment Order" will then be jointly prepared, approved, and signed by the Project Manager and the CONTRACTOR setting forth the amount to be paid and providing for a five percent (5%) retention. Upon approval of the progress payment order by the Project Manager, or his or her designee, it shall be submitted to CITY's Finance Department and processed for payment by obtaining approval from the City Council to issue a warrant.

Within three (3) days following City Council's approval to issue a warrant, CITY

shall mail to CONTRACTOR a warrant for the amount specified in the progress payment order as the amount to be paid. The retained five percent (5%) shall be paid to CONTRACTOR thirty-five (35) days after the recording of the Notice of Completion of the Work by the COUNTY and after CONTRACTOR shall have furnished releases of all claims against CITY by persons who furnished labor or materials for the Work, if required by CITY.

Upon the request of CONTRACTOR and at its expense, securities equivalent to the amount withheld pursuant to the foregoing provisions may be presented to CITY for substitution for the retained funds. If CITY approves the form and amount of the offered securities it will release the retained funds and will hold the securities in lieu thereof. CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to any interest earned on the securities.

In the event that claims for property damage or bodily injury are presented to CITY arising out of CONTRACTOR's or any subcontractor's Work under this Agreement; CITY shall give notice thereof to CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR shall have thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of any such notice to evaluate the claim and to settle it by whole or partial payment, or to reject it, and to give notice of settlement or rejection to CITY. If CITY does not receive notice within the above-mentioned 35-day period that the claim has been settled, and if the Project Manager, after consultation with the City Attorney, determines that the claim is meritorious, CITY may pay the claim or a portion of it in exchange for an appropriate release from the claimant, and may deduct the amount of the payment from the retained funds that would otherwise be paid to CONTRACTOR upon completion of the Work; provided, however, that the maximum amount paid for any one claim pursuant to this provision shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and the maximum amount for all such claims in the aggregate paid pursuant to this provision shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

17. PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS.

The CONTRACTOR agrees to pay each subcontractor under this Agreement for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than seven (7) days from the receipt of each payment the CONTRACTOR receives from CITY.

The CONTRACTOR agrees further to release retainage payments to each subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the CITY.

18. CONTRACT SECURITY AND GUARANTEE.

Unless previously provided by CONTRACTOR to CITY, CONTRACTOR shall furnish, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, the following: (1) a surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as security for the faithful performance of this Agreement, and (2) a separate surety bond in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as security for the payment of all persons furnishing labor or materials in connection with the Work under this Agreement. Sureties for each of the bonds and the forms thereof shall be satisfactory to CITY. In addition, such sureties must be authorized to issue bonds in California; sureties must be listed on the latest revision to the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570; and must be shown to have sufficient bonding capacity to provide the bonds required by the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR shall provide a certified copy of the certificate of authority of the surety issued by the Insurance Commissioner; a certificate from the clerk of the county in which the court or officer is located that the certificate of authority of the surety has not been surrendered, revoked, canceled, annulled, or suspended or, in the event that it has,

that renewed authority has been granted; and copies of the surety's most recent annual statement and quarterly statement filed with the Department of Insurance pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 900) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code.

CONTRACTOR guarantees that all materials used in the Work and all labor performed shall be in conformity with the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the standards and specifications set forth in the most current edition of The Greenbook. CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, make any and all repairs and replacements that shall become necessary as the result of any failure of the Work to conform to the aforementioned Contract Documents, and standard specifications; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall be obligated under this provision only to the extent of those failures or defects of which he is given notice within a period of twelve (12) months from the date that the Notice of Completion is recorded.

The rights and remedies available to CITY pursuant to this provision shall be cumulative with all rights and remedies available to CITY pursuant to statutory and common law, which rights and remedies are hereby expressly reserved, and neither the foregoing guarantee by CONTRACTOR nor its furnishing of the Bonds, nor acceptance thereof by CITY, shall constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies available to CITY against CONTRACTOR.

19. INDEMNIFICATION.

CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless CITY and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, or damages of any nature, including attorney fees, for injury to or death of any person, and for injury or damage to any property, including consequential damages of any nature resulting therefrom, arising out of or in any way

connected with the performance of this Agreement. The defense obligation provided for hereunder shall apply without any advance showing of negligence or wrongdoing by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, but shall be required whenever any claim, action, complaint, or suit asserts as its basis the negligence, errors, omissions or misconduct of the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, and/or whenever any claim, action, complaint or suit asserts liability against the CITY, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees based upon the work performed by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors under this Agreement, whether or not the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors are specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the CITY for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of the CITY. This provision shall supersede and replace all other indemnity provisions contained either in the CITY's specifications or CONTRACTOR's proposal, which shall be of no force and effect.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all of the provisions of the Workers' Compensation insurance laws and Safety in Employment laws of the State of California, including the applicable provisions of Divisions 4 and 5 of the California Labor Code and all amendments thereto and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and all similar State, Federal or local laws applicable; and CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless CITY from and against all claims, liabilities, expenses, damages, suits, actions, proceedings and judgments, of every nature and description, including attorney fees, that may be presented, brought or recovered against CITY for or on account of any liability under or failure to comply with any of said laws which may be incurred by reason of any Work performed under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor or others

performing on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

CITY does not, and shall not, waive any rights against CONTRACTOR which it may have by reason of the above hold harmless agreements, because of the acceptance by CITY or the deposit with CITY by CONTRACTOR of any or all of the insurance policies described in Paragraph 20 (Insurance) of this Agreement.

The hold harmless agreements by CONTRACTOR shall apply to all liabilities, expenses, claims, and damages of every kind (including but not limited to attorney fees) incurred or alleged to have been incurred, by reason of the operations of CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor or others performing on behalf of CONTRACTOR, whether or not such insurance policies are applicable. CONTRACTOR shall require any and all tiers of subcontractors to afford the same degree of indemnification to the CITY OF COSTA MESA and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees that is required of CONTRACTOR and shall incorporate identical indemnity provisions in all contracts between CONTRACTOR and all tiers of its subcontractors.

In the event that CONTRACTOR and CITY are sued by a third party for damages caused or allegedly caused by negligent or other wrongful conduct of CONTRACTOR, or by a dangerous condition of CITY's property created by CONTRACTOR or existing while the property was under the control of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of its indemnity obligation to CITY by any settlement with any such third party unless that settlement includes a full release and dismissal of all claims by the third party against the CITY.

20. INSURANCE.

CONTRACTOR shall not commence Work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this section and CITY has approved the insurance as to form, amount, and carrier, nor shall CONTRACTOR allow any subcontractor to

commence any Work until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

Neither the failure of CONTRACTOR to supply specified insurance policies and coverage, nor the failure of CITY to approve same shall alter or invalidate the provisions of Paragraph 19 (Indemnification) of this Agreement.

(a) Workers' Compensation Insurance.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain during the life of this Agreement workers' compensation insurance and, if any Work is sublet, CONTRACTOR shall require all tiers of subcontractors to obtain workers' compensation insurance.

All workers' compensation insurance policies shall provide that the insurance may not be canceled without thirty (30) days' advance written notice of such cancellation to CITY.

CONTRACTOR agrees to waive, and obtain endorsements from its workers' compensation insurer waiving, subrogation rights under its workers' compensation insurance policy against the CITY and to require each of its subcontractors, if any, to do likewise under their workers' compensation insurance policies.

(b) Liability Insurance Coverage.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain during the life of this Agreement the following insurance coverage:

(i) Commercial General Liability, including coverage for premises-operations, products/completed operations hazard, blanket contractual, broad form property damage, and independent contractors. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain during the life of this Agreement each of the following insurance coverage which are not stricken out and initialed by the Project Manager: Explosion and collapse hazard, underground hazard, personal injury, and automobile liability, including

owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles. All insurance coverage shall have limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate.

(ii) Below are approved endorsements which satisfy the basic insurance requirements contained in contracts entered into by City of Costa Mesa. These have been approved by the City Attorney's Office. The terms of any specific contract with the City are controlling. Prior to the commencement of any work, the City requires that the Engineer receive Certificates of Insurance in DUPLICATE for liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 combined single limits, per occurrence and in the aggregate. Endorsements to the policies providing the above insurance shall be obtained by CONTRACTOR, adding the following three provisions:

(1) Additional Insured:

"The City of Costa Mesa and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees are additional insureds with respect to the subject project and agreement."

(2) Notice:

"Said policy shall not terminate, nor shall it be canceled nor the coverage reduced, until thirty (30) days after written notice is given to CITY."

(3) Other Insurance:

"Any other insurance maintained by the City of Costa Mesa shall be excess and not contributing with the insurance provided by this policy."

If any of such policies provide for a deductible or self-insured retention to provide such coverage, the amount of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be approved in advance by CITY. No policy of insurance issued as to which the CITY is an additional insured shall contain a provision which requires that no insured except the named insured can satisfy any such deductible or self-insured retention.

21. PROOF OF INSURANCE.

Prior to commencement of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall furnish CITY, through the Project Manager, proof of compliance with the above insurance requirements in a form satisfactory to the Risk Management.

22. LEGAL WORK DAY - PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Eight (8) hours of labor shall constitute a legal day's work during any one (1) calendar day. CONTRACTOR shall forfeit to CITY the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each workman employed in the execution of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR or by any subcontractor for each calendar day during which such workman is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one calendar day and 40 hours in any one calendar week in violation of California Labor Code Sections 1810 through 1815, inclusive.

23. PREVAILING WAGE SCALE.

CONTRACTOR shall comply in all respects with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. section 276a) and with California Labor Code sections 1770 et seq., including the keeping of all records required by the provisions of Labor Code section 1776.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish each week to CITY's Project Administration Division a statement with respect to the wages of each of its employees during the preceding weekly payroll period.

24. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS.

CONTRACTOR shall, at its own cost and expense, comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and requirements in the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, and wage and hours.

25. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY.

CONTRACTOR, upon notification of the award of this Agreement, shall establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace, and the employee assistance programs available to employees. Each employee engaged in the performance of a CITY contract must be notified of this Drug-Free Awareness Program, and must abide by its terms. CONTRACTOR shall conform to all the requirements of CITY's Policy No. 100-5, attached hereto as Attachment 1. Failure to establish a program, notify employees, or inform the CITY of a drug-related workplace conviction will constitute a material breach of contract and cause for immediate termination of the contract by the CITY.

26. NON-DISCRIMINATION.

In performing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will not engage in, nor permit its agents to engage in, discrimination in employment of persons because of their race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex, or sexual orientation, except as permitted pursuant to Section 12940 of the Government Code. Violation of this provision may result in the imposition of penalties referred to in Section 1735 of the California Labor Code.

27. CONTRACT ASSURANCE.

The CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the CONTRACTOR to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement or such other remedy as recipient deems appropriate.

The CONTRACTOR will require that the above provision is included in all subcontracts.

28. PROVISIONS CUMULATIVE.

The provisions of this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights or remedies available to CITY.

29. NOTICES.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of CONTRACTOR to notify all tiers of subcontractors and material men of the following special notice provision; namely, all preliminary 20-day notices or stop notices shall be directed only to the City Clerk and to no other department, and shall be either personally delivered or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid.

All other notices shall be in writing and delivered in person or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid. Notices required to be given to CITY pursuant to this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Attn: Arash Rahimian

Notices required to be given to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as follows:

Black Rock Construction Company
929 Mariner St.
Brea, CA 92821
Attn: Bill Goshen

Notices required to be given to CONTRACTOR's sureties shall be addressed as follows:

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co.
818 W. 7th St., Suite 930
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Attn: Vivian Imperial

30. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the relationship between CITY and CONTRACTOR is one of principal and independent contractor and no other. All personnel to be utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement shall be employees of CONTRACTOR and not employees of the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall pay all salaries and wages, employer's social security taxes, unemployment insurance and similar taxes relating to employees and shall be responsible for all applicable withholding taxes. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, employment relations, or any other relationship except as set forth between the parties. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that CONTRACTOR is not a partner with CITY, whether general or limited, and no activities of CITY or CONTRACTOR or statements made by CITY or CONTRACTOR shall be interpreted by any of the parties hereto as establishing any type of business relationship other than an independent contractor relationship.

31. PERS ELIGIBILITY INDEMNIFICATION.

In the event that CONTRACTOR or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the CITY, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of CONTRACTOR or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of CITY.

Notwithstanding any other agency, state or federal policy, rule, regulation, law or ordinance to the contrary, CONTRACTOR and any of its employees, agents, and

subcontractors providing service under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by CITY, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in PERS as an employee of CITY and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by CITY for employer contribution and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

32. VALIDITY.

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

33. GOVERNING LAW.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any legal action relating to or arising out of this Agreement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the County of Orange, California.

34. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS.

This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of the CITY and CONTRACTOR and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

35. ASSIGNABILITY.

This Agreement may not be sold, transferred or assigned by either party, or by operation of law, to any other person or persons or business entity, without the other party's written permission. Any such sale, transfer or assignment, or attempted sale, transfer or assignment without written permission, may be deemed by the other party to constitute a voluntary termination of this Agreement and this Agreement shall thereafter be deemed terminated and void.

36. WAIVER.

No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing

and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought referring expressly to this Paragraph. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

37. HEADINGS.

Section and subsection headings are not to be considered part of this Agreement, are included solely for convenience, and are not intended to modify or explain or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof.

38. COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by the parties hereto. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one Agreement.

39. CORPORATE AUTHORITY.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said Parties and that by doing so, the Parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

40. ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

CONTRACTOR shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of the Contract Documents unless such additional services, including change orders, are approved in writing by CITY prior to CONTRACTOR performing the additional services.

It is specifically understood that oral requests or approvals of such additional services, change orders or additional compensation and any approvals from CITY shall be barred and are unenforceable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

CITY OF COSTA MESA,
A municipal corporation

Tamara Letourneau
Acting City Manager

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

Signature

Date: _____

Name and Title

Signature

Date: _____

Name and Title

Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

ATTEST:

Brenda Green
City Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Hall Barlow
City Attorney

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

Ruth Wang
Risk Management

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO PURCHASING:

Kelly Telford
Finance Director

Date: _____

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL:

Raja Sethuraman
Public Services Director

Date: _____

Arash Rahimian
Project Manager

Date: _____