

## STANDARD PROVISIONS FOR CITY CONTRACTS

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### **PSC-1. CONSTRUCTION OF PROVISIONS AND TITLES HEREIN**

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

### **PSC-2. NUMBER OF ORIGINALS**

The number of original texts of this Contract shall be equal to the number of the parties hereto, one text being retained by each party. At the **CITY'S** option, one or more additional original texts of this Contract may also be retained by the City.

### **PSC-3. APPLICABLE LAW, INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

Each party's performance hereunder shall comply with all applicable laws of the United States of America, the State of California, and the **CITY**, including but not limited to, laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, wage and hours and licensing laws which affect employees. This Contract shall be enforced and interpreted under the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. **CONTRACTOR** shall comply with new, amended, or revised laws, regulations, and/or procedures that apply to the performance of this Contract.

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

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

**PSC-4. TIME OF EFFECTIVENESS**

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

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

**PSC-5. INTEGRATED CONTRACT**

This Contract sets forth all of the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and replaces any and all previous Contracts or understandings, whether written or oral, relating thereto. This Contract may be amended only as provided for in paragraph PSC-6 hereof.

**PSC-6. AMENDMENT**

All amendments to this Contract shall be in writing and signed and approved pursuant to the provisions of PSC-4.

**PSC-7. EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

In the event that performance on the part of any party hereto is delayed or suspended as a result of circumstances beyond the reasonable control and without the fault and negligence of said party, none of the parties shall incur any liability to the other parties as a result of such delay or suspension. Circumstances deemed to be beyond the control of the parties hereunder include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy; insurrection; acts of the Federal Government or any unit of State or Local Government in either sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; earthquakes; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes; freight embargoes or delays in transportation, to the extent that they are not caused by the party's willful or negligent acts or omissions, and to the extent that they are beyond the party's reasonable control.

**PSC-8. BREACH**

Except for excusable delays as described in PSC-7, if any party fails to perform, in whole or in part, any promise, covenant, or agreement set forth herein, or should any representation made by it be untrue, any aggrieved party may avail itself of all rights

and remedies, at law or equity, in the courts of law. Said rights and remedies are cumulative of those provided for herein except that in no event shall any party recover more than once, suffer a penalty or forfeiture, or be unjustly compensated.

**PSC-9. WAIVER**

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

**PSC-10. TERMINATION**

**A. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE**

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

**B. TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT**

1. Except for excusable delays as provided in PSC-7, if CONTRACTOR fails to perform any of the provisions of this Contract or so fails to make progress as to endanger timely performance of this Contract, the CITY may give CONTRACTOR written notice of such default. If CONTRACTOR does not cure such default or provide a plan to cure such default which is acceptable to the CITY within the time permitted by the CITY, then the CITY may terminate this Contract due to CONTRACTOR'S breach of this Contract.
2. If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against CONTRACTOR, or if CONTRACTOR makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then the CITY may immediately terminate this Contract.
3. If CONTRACTOR engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract or violates the

**CITY'S** lobbying policies, then the **CITY** may immediately terminate this Contract.

4. In the event the **CITY** terminates this Contract as provided in this section, the **CITY** may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the **CITY** may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and **CONTRACTOR** shall be liable to the **CITY** for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited, any excess costs for such services.
5. All finished or unfinished documents and materials produced or procured under this Contract, including all intellectual property rights thereto, shall become **CITY** property upon date of such termination. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to execute any documents necessary for the **CITY** to perfect, memorialize, or record the **CITY'S** ownership of rights provided herein.
6. If, after notice of termination of this Contract under the provisions of this section, it is determined for any reason that **CONTRACTOR** was not in default under the provisions of this section, or that the default was excusable under the terms of this Contract, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to PSC-10(A) Termination for Convenience.
7. The rights and remedies of the **CITY** provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

**PSC-11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

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

**PSC-12. CONTRACTOR'S PERSONNEL**

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

**CONTRACTOR** shall not use subcontractors to assist in performance of this Contract without the prior written approval of the **CITY**. If the **CITY** permits the use of subcontractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall remain responsible for performing all aspects of

this Contract. The **CITY** has the right to approve **CONTRACTOR'S** subcontractors, and the **CITY** reserves the right to request replacement of subcontractors. The **CITY** does not have any obligation to pay **CONTRACTOR'S** subcontractors, and nothing herein creates any privity between the **CITY** and the subcontractors.

**PSC-13. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT OR DELEGATION**

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

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

**PSC-14. PERMITS**

**CONTRACTOR** and its directors, officers, partners, agents, employees, and subcontractors, to the extent allowed hereunder, shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, certifications and other documents necessary for **CONTRACTOR'S** performance hereunder and shall pay any fees required therefor. **CONTRACTOR** certifies to immediately notify the **CITY** of any suspension, termination, lapses, non-renewals, or restrictions of licenses, permits, certificates, or other documents.

**PSC-15. CLAIMS FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS**

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

**PSC-16. CURRENT LOS ANGELES CITY BUSINESS TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIRED**

If applicable, **CONTRACTOR** represents that it has obtained and presently holds the Business Tax Registration Certificate(s) required by the **CITY'S** Business Tax Ordinance, Section 21.00 *et seq.* of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. For the term covered by this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall maintain, or obtain as necessary, all such Certificates required of it under the Business Tax Ordinance, and shall not allow any such Certificate to be revoked or suspended.

**PSC-17. RETENTION OF RECORDS, AUDIT AND REPORTS**

**CONTRACTOR** shall maintain all records, including records of financial transactions, pertaining to the performance of this Contract, in their original form, in accordance with