

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**By and Between**

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY**

**and**

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**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY AND**

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THIS AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES (herein“ Agreement”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 by and between the Town of Yucca Valley, a general law city (“Town”) and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (“Consultant”). Town and Consultant are sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”). Consultant

**RECITALS**

A. Town has sought, by issuance of a Request for Proposals or Invitation for Bids, the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement.

B. Consultant, following submission of a proposal or bid for the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement, was selected by the Town to perform those services.

C. Pursuant to the Town’s Municipal Code, Town has authority to enter into and execute this Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to formalize the selection of Consultant for performance of those services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement and desire that the terms of that performance be as particularly defined and described herein.

**OPERATIVE PROVISIONS**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants made by the Parties and contained herein and other consideration, the value and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. SERVICES OF CONSULTANT**

1.1 Scope of Services.

In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide those services specified in the “Scope of Services” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference, which services may be referred to herein as the “services” or “work” hereunder. As a material inducement to the Town entering into this Agreement, Consultant represents and warrants that it has the qualifications, experience, and facilities necessary to properly perform the services required under this Agreement in a thorough, competent, and professional manner, and is experienced in performing the work and services contemplated herein. Consultant shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of its ability, experience and talent, perform all services described herein. Consultant covenants that it shall follow the highest professional standards in performing the work and services required hereunder and that all materials will be of good quality, fit for the purpose intended. For purposes of this Agreement, the phrase “highest professional standards” shall mean those

standards of practice recognized by one or more first-class firms performing similar work under similar circumstances.

#### 1.2 Consultant's Proposal.

This Agreement shall include the Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bids ("Contract Documents") and the Scope of Service shall include the Consultant's scope of work in Consultant's accepted bid proposal ("Accepted Bid") shall be incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of any inconsistency between the Contract Documents, Accepted Bid, and/or this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

#### 1.3 Compliance with Law.

Consultant shall keep itself informed concerning, and shall render all services hereunder in accordance with all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, and regulations of the Town and any Federal, State or local governmental entity having jurisdiction in effect at the time service is rendered.

#### 1.4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments.

Consultant shall obtain at its sole cost and expense such licenses, permits and approvals as may be required by law for the performance of the services required by this Agreement. Consultant shall have the sole obligation to pay for any fees, assessments and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for the Consultant's performance of the services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Town, its officers, employees or agents of Town, against any such fees, assessments, taxes penalties or interest levied, assessed or imposed against Town hereunder.

#### 1.5 Familiarity with Work.

By executing this Agreement, Consultant warrants that Consultant (i) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (ii) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (iii) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, Consultant warrants that Consultant has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services hereunder. Should the Consultant discover any latent or unknown conditions, which will materially affect the performance of the services hereunder, Consultant shall immediately inform the Town of such fact and shall not proceed except at Town's risk until written instructions are received from the Contract Officer.

#### 1.6 Care of Work.

The Consultant shall adopt reasonable methods during the life of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and/or other components thereof to prevent losses or damages, and shall be responsible for all such damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by Town, except such losses or damages as may be caused by Town's own negligence.

1.7 Further Responsibilities of Parties.

Both parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. Both parties agree to act in good faith to execute all instruments, prepare all documents and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Unless hereafter specified, neither party shall be responsible for the service of the other.

1.8 Additional Services.

Town shall have the right at any time during the performance of the services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from said work. No such extra work may be undertaken unless a written order is first given by the Contract Officer to the Consultant, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Contract Sum for the actual cost of the extra services, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement, which said adjustments are subject to the written approval of the Consultant. Any increase in compensation of up to ten percent (10%) of the Contract Sum or \$25,000, whichever is less; or in the time to perform of up to one hundred eighty (180) days may be approved by the Contract Officer. Any greater increases, taken either separately or cumulatively must be approved by the Town Council. It is expressly understood by Consultant that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services. Consultant hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services to be provided pursuant to the Scope of Services may be more costly or time consuming than Consultant anticipates and that Consultant shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefor. Town may in its sole and absolute discretion have similar work done by other contractors. No claims for an increase in the Contract Sum or time for performance shall be valid unless the procedures established in this Section are followed.

1.9 Special Requirements.

Additional terms and conditions of this Agreement, if any, which are made a part hereof are set forth in the "Special Requirements" attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Exhibit "B" and any other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of Exhibit "B" shall govern.

**ARTICLE 2. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.**

2.1 Contract Sum.

Subject to any limitations set forth in this Agreement, Town agrees to pay Consultant the amounts specified in the "Schedule of Compensation" attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by this reference. The total compensation, including reimbursement for actual expenses, shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_) (the "Contract Sum"), unless additional compensation is approved pursuant to Section 1.8.

2.2 Method of Compensation.

The method of compensation may include: (i) a lump sum payment upon completion; (ii) payment in accordance with specified tasks or the percentage of completion of the services less contract retention; (iii) payment for time and materials based upon the Consultant's rates as

specified in the Schedule of Compensation, provided that (a) time estimates are provided for the performance of sub tasks, (b) contract retention is maintained, and (c) the Contract Sum is not exceeded; or (iv) such other methods as may be specified in the Schedule of Compensation.

### 2.3 Reimbursable Expenses.

Compensation may include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures for reproduction costs, telephone expenses, and travel expenses approved by the Contract Officer in advance, or actual subcontractor expenses of an approved subcontractor pursuant to Section 4.5, and only if specified in the Schedule of Compensation. The Contract Sum shall include the attendance of Consultant at all project meetings reasonably deemed necessary by the Town. Coordination of the performance of the work with Town is a critical component of the services. If Consultant is required to attend additional meetings to facilitate such coordination, Consultant shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for attending said meetings.

### 2.4 Invoices.

Each month Consultant shall furnish to Town an original invoice for all work performed and expenses incurred during the preceding month in a form approved by Town's Finance Manager. By submitting an invoice for payment under this Agreement, Consultant is certifying compliance with all provisions of the Agreement. The invoice shall detail charges for all necessary and actual expenses by the following categories: labor (by sub-category), travel, materials, equipment, supplies, and sub-contractor contracts. Sub-contractor charges shall also be detailed by such categories. Consultant shall not invoice Town for any duplicate services performed by more than one person.

Town may independently review each invoice submitted by the Consultant to determine whether the work performed and expenses incurred are in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. Except as to any charges for work performed or expenses incurred by Consultant which are disputed by Town, or as provided in Section 7.3. Town will use its best efforts to cause Consultant to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of Consultant's correct and undisputed invoice; however, Consultant acknowledges and agrees that due to Town warrant run procedures, the Town cannot guarantee that payment will occur within this time period. In the event any charges or expenses are disputed by Town, the original invoice shall be returned by Town to Consultant for correction and resubmission. Review and payment by the Town of any invoice provided by the Consultant shall not constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies provided herein or any applicable law.

### 2.5 Waiver.

Payment to Consultant for work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive any defects in work performed by Consultant.

## **ARTICLE 3. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

### 3.1 Time of Essence.

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

3.2 Schedule of Performance.

Consultant shall commence the services pursuant to this Agreement upon receipt of a written notice to proceed and shall perform all services within the time period(s) established in the "Schedule of Performance" attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and incorporated herein by this reference. When requested by the Consultant, extensions to the time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance may be approved in writing by the Contract Officer but not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days cumulatively.

3.3 Force Majeure.

The time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance for performance of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, litigation, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including the Town, if the Consultant shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay notify the Contract Officer in writing of the causes of the delay. The Contract Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay, and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of the Contract Officer such delay is justified. The Contract Officer shall extend the time for performance in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 1.8. The Contract Officer's determination shall be final and conclusive upon the parties to this Agreement. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to recover damages against the Town for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused, Consultant's sole remedy being extension of the Agreement pursuant to this Section.

3.4 Term.

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article 7 of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until completion of the services but not exceeding one (1) year from the date hereof, except as otherwise provided in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit "D").

**ARTICLE 4. COORDINATION OF WORK**

4.1 Representatives and Personnel of Consultant.

The following principals of Consultant ("Principals") are hereby designated as being the principals and representatives of Consultant authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified herein and make all decisions in connection therewith:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

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(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

It is expressly understood that the experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of the foregoing Principals were a substantial inducement for Town to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, the Principals shall be responsible during the term of this Agreement for directing all activities of Consultant and devoting sufficient time to personally supervise the services hereunder. All personnel of Consultant, and any authorized agents, shall at all times be under the exclusive direction and control of the Principals. For purposes of this Agreement, the Principals may not be replaced nor may their responsibilities be substantially reduced by Consultant without the express written approval of Town. Additionally, Consultant shall utilize only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall make every reasonable effort to maintain the stability and continuity of Consultant's staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall notify Town of any changes in Consultant's staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement, prior to and during any such performance. In the event that Town, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, desire to reassign any staff or subcontractor of Consultant, Consultant shall, immediately upon reassign notice from Town of such desire of Town, reassign such persons or persons.

#### 4.2 Status of Consultant.

Consultant shall have no authority to bind Town in any manner, or to incur any obligation, debt or liability of any kind on behalf of or against Town, whether by contract or otherwise, unless such authority is expressly conferred under this Agreement or is otherwise expressly conferred in writing by Town. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that Consultant or any of Consultant's officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officials, officers, employees or agents of Town. Neither Consultant, nor any of Consultant's officers, employees or agents, shall obtain any rights to retirement, health care or any other benefits which may otherwise accrue to Town's employees. Consultant expressly waives any claim Consultant may have to any such rights.

#### 4.3 Contract Officer.

The Contract Officer shall be such person as may be designated by the Town Manager. It shall be the Consultant's responsibility to assure that the Contract Officer is kept informed of the progress of the performance of the services and the Consultant shall refer any decisions which must be made by Town to the Contract Officer. Unless otherwise specified herein, any approval of Town required hereunder shall mean the approval of the Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall have authority, if specified in writing by the Town Manager, to sign all documents on behalf of the Town required hereunder to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

#### 4.4 Independent Consultant.

Neither the Town nor any of its employees shall have any control over the manner, mode or means by which Consultant, its agents or employees, perform the services required herein, except as otherwise set forth herein. Town shall have no voice in the selection, discharge, supervision or control of Consultant's employees, servants, representatives or agents, or in fixing

their number, compensation or hours of service. Consultant shall perform all services required herein as an independent contractor of Town and shall remain at all times as to Town a wholly independent contractor with only such obligations as are consistent with that role. Consultant shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of Town. Town shall not in any way or for any purpose become or be deemed to be a partner of Consultant in its business or otherwise or a joint venturer or a member of any joint enterprise with Consultant.

#### 4.5 Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignment.

The experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of Consultant, its principals and employees were a substantial inducement for the Town to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, Consultant shall not contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereunder without the express written approval of the Town. In addition, neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written approval of Town. Transfers restricted hereunder shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than twenty five percent (25%) of the present ownership and/or control of Consultant, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis. In the event of any such unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, this Agreement shall be void. No approved transfer shall release the Consultant or any surety of Consultant of any liability hereunder without the express consent of Town.

### **ARTICLE 5. INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION AND BONDS**

#### 5.1 Insurance Coverages.

The Consultant shall not commence Work under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the Town that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Consultant shall not allow any subconsultant to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the Town and the subconsultant has secured all insurance required under this section. Failure to provide and maintain all required insurance shall be grounds for the Town to terminate this Agreement for cause.

Minimum requirements. Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, procure and maintain for at least the duration of the Agreement, including any extension thereof, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees or subconsultants. Consultant shall also require of the subconsultants to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement including any extension thereof. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

(a) Commercial General Liability Insurance (Occurrence Form CG0001 or equivalent). A policy of comprehensive general liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. The policy of insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence or if Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with general aggregate limit is used, then either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.

(b) Workers Compensation Insurance. A policy of workers compensation insurance in such amount as will fully comply with the Labor Code of the State of California and Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

(c) Automotive Insurance (Form CA 0001 (Ed 1/87) including "any auto" and endorsement CA 0025 or equivalent). A policy of comprehensive automobile liability insurance written on a per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

(d) Professional Liability. Professional liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession. This coverage may be written on a "claims made" basis, and must include coverage for contractual liability. The professional liability insurance required by this Agreement must be endorsed to be applicable to claims based upon, arising out of or related to services performed under this Agreement. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work. Coverage applicable to the work performed under this agreement shall be continued for five (5) years after completion of the work. Such continuation coverage may be provided by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.

(e) Consultant shall provide to the Town an endorsement that the workers' compensation insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the Town and its officials, officers, employees and volunteers.

(f) Additional Insurance. Policies of such other insurance, as may be required in the Special Requirements.

(g) Subcontractors. Consultant shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and certified endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

## 5.2 General Insurance Requirements.

All of the above policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, of insurance shall be primary insurance and shall name the Town, its elected and appointed officers, employees and agents as additional insureds by way of endorsement and any insurance maintained by Town or its officers, employees or agents shall apply in excess of, and not contribute with Consultant's insurance. The insurer is deemed hereof to waive all rights of subrogation and contribution it may have against the Town, its officers, employees and agents and their respective insurers. If the Consultant maintains higher limits than the specified limits, the Town requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Consultant.

If the deductible or self-insured retention exceeds \$\_\_\_\_\_, it must be approved in advance by the Town. Consultant is responsible for any deductible or self-insured retention and shall fund it upon the Town's written request, regardless of whether Consultant has a claim against the insurance or is named as a party in any action. The insurance policy must specify that where the primary insured does not satisfy the self-insured retention, any additional insured may satisfy the self-insured retention.

The policy shall cover inter-insured suits and include a “separation of insureds” or “severability” clause which treats each insured separately.

No work or services under this Agreement shall commence until the Consultant has provided the Town with Certificates of Insurance or appropriate insurance binders evidencing the above insurance coverages and said Certificates of Insurance or binders are approved by the Town. Town reserves the right to inspect complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. Any failure to comply with the reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches or warranties shall not affect coverage provided to Town.

The insurance required by this Agreement shall be satisfactory only if issued by companies qualified to do business in California, rated “A” or better in the most recent edition of Best Rating Guide, The Key Rating Guide or in the Federal Register, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless such requirements are waived by the Town’s Risk Manager or other designee of the Town due to unique circumstances.

All Coverages. Consultant shall provide immediate written notice if (1) any of the required insurance policies is terminated; (2) the limits of any of the required policies are reduced; (3) or the deductible or self-insured retention is increased.

Town, its respective elected and appointed officers, directors, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of ongoing operations Consultant performs; products and completed operations of Consultant; premises owned, occupied or used by Consultant; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to Town, and their respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees or volunteers. 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 insurer's liability.

. The Consultant agrees that the requirement to provide insurance shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the Consultant may be held responsible for the payment of damages to any persons or property resulting from the Consultant’s activities or the activities of any person or persons for which the Consultant is otherwise responsible nor shall it limit the Consultant’s indemnification liabilities as provided in Section 5.3.

In the event the Consultant subcontracts any portion of the work in compliance with Section 4.5 of this Agreement, the contract between the Consultant and such subcontractor shall require the subcontractor to maintain the same policies of insurance that the Consultant is required to maintain pursuant to Section 5.1, and such certificates and endorsements shall be provided to Town.

### 5.3 Indemnification.

To the full extent permitted by law, Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town, its officers, employees and agents (“Indemnified Parties”) against, and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from, any and all actions, either judicial, administrative, arbitration or regulatory claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions or liabilities whether actual or threatened (herein “claims or liabilities”) that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm or entity arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of the work, operations or activities provided herein

of Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or invitees, or any individual or entity for which Consultant is legally liable (“indemnors”), or arising from Consultant’s reckless or willful misconduct, or arising from Consultant’s or indemnors’ negligent performance of or failure to perform any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement, and in connection therewith:

(a) Consultant will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities and will pay all costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys’ fees incurred in connection therewith;

(b) Consultant will promptly pay any judgment rendered against the Town, its officers, agents or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform such work, operations or activities of Consultant hereunder; and Consultant agrees to save and hold the Town, its officers, agents, and employees harmless therefrom;

(c) In the event the Town, its officers, agents or employees is made a party to any action or proceeding filed or prosecuted against Consultant for such damages or other claims arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform the work, operation or activities of Consultant hereunder, Consultant agrees to pay to the Town, its officers, agents or employees, any and all costs and expenses incurred by the Town, its officers, agents or employees in such action or proceeding, including but not limited to, legal costs and attorneys’ fees.

Consultant shall incorporate similar, indemnity agreements with its subcontractors and if it fails to do so Consultant shall be fully responsible to indemnify Town hereunder therefore, and failure of Town to monitor compliance with these provisions shall not be a waiver hereof. This indemnification includes claims or liabilities arising from any negligent or wrongful act, error or omission, or reckless or willful misconduct of Consultant in the performance of professional services hereunder. The provisions of this Section do not apply to claims or liabilities occurring as a result of Town’s sole negligence or willful acts or omissions, but, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall apply to claims and liabilities resulting in part from Town’s negligence, except that design professionals’ indemnity hereunder shall be limited to claims and liabilities arising out of the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the design professional. The indemnity obligation shall be binding on successors and assigns of Consultant and shall survive termination of this Agreement.

In addition, Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from, any and all claims and liabilities for any infringement of patent rights, copyrights or trademark on any person or persons in consequence of the use by the Indemnified Parties of articles to be supplied by Consultant under this Agreement, and of which the Consultant is not the patentee or assignee or has not the lawful right to sell the same.

#### 5.4 Sufficiency of Insurer or Surety.

Insurance required by this Agreement shall be satisfactory only if issued by companies qualified to do business in California, rated “A” or better in the most recent edition of Best Rating Guide, The Key Rating Guide or in the Federal Register, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless such requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of the

Town (“Risk Manager”) due to unique circumstances. If this Agreement continues for more than 3 years duration, or in the event the Risk Manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to the Town, the Consultant agrees that the minimum limits of the insurance policies may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager.

## **ARTICLE 6. RECORDS, REPORTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

### **6.1 Records.**

Consultant shall keep, and require subcontractors to keep, such ledgers books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, reports, studies or other documents relating to the disbursements charged to Town and services performed hereunder (the “books and records”), as shall be necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement and enable the Contract Officer to evaluate the performance of such services. Any and all such documents shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be complete and detailed. The Contract Officer shall have full and free access to such books and records at all times during normal business hours of Town, including the right to inspect, copy, audit and make records and transcripts from such records. Such records shall be maintained for a period of 3 years following completion of the services hereunder, and the Town shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required. In the event of dissolution of Consultant’s business, custody of the books and records may be given to Town, and access shall be provided by Consultant’s successor in interest.

### **6.2 Reports.**

Consultant shall periodically prepare and submit to the Contract Officer such reports concerning the performance of the services required by this Agreement as the Contract Officer shall require. Consultant hereby acknowledges that the Town is greatly concerned about the cost of work and services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. For this reason, Consultant agrees that if Consultant becomes aware of any facts, circumstances, techniques, or events that may or will materially increase or decrease the cost of the work or services contemplated herein or, if Consultant is providing design services, the cost of the project being designed, Consultant shall promptly notify the Contract Officer of said fact, circumstance, technique or event and the estimated increased or decreased cost related thereto and, if Consultant is providing design services, the estimated increased or decreased cost estimate for the project being designed.

### **6.3 Ownership of Documents.**

All drawings, specifications, maps, designs, photographs, studies, surveys, data, notes, computer files, reports, records, documents and other materials (the “documents and materials”) prepared by Consultant, its employees, subcontractors and agents in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of Town and shall be delivered to Town upon request of the Contract Officer or upon the termination of this Agreement, and Consultant shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by Town of its full rights of ownership use, reuse, or assignment of the documents and materials hereunder. Any use, reuse or assignment of such completed documents for other projects and/or use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization by the Consultant will be at the Town’s sole risk and without liability to Consultant, and Consultant’s guarantee and warranties

shall not extend to such use, reuse or assignment. Consultant may retain copies of such documents for its own use. Consultant shall have the right to use the concepts embodied therein. All subcontractors shall provide for assignment to Town of any documents or materials prepared by them, and in the event Consultant fails to secure such assignment, Consultant shall indemnify Town for all damages resulting therefrom.

#### 6.4 Confidentiality and Release of Information.

(a) All information gained or work product produced by Consultant in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential, unless such information is in the public domain or already known to Consultant. Consultant shall not release or disclose any such information or work product to persons or entities other than Town without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer.

(b) Consultant, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, shall not, without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer or unless requested by the Town Attorney, voluntarily provide documents, declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Consultant gives Town notice of such court order or subpoena.

(c) If Consultant, or any officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of Consultant, provides any information or work product in violation of this Agreement, then Town shall have the right to reimbursement and indemnity from Consultant for any damages, costs and fees, including attorneys fees, caused by or incurred as a result of Consultant's conduct.

(d) Consultant shall promptly notify Town should Consultant, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed there under. Town retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Consultant or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with Town and to provide Town with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Consultant. However, this right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by Town to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

### **ARTICLE 7. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION**

#### 7.1 California Law.

This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and governed both as to validity and to performance of the parties in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Legal actions concerning any dispute, claim or matter arising out of or in relation to this Agreement shall be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, or any other appropriate court in such county, and Consultant covenants and agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such court in the event of such action. In the event of litigation in a U.S. District Court, venue shall lie exclusively in the Central District of California, in San Bernardino County.

## 7.2 Disputes; Default.

In the event that Consultant is in default under the terms of this Agreement, the Town shall not have any obligation or duty to continue compensating Consultant for any work performed after the date of default. Instead, the Town may give notice to Consultant of the default and the reasons for the default. The notice shall include the timeframe in which Consultant may cure the default. This timeframe is presumptively thirty (30) days, but may be extended, though not reduced, if circumstances warrant. During the period of time that Consultant is in default, the Town shall hold all invoices and shall proceed with payment on the invoices only when the default is cured. In the alternative, the Town may, in its sole discretion, elect to pay some or all of the outstanding invoices during the period of default. If Consultant does not cure the default, the Town may take necessary steps to terminate this Agreement under this Article. Any failure on the part of the Town to give notice of the Consultant's default shall not be deemed to result in a waiver of the Town's legal rights or any rights arising out of any provision of this Agreement.

## 7.3 Retention of Funds.

Consultant hereby authorizes Town to deduct from any amount payable to Consultant (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) (i) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute hereunder or which are necessary to compensate Town for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by Town, and (ii) all amounts for which Town may be liable to third parties, by reason of Consultant's acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform Consultant's obligation under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by Consultant, or any indebtedness shall exist which shall appear to be the basis for a claim of lien, Town may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of such withholding, an amount sufficient to cover such claim. The failure of Town to exercise such right to deduct or to withhold shall not, however, affect the obligations of the Consultant to insure, indemnify, and protect Town as elsewhere provided herein.

## 7.4 Waiver.

Waiver by any party to this Agreement of any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver by any party of any breach of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision or a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement. Acceptance by Town of any work or services by Consultant shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

## 7.5 Rights and Remedies are Cumulative.

Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other party.

#### 7.6 Legal Action.

In addition to any other rights or remedies, either party may take legal action, in law or in equity, to cure, correct or remedy any default, to recover damages for any default, to compel specific performance of this Agreement, to obtain declaratory or injunctive relief, or to obtain any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any contrary provision herein, Consultant must file a statutory claim pursuant to Government Code Sections 905 et seq. and 910 et. seq., in order to pursue a legal action under this Agreement.

#### 7.7 Termination Prior to Expiration of Term.

This Section shall govern any termination of this Contract except as specifically provided in the following Section for termination for cause. The Town reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Consultant, except that where termination is due to the fault of the Consultant, the period of notice may be such shorter time as may be determined by the Contract Officer. In addition, the Consultant reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days' written notice to Town, except that where termination is due to the fault of the Town, the period of notice may be such shorter time as the Consultant may determine. Upon receipt of any notice of termination, Consultant shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved by the Contract Officer. Except where the Consultant has initiated termination, the Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to the effective date of the notice of termination and for any services authorized by the Contract Officer thereafter in accordance with the Schedule of Compensation or such as may be approved by the Contract Officer, except as provided in Section 7.3. In the event the Consultant has initiated termination, the Consultant shall be entitled to compensation only for the reasonable value of the work product actually produced hereunder. In the event of termination without cause pursuant to this Section, the terminating party need not provide the non-terminating party with the opportunity to cure pursuant to Section 7.2.

#### 7.8 Termination for Default of Consultant.

If termination is due to the failure of the Consultant to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, Town may, after compliance with the provisions of Section 7.2, take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Consultant shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the services required hereunder exceeds the compensation herein stipulated (provided that the Town shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate such damages), and Town may withhold any payments to the Consultant for the purpose of set-off or partial payment of the amounts owed the Town as previously stated.

#### 7.9 Attorneys' Fees.

If either party to this Agreement is required to initiate or defend or made a party to any action or proceeding in any way connected with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief which may be granted, whether legal or equitable, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees. Attorney's fees shall include attorney's fees on any appeal, and in addition a party entitled to attorney's fees shall be entitled to all other reasonable costs for investigating such action, taking depositions and discovery and all other necessary costs the court allows which are incurred in such litigation. All such fees shall be

deemed to have accrued on commencement of such action and shall be enforceable whether or not such action is prosecuted to judgment.

## **ARTICLE 8. TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

### **8.1 Non-liability of Town Officers and Employees.**

No officer or employee of the Town shall be personally liable to the Consultant, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by the Town or for any amount which may become due to the Consultant or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

### **8.2 Conflict of Interest.**

Consultant covenants that neither it, nor any officer or principal of its firm, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the interests of Town or which would in any way hinder Consultant's performance of services under this Agreement. Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by it as an officer, employee, agent or subcontractor without the express written consent of the Contract Officer. Consultant agrees to at all times avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of any conflicts of interest with the interests of Town in the performance of this Agreement.

No officer or employee of the Town shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which effects his financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he is, directly or indirectly, interested, in violation of any State statute or regulation. The Consultant warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give any third party any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.

### **8.3 Covenant Against Discrimination.**

Consultant covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, age, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, religion, marital status, national origin, gender identity, veteran status, disability, medical condition, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions, military service, genetic information or testing, sexual orientation, ancestry, or other protected class in the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, or other protected class.

### **8.4 Unauthorized Aliens.**

Consultant hereby promises and agrees to comply with all of the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C.A. §§ 1101, et seq., as amended, and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Consultant so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of work and/or services covered by this Agreement, and should the any liability or sanctions be imposed against Town for such use of unauthorized

aliens, Consultant hereby agrees to and shall reimburse Town for the cost of all such liabilities or sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by Town.

## **ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **9.1 Notices.**

Any notice, demand, request, document, consent, approval, or communication either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail, in the case of the Town, to the Town Manager and to the attention of the Contract Officer, TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, California 92284 and in the case of the Consultant, to the person at the address designated on the execution page of this Agreement. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing. Notice shall be deemed communicated at the time personally delivered or in seventy-two (72) hours from the time of mailing if mailed as provided in this Section.

### **9.2 Interpretation.**

The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

### **9.3 Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

### **9.4 Integration; Amendment.**

This Agreement including the attachments hereto is the entire, complete and exclusive expression of the understanding of the parties. It is understood that there are no oral agreements between the parties hereto affecting this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements and understandings, if any, between the parties, and none shall be used to interpret this Agreement. No amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and approved by the Consultant and by the Town Council. The parties agree that this requirement for written modifications cannot be waived and that any attempted waiver shall be void.

### **9.5 Severability.**

In the event that any one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either party of the basic benefit of their bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.

9.6 Corporate Authority.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that (i) such party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said party is bound. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties.

**[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first-above written.

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Town Attorney

**CONTRACTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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

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**Two signatures are required if a corporation.**

**NOTE: CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURES SHALL BE DULY NOTARIZED, AND APPROPRIATE ATTESTATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS ENTITY.**

**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 before me, \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose names(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- I. Consultant will perform the following Services:**
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  
- II. As part of the Services, Consultant will prepare and deliver the following tangible work products to the Town:**
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  
- III. In addition to the requirements of Section 6.2, during performance of the Services, Consultant will keep the Town apprised of the status of performance by delivering the following status reports:**
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  
- IV. All work product is subject to review and acceptance by the Town, and must be revised by the Consultant without additional charge to the Town until found satisfactory and accepted by Town.**
  
- V. Consultant will utilize the following personnel to accomplish the Services:**
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.

**EXHIBIT "B"**

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS  
(Superseding Contract Boilerplate)**

**EXHIBIT "C"**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION**

**I. Consultant shall perform the following tasks at the following rates:**

	<b>RATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SUB-BUDGET</b>
<b>A.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>B.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>C.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>D.</b>	_____	_____	_____

**II. A retention of ten percent (10%) shall be held from each payment as a contract retention to be paid as part of the final payment upon satisfactory completion of services.**

**III. Within the budgeted amounts for each Task, and with the approval of the Contract Officer, funds may be shifted from one Task sub budget to another so long as the Contract Sum is not exceeded per Section 2.1, unless Additional Services are approved per Section 1.9.**

**IV. The Town will compensate Consultant for the Services performed upon submission of a valid invoice. Each invoice is to include:**

**A.** Line items for all personnel describing the work performed, the number of hours worked, and the hourly rate.

**B.** Line items for all materials and equipment properly charged to the Services.

**C.** Line items for all other approved reimbursable expenses claimed, with supporting documentation.

**D.** Line items for all approved subcontractor labor, supplies, equipment, materials, and travel properly charged to the Services.

**V. The total compensation for the Services shall not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.**

**VI. The Consultant's billing rates for all personnel are attached as Exhibit C-1.**

**EXHIBIT "D"**

**SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE**

- I. Consultant shall perform all Services timely in accordance with the schedule to be developed by Consultant and subject to the written approval of the Contract Officer and the Town Attorney's office.**
  
- II. Consultant shall deliver the following tangible work products to the Town by the following dates.**
  - A.**
  
  - B.**
  
  - C.**
  
- III. The Contract Officer may approve extensions for performance of the services in accordance with Section 3.2.**