

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sewer Rate Study

CITY OF ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA



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I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The City of Alameda (City) is requesting proposals from qualified firms to prepare a comprehensive sewer rate study, conduct the necessary property owner mailing and participate in the public hearing to adopt the proposed rates. The purpose of this study is to prepare a cost-of-service study, validate the appropriate rate structure, and recommend rates for the City that generate adequate revenue to cover:

- Current and future operations and maintenance costs based on established and anticipated regulations and industry best management practices;
- Rate stabilization;
- Capital Improvement project costs;
- An adequate reserve fund;
- Required debt coverage; and
- Necessary studies to maintain an efficient and resilient utility.

The study will analyze a 20-year period and develop a 5-Year Rate Structure compliant with California Proposition 218 requirement and any other relevant local, state and federal law.

Proposers shall read the information contained in this Request for Proposal (RFP) to understand how to submit the proposal, what documents must accompany the proposal and what legal obligations apply when the Proposer submits a proposal. Any Proposer that wishes to be considered for this work must submit the information requested in this RFP and if invited, participate in an evaluation interview panel.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The City last conducted a [Sewer Rate Study in 2019](#) that recommended rate increases through FY2025. The objectives of this scope of service is as follows:

- conduct a comprehensive review of the City's Sewer Enterprise Fund.
- prepare a comprehensive Sewer Rate Study with a recommended rate schedule for FY2026-FY2031 that is based on cost of service, follow generally accepted rate design criteria, and adhere to the substantive requirements of Proposition 218.
- Prepare and conduct proposition 218 mailing and public hearing to adopt new rates at or before the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

The proposal shall include all services to:

- Develop sewer rate structures that will allow the City to meet its financial obligations and ensure long term stability for the Sewer Enterprise Fund.
- Identify and analyze various direct costs for the Sewer Enterprise Fund including all debt service, overhead costs, personnel, administrative, operational and capital costs to

ensure that all costs of service for the Sewer Enterprise Fund are being fully accounted for and are allocated among all customer classes in a fair and equitable manner, consistent with State law.

- Assess current rate structure performance and cost-of-service allocations as a baseline for recommending changes. Include assessment of historical revenue, existing customer classifications, and cost of service distribution to existing classifications. Recommend changes that comply with Proposition 218 provisions and all federal, state and local rules and regulations.
- Assess current revenue, estimation of future revenue and ability to meet projected revenue requirements based on historical and current budgets, current operational expenses, future system requirements, expected operational changes and Capital Improvement Plan projects. Inflation, debt service repayment, reserve balance level increases and other cash obligations should also be considered.
- Develop and propose new five-year rate structure.
- Prepare draft Proposition 2018 notification for property owners in 3 languages for staff review. Conduct mailing of final notification to property owners.
- Develop a draft Sewer Rate Study for staff review and final Sewer Rate Study that incorporates staff comment.
- Present Final Sewer Rate Study to City Council and conduct public hearing to adopt rates.

The consultant is encouraged to expand and/or modify these services based on their experience and knowledge. The completeness of the consultant's proposed scope of services will be a consideration in selecting the firm to prepare the City's rate study. The proposer is encouraged to adjust the list of tasks below as necessary to provide the City with a complete rate study.

III. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The Proposer shall include in its proposal the information outlined below in a manner which demonstrates the Proposer's competence and qualifications for the satisfactory performance of the services identified in this RFP.

1. Statement of Qualifications

The Proposer shall prepare a statement of qualifications which identifies:

- a) A list of the Consultant's principals, employees, agents, and sub-service providers which the Proposer intends to assign to this project. This list shall include resumes and qualifications for each individual and the type of work to be performed by each individual.
- b) An identification of the Consultant's experience performing services for projects of a similar size, scope, and complexity as the services required by this RFP, including an identification of the number of years' Consultant has been performing similar services; and the most recent projects for which the Consultant has performed

similar services. The list of recent projects shall include the name, contact person, address, and phone number of each party for whom the service was provided, as well as a description of the service performed, the dollar amount of the contract, and the date of performance. Include at least three (3) project/references.

- c) A statement as to whether the Proposer, either presently or in the past, was involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization for any reason. If so, please provide dates and resolution. A statement as to whether the Proposer or any officer or employee of the company who has a proprietary interest in the Proposer, has ever been disqualified, removed, or otherwise prevented from proposing on, or completing a federal, state, or local government project because of a violation of law or safety regulation and if so, to explain the circumstances.

2. **Scope of Services and Project Schedule**

Provide a detailed scope of services that meets the objectives in Section II. Also include a Project Schedule for each task such that a final Public Hearing on the proposed sewer rates is conducted at or before the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting.

3. **Copy of A Rate Study and Proposition 218 Notification**

Include a copy of a recent rate study performed by the Consultant that is similar to the study to be prepared under this RFP. Also include an example of a Prop 218 notice sent to property owners.

4. **Project Pricing**

Provide a table with the estimated labor hours by personnel proposed for the project for each task identified in the scope of service. The table shall include subtotals by both column and row along with a total estimated hours to perform the Scope of Services. All pertinent and relevant assumptions that may affect the proposed hours shall be clearly listed in this section of the proposal.

5. **Statement of Exceptions, if any, to Standard Service Provider Agreement.**

The selected firm will be required to execute the Service Provide Agreement included in template form as **Appendix A**. All proposers are directed particularly to review all Indemnification, Hold Harmless and Insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement. If Proposer wishes to take exception to any of the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement for Service, these should be identified specifically; otherwise include a statement of no exception, labeled as Exhibit B in the submitted proposal. Failure to identify contractual issues of dispute can later be the basis for the City disqualifying a proposer. Any exceptions to terms, conditions, or other requirements must be clearly stated.

IV. QUESTIONS

The RFP is available electronically as a download at <https://www.alamedaca.gov/BUSINESS/Bid-on-City-Contracts> Proposers are solely responsible for determining if any addenda have been issued. Addenda will be published on this same website.

Please direct any Project questions to Erin Smith, esmith@alamedaca.gov. Questions must be by written email and received by August 16, 2024.

V. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

Proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format via email to esmith@alamedaca.gov with "SSMP Audit and Update Proposal" in the subject line. **Proposals must be received by 2:00 PM on August 22, 2024.** Late proposals will not be considered. The City assumes no responsibility for delays caused by delivery service. Any Proposal received prior to [DATE, TIME] may be modified by written addendum or withdrawn by written request from the Proposer to the City up to the official time when all proposals are due. Section VI contains a complete list of proposal requirements.

VI. SELECTION PROCESS

After review of the submitted proposals, the City may invite some or all proposers to present their qualifications and proposed approach or may decide to select one proposer without conducting interviews and enter contract negotiations directly. Proposer interviews, if necessary, are anticipated to be conducted according to the schedule provided in Section VIII. Details of the interview process will be provided along with the invitation to present.

The final selection will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Ability of the Proposer to Carry Out and Manage the Proposed Project (20%)

An assessment of the statement of qualifications, including past experience of the organization in general. Qualities and indicators that will receive consideration include the number and types of projects the organization or its employees have completed; the variety of projects completed and a demonstration of the organization's ability to undertake this project; and the demonstrated ability to work with governmental bodies and a full understanding of applicable laws or regulations that relate to the project.

2. Qualifications (40%)

The qualifications (including education, training, licenses, experience, and past performance) of the Proposer and its agents, employees, and sub-service providers. The City may consider Proposer's timely and accurate performance on contracts of a similar nature.

3. Willingness to Comply with the Proposed Agreement Terms (10%)

A sample agreement is attached. Proposals will be rated based on the exceptions taken to the proposed contract.

4. Cost of Proposal (30%)

Cost, while not determinative, will be considered in the selection process.

5. Local Business (+5%)

If the Proposer's company is physically located within the City limits, they will receive an additional five points.

VII. SELECTION TIMELINE

The City has designated the following activities and dates as key to the project schedule. Proposers are encouraged to assist the City in adhering to this timeline. The City reserves the right to change the schedule at its own discretion.

Anticipated Schedule for Selection	
Issuance of RFP	July 25, 2024
Deadline to submit questions on RFP	August 16, 2024
Deadline to submit Proposals:	August 22, 2024, 2 PM
Interviews (if deemed required):	September 2 – 13, 2024
Contract Award (Anticipated):	September 30, 2024

VIII. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **Nondiscrimination:** Applicants for this RFP shall not discriminate against any interested individual, firm or applicant on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, handicap, disability, marital status, pregnancy, sex, age, or sexual orientation.
2. **Permits, Licenses, and Insurance:** The successful applicant for this RFP shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain during the term of any agreement executed pursuant to this RFP all appropriate permits, certificates, licenses, and insurance including, but not limited to, a City of Alameda Business License which may be required in connection with the performance of services hereunder.
3. **Signatures and Declarations:** Each proposal responding to this RFP must be signed on behalf of the submitting entity by an officer authorized to bind the entity to its proposal.
4. **City's Right to Waive:** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive any immaterial irregularities in a proposal responding to this RFP or in the submission of a proposal.
5. **City's Right to Modify the RFP:** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify this RFP should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so. Any changes to the RFP requirements will be made by written addendum posted on the City's website. The failure of an applicant to read any addenda shall have no effect on the validity of such modification.
6. **City's Right to Suspend or Cancel the RFP:** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend or cancel this RFP in part or in its entirety should the City deem that it is in the City's best interests to do so.
7. **City's Right to Reject Any Proposal:** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any proposal responding to this RFP that the City determines does not satisfy the conditions set forth in this RFP, or contains false, misleading, or materially incomplete information. The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject all applicants and not to award to any applicant should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so.
8. **City's Right to Extend RFP Deadlines:** The City reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend any of the deadlines listed in this RFP by written addenda should the City deem that it is in its best interests to do so.
9. **Cost of Proposals:** All costs incurred during proposal preparation or in any way associated with an applicant's preparations, submission, presentation or oral interview (if any) shall be the sole responsibility of Applicant.
10. **Liability for RFP Errors:** Applicants are solely responsible for all errors and omissions contained in their responses to the RFP.

11. **Proposals Property of City:** Upon receipt, each proposal responding to this RFP that an applicant submits to the City becomes the sole property of the City and will not be returned to the applicant.
12. **Oral and Written Explanations:** The City shall not be bound by oral explanations or instructions given at any time during the process or after the award. Oral explanations given during the review process and after award become binding only when confirmed in writing by an authorized City official. Written responses to question(s) asked by one proposer will be provided to all applicants to this RFP.
13. **Public Record:** All proposals submitted to the City are subject to the California Public Records Act.

SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

This SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is entered into this ____ day of _____ 20__ (“**Effective Date**”), by and between the CITY OF ALAMEDA, a municipal corporation (“the **City**”), and COMPANY, a [STATE corporation, LLC, LP, GP, or sole proprietor/individual], whose address is ADDRESS (“**Provider**”), in reference to the following facts and circumstances:

RECITALS

- A. The City is a municipal corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California with the power to carry on its business as it is now being conducted under the statutes of the State of California and the Charter of the City.
- B. The City is in need of the following services: Sewer Rate Study. City staff issued an RFP on July 25, 2024 and after a submittal period of NUMBER days received NUMBER of timely submitted proposals. Staff reviewed the proposals, interviewed qualified firms and selected the service provider that best meets the City’s needs.
- C. Provider possesses the skill, experience, ability, background, certification and knowledge to provide the services described in this Agreement on the terms and conditions described herein.
- D. Whereas, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute this agreement on _____.
- E. The City and Provider desire to enter into an agreement for Sewer Rate Study, upon the terms and conditions herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing, which are incorporated herein by reference, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the City and Provider agree as follows:

1. TERM:

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the ____ day of _____ 2024, and shall terminate on the ____ day of _____ 2024, unless terminated earlier as set forth herein.

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

Provider agrees to do all necessary work at its own cost and expense, to furnish all labor, tools, equipment, materials, except as otherwise specified, and to do all necessary work included in Exhibit A as requested. Provider acknowledges that the work plan included in Exhibit A is tentative and does not commit the City to request Provider to perform all tasks included therein.

3. COMPENSATION TO PROVIDER:

a. By the 7th day of each month, Provider shall submit to the City an invoice for the total amount of work done the previous month. Pricing and accounting of charges are to be according to the fee schedule [as set forth in this Section 3.][as set forth in Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference.] Extra work must be approved in writing by the City Manager or their designee prior to performance and shall be paid on a Time and Material basis [as set forth in this Section 3.][as set forth in Exhibit B.]

b. The total compensation for this Agreement shall not exceed \$XXX,XXX. Use of contingency shall be for items of work outside the original scope and requires prior written authorization by the City.

4. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:

Provider and the City agree that time is of the essence regarding the performance of this Agreement.

5. STANDARD OF CARE:

Provider shall perform all services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Provider represents that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform all services contracted for in this Agreement. Provider further represents that all of its employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the duties assigned to them pursuant to and in furtherance this Agreement. Provider further represents that it (and its employees and subcontractors) have all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the services (including a City Business License, as needed); and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Provider shall perform (at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the City) any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by Provider's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Provider or its sub-providers who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of any services under this Agreement, or a threat to the safety of persons or property (or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the services in a manner acceptable to the City) shall be promptly removed by the Provider and shall not be re-employed to perform any further services under this Agreement.

6. INDEPENDENT PARTIES:

Provider hereby declares that Provider is engaged as an independent business and Provider agrees to perform the services as an independent contractor. The manner and means of conducting the services and tasks are under the control of Provider except to the extent they are limited by statute, rule or regulation and the express terms of this Agreement. No civil service status or other right of employment will be acquired by virtue of Provider's services. None of the benefits provided by the City to its employees, including but not limited to unemployment insurance, workers' compensation plans, vacation and sick leave, are available from the City to Provider, its employees or agents. Deductions shall not be made for any state or federal taxes, FICA payments, PERS payments, or other purposes normally associated with an employer-employee relationship from any compensation due to Provider. Payments of the above items, if required, are the

responsibility of Provider. Any personnel performing the services under this Agreement on behalf of Provider shall also not be employees of City and shall at all times be under Provider's exclusive direction and control.

7. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT (IRCA):

Provider assumes any and all responsibility for verifying the identity and employment authorization of all of its employees performing work hereunder, pursuant to all applicable IRCA or other federal, or state rules and regulations. Provider shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against any loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising from any noncompliance of this provision by Provider.

8. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

Consistent with the City's policy and state and federal law that harassment and discrimination are unacceptable conduct, Provider and its employees, contractors, and agents shall not harass or discriminate against any job applicant, City employee, or any other person on the basis of any kind of any statutorily (federal, state or local) protected class, including but not limited to: race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (both mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (e.g. cancer), genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, political affiliation, military and veteran status or legitimate union activities. Such non-discrimination shall include but not be limited to all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, or termination. Provider agrees that any violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

9. HOLD HARMLESS:

a. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Provider shall indemnify, defend (with counsel acceptable to the City) and hold harmless the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents and volunteers ("Indemnitees") from and against any and all loss, damages, liability, obligations, claims, suits, judgments, costs and expenses whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation ("Claims"), arising from or in any manner connected to Provider's performance of its obligations under this Agreement or out of the operations conducted by Provider even if the City is found to have been negligent. If the Claims filed against Indemnitees allege negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct on the part of Provider, Provider shall have no right of reimbursement against Indemnitees for the costs of defense even if negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct is not found on the part of Provider. Provider shall not have any obligations to indemnify Indemnitees if the loss or damage is found to have resulted solely from the negligence or the willful misconduct of the City. The defense and indemnification obligations of this Agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this Agreement.

b. As to Claims for professional liability only, Provider's obligation to defend Indemnitees (as set forth above) is limited as provided in California Civil Code Section 2782.8.

c. Provider's obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Indemnities shall expressly survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

10. INSURANCE:

a. On or before the commencement of the terms of this Agreement, Provider shall furnish the City's Risk Manager with certificates showing the type, amount, class of operations covered, effective dates and dates of expiration of insurance coverage in compliance with Sections 10.b. (1) through (5). The Certificate Holder should be The City of Alameda, 2263 Santa Clara, Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. Such certificates, which do not limit Provider's indemnification, shall also contain substantially the following statement:

“Should any of the above insurance covered by this certificate be canceled or coverage reduced before the expiration date thereof, the insurer affording coverage shall provide thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the City of Alameda. Attention: Risk Manager.”

Provider shall maintain in force at all times during the performance of this Agreement all appropriate coverage of insurance required by this Agreement with an insurance company licensed to offer insurance business in the State of California with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII or Standard & Poor's Rating (if rated) of at least BBB unless otherwise acceptable to the City. Provider shall deliver updated insurance certificates to the City at the address described in Section 17.f. prior to the expiration of the existing insurance certificate for the duration of the term of Agreement. Endorsements naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insured shall be submitted with the insurance certificates.

Provider Initials

b. **COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS:**

Provider shall maintain insurance coverage and limits at least as broad as:

(1) Workers' Compensation:

Statutory coverage as required by the State of California, as well as a Waiver of Subrogation (Rights of Recovery) endorsement.

(2) Liability:

Commercial general liability coverage in the following minimum limits:

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 \$2,000,000 aggregate - all other

Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 \$2,000,000 aggregate

If submitted, combined single limit policy with per occurrence limits in the amounts of \$2,000,000 and aggregate limits in the amounts of \$4,000,000 will be considered equivalent to the required minimum limits shown above. Provider shall also submit declarations and policy endorsements pages. Additional Insured Endorsement naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials,

employees, agents, and volunteers is required. The Additional Insured Endorsement shall include primary and non-contributory coverage at least as broad as the CG 2010.

(3) Automotive:

Comprehensive automobile liability coverage (any auto) in the following minimum limits:

Bodily injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence

or

Combined Single Limit: \$2,000,000 each occurrence

Additional Insured Endorsement naming the City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers is required.

(4) Professional Liability:

Professional liability insurance which includes coverage appropriate for the professional acts, errors and omissions of Provider’s profession and work hereunder, including, but not limited to, technology professional liability errors and omissions if the services being provided are technology-based, in the following minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 each claim

Technology professional liability errors and omissions shall include, or be endorsed to include, property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information “property” of the City in the care, custody, or control of Provider. If not covered under Provider’s liability policy, such “property” coverage of the City may be endorsed onto Provider’s Cyber Liability Policy as covered property as follows: cyber liability coverage in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information “property” of the City that will be in the care, custody, or control of Provider.

As to commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance, such insurance will provide that it constitutes primary insurance with respect to claims insured by such policy, and, except with respect to limits, that insurance applies separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought. Such insurance is not additional to or contributing with any other insurance carried by or for the benefit of the City.

c. SUBROGATION WAIVER:

Provider hereby agrees to waive rights of subrogation that any insurer of Provider may acquire from Provider by virtue of the payment of any loss. Provider agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether the City has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer. The Workers’

Compensation policy shall be endorsed with a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City for all work performed by Provider, its employees, agents and subcontractors.

d. FAILURE TO SECURE:

If Provider at any time during the term hereof should fail to secure or maintain the foregoing insurance, the City shall be permitted to obtain such insurance in Provider's name or as an agent of Provider and shall be compensated by Provider for the costs of the insurance premiums at the maximum rate permitted by law and computed from the date written notice is received that the premiums have not been paid.

e. ADDITIONAL INSURED:

The City, its City Council, boards, commissions, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be named as additional insured(s) under all insurance coverages, except workers' compensation and professional liability insurance. The naming of an additional insured shall not affect any recovery to which such additional insured would be entitled under this policy if not named as such additional insured. An additional insured named herein shall not be held liable for any premium, deductible portion of any loss, or expense of any nature on this policy or any extension thereof. Any other insurance held by an additional insured shall not be required to contribute anything toward any loss or expense covered by the insurance provided by this policy. Additional Insured coverage under Provider's policy shall be primary and non-contributory and will not seek contribution from the City's insurance or self-insurance. Any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the additional insured(s).

f. SUFFICIENCY OF INSURANCE:

The insurance limits required by the City are not represented as being sufficient to protect Provider. Provider is advised to consult Provider's insurance broker to determine adequate coverage for Provider. The coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of the coverage carried by or available to Provider; whichever is greater.

g. EXCESS OR UMBRELLA LIABILITY:

If any Excess or Umbrella Liability policies are used to meet the limits of liability required by this Agreement, then said policies shall be true "following form" of the underlying policy coverage, terms, conditions, and provisions and shall meet all of the insurance requirements stated in this Agreement, including but not limited to, the additional insured, SIR, and primary insurance requirements stated therein. No insurance policies maintained by the indemnified parties or Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until all the primary and excess liability policies carried by or available to the Provider are exhausted.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Provider warrants that it is not a conflict of interest for Provider to perform the services required by this Agreement. Provider may be required to fill out a conflict of interest form if the services provided under this Agreement require Provider to make certain governmental decisions or serve in a staff capacity as defined in Title 2, Division 6, Section 18700 of the California Code of Regulations.

12. PROHIBITION AGAINST TRANSFERS:

a. Provider shall not assign, sublease, hypothecate, or transfer this Agreement, or any interest therein, directly or indirectly, by operation of law or otherwise, without prior written consent of the City Manager. Provider shall submit a written request for consent to transfer to the City Manager at least thirty (30) days in advance of the desired transfer. The City Manager or their designee may consent or reject such request in their sole and absolute discretion. Any attempt to do so without said consent shall be null and void, and any assignee, sublessee, hypothecate or transferee shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer. However, claims for money against the City under this Agreement may be assigned by Provider to a bank, trust company or other financial institution without prior written consent.

b. The sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition of any of the issued and outstanding capital stock, membership interest, partnership interest, or the equivalent, which shall result in changing the control of Provider, shall be construed as an assignment of this Agreement. Control means fifty percent or more of the voting power of Provider.

13. APPROVAL OF SUB-PROVIDERS:

a. Only those persons and/or businesses whose names and resumés are attached to this Agreement shall be used in the performance of this Agreement. However, if after the start of this Agreement, Provider wishes to use sub-providers, at no additional costs to the City, then Provider shall submit a written request for consent to add sub-providers including the names of the sub-providers and the reasons for the request to the City Manager at least five (5) days in advance. The City Manager may consent or reject such requests in their sole and absolute discretion.

b. Each sub-provider shall be required to furnish proof of workers' compensation insurance and shall also be required to carry general, automobile and professional liability insurance (as applicable) in reasonable conformity to the insurance carried by Provider.

c. In addition, any tasks or services performed by sub-providers shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement. Provider shall include the following language in their agreement with any sub-provider: "Sub-providers hired by Provider agree to be bound to Provider and the City in the same manner and to the same extent as Provider is bound to the City."

d. The requirements in this Section 13 shall not apply to persons who are merely providing materials, supplies, data or information that Provider then analyzes and incorporates into its work product.

14. PERMITS AND LICENSES:

Provider, at its sole expense, shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Agreement, all appropriate permits, certificates and licenses, including a City business license that may be required in connection with the performance of the services and tasks hereunder.

15. REPORTS:

a. Each and every report, draft, work product, map, record and other document produced, prepared or caused to be prepared by Provider pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be the exclusive property of the City.

b. No report, information or other data given to or prepared or assembled by Provider pursuant to this Agreement shall be made available to any individual or organization by Provider without prior approval of the City Manager or their designee.

c. Provider shall, at such time and in such form as City Manager or their designee may require, furnish reports concerning the status of services and tasks required under this Agreement.

16. RECORDS:

a. Provider shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to the services, tasks, work, documents and data in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of Provider's performance under the Agreement, as well as maintain books and records related to sales, costs, expenses, receipts and other such information required by the City that relate to the performance of the services and tasks under this Agreement (collectively the "**Records**").

b. All Records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Provider shall provide free access to the Records to the representatives of the City or its designees during regular business hours upon reasonable prior notice. The City has the right to examine and audit the Records, and to make copies or transcripts therefrom as necessary, and to allow inspection of all proceedings and activities related to this Agreement. Such Records, together with supporting documents, shall be kept separate from other documents and records and shall be maintained by Provider for a period of three (3) years after receipt of final payment.

c. If supplemental examination or audit of the Records is necessary due to concerns raised by the City's preliminary examination or audit of records, and the City's supplemental examination or audit of the records discloses a failure to adhere to appropriate internal financial controls, or other breach of this Agreement or failure to act in good faith, then Provider shall reimburse the City for all reasonable costs and expenses associated with the supplemental examination or audit.

17. NOTICES:

a. All notices shall be in writing and delivered: (i) by hand; or (ii) sent by registered, express, or certified mail, with return receipt requested or with delivery confirmation requested from the U.S. postal service; or (iii) sent by overnight or same day courier service at the party's respective address listed in this Section.

b. Each notice shall be deemed to have been received on the earlier to occur of: (x) actual delivery or the date on which delivery is refused; or (y) three (3) days after notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or with a courier service in the manner described above (Sundays and City holidays excepted).

c. Either party may, at any time, change its notice address (other than to a post office box address) by giving the other party three (3) days prior written notice of the new address.

d. All notices, demands, requests, or approvals from Provider to the City shall be addressed to the City at:

City of Alameda
Public Works Department
950 W Mall Sq, Suite 110
Alameda, CA 94501
ATTENTION: Erin Smith, Public Works Director
Ph: (510) 747-7930

e. All notices, demands, requests, or approvals from the City to Provider shall be addressed to Provider at:

[Provider Name]
[Department]
[Address]
[City, State, zip]
ATTENTION: [Title]
Ph: (xxx) [xxx-xxxx]

f. All updated insurance certificates from Provider to the City shall be addressed to the City at:

City of Alameda
Public Works Department
950 W Mall Sq, Suite 110
Alameda, CA 94501
ATTENTION: Jeanette Navarro, Executive Assistant
Ph: (510) 747-7930; jnavarro@alamedaca.gov

18. SAFETY:

a. Provider will be solely and completely responsible for conditions of all vehicles owned or operated by Provider, including the safety of all persons and property during performance of the services and tasks under this Agreement. This requirement will apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours. In addition, Provider will comply with all safety provisions in conformance with U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Act, any equivalent state law, and all other applicable federal, state, county and local laws, ordinances, codes, and any regulations that may be detailed in other parts of the Agreement. Where any of these are in conflict, the more stringent requirements will be followed. Provider's failure to thoroughly familiarize itself with the aforementioned safety provisions will not relieve it from compliance with the obligations and penalties set forth herein.

b. Provider will immediately notify the City within 24 hours of any incident of death, serious personal injury or substantial property damage that occurs in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Provider will promptly submit to the City a written report of all incidents that occur in connection with this Agreement. This report must include the following information: (i) name and address of injured or deceased person(s); (ii) name and address of Provider's employee(s) involved in the incident; (iii) name and address of Provider's liability insurance carrier; (iv) a detailed description of the incident; and (v) a police report.

19. TERMINATION:

a. In the event Provider fails or refuses to perform any of the provisions hereof at the time and in the manner required hereunder, Provider shall be deemed in default in the performance of this Agreement. If such default is not cured within two (2) business days after receipt by Provider from the City of written notice of default, specifying the nature of such default and the steps necessary to cure such default, the City may thereafter immediately terminate the Agreement forthwith by giving to Provider written notice thereof.

b. The foregoing notwithstanding, the City shall have the option, at its sole discretion and without cause, of terminating this Agreement by giving seven (7) days' prior written notice to Provider as provided herein.

c. Upon termination of this Agreement either for cause or for convenience, each party shall pay to the other party that portion of compensation specified in this Agreement that is earned and unpaid prior to the effective date of termination. The obligation of the parties under this Section 19.c. shall survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

20. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

In the event of any litigation, including administrative proceedings, relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to any action or suit by any party, assignee or beneficiary against any other party, beneficiary or assignee, to enforce, interpret or seek relief from any provision or obligation arising out of this Agreement, the parties and litigants shall bear their own attorney's fees and costs. No party or litigant shall be entitled to recover any attorneys' fees or costs from any other party or litigant, regardless of which party or litigant might prevail.

21. HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

Provider acknowledges that the City shall have the right to impose, at the City's sole discretion, requirements that it deems are necessary to protect the health and safety of the City employees, residents, and visitors. Provider agrees to comply with all such requirements, including, but not limited to, mandatory vaccinations, the use of personal protective equipment (e.g. masks), physical distancing, and health screenings. Provider also agrees to make available to the City, at the City's request, records to demonstrate Provider's compliance with this Section.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS:

During the term of this Agreement, Provider shall keep fully informed of all existing and future state and federal laws and all municipal ordinances and regulations of the City of Alameda which affect the manner in which the services or tasks are to be performed by Provider, as well as all such orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority over the same. Provider shall comply with all applicable laws, state and federal and all ordinances, rules and regulations enacted or issued by the City. Provider shall defend, indemnify, and hold City (including its officials, directors, officers, employees, and agents) free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws and regulations pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

23. CONFLICT OF LAW:

This Agreement shall be interpreted under, and enforced by the laws of the State of California without regard to any choice of law rules which may direct the application of laws of

another jurisdiction. The Agreement and obligations of the parties are subject to all valid laws, orders, rules, and regulations of the authorities having jurisdiction over this Agreement (or the successors of those authorities). Any suits brought pursuant to this Agreement shall be filed with the courts of the County of Alameda, State of California.

24. WAIVER:

A waiver by the City of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition contained herein shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant, or condition contained herein, whether of the same or a different character.

25. INTEGRATED CONTRACT:

Subject to the language of Section 30, the Recitals and exhibits are a material part of this Agreement and are expressly incorporated herein. This Agreement represents the full and complete understanding of every kind or nature whatsoever between the parties hereto, and all preliminary negotiations and agreements of whatsoever kind or nature are merged herein. No verbal agreement or implied covenant shall be held to vary the provisions hereof. Any modification of this Agreement will be effective only by written execution signed by both the City and Provider.

26. PREVAILING WAGES:

Provider is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq. as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1600, et seq., (“Prevailing Wage Laws”) which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on “public works” and “maintenance” projects. Provider agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws if the services are being performed as part of an applicable “public works” or “maintenance” project as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more. City, upon Provider’s request, shall provide Provider with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Provider shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the services available to interested parties upon request; and shall post copies at the Provider’s principal place of business and at the project site. Provider shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City (its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents) free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

27. CAPTIONS:

The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not a part of the Agreement and in no way affect, limit or amplify the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

28. COUNTERPARTS:

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts (including by fax, PDF, DocuSign, or other electronic means), each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

29. SIGNATORY:

By signing this Agreement, signatory warrants and represents that they executed this Agreement in their authorized capacity and that by their signature on this Agreement, they or the entity upon behalf of which they acted, executed this Agreement.

30. CONTROLLING AGREEMENT:

In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement (as amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time) and any other terms and conditions wherever contained, including, without limitation, terms and conditions included within exhibits, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control and be primary.

31.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have each caused this Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf as of the Effective Date.

COMPANY
a (California corporation, LP, LLC,
GP, sole proprietor/individual)

CITY OF ALAMEDA
a municipal corporation

NAME
TITLE

City Manager

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

NAME
TITLE

[DEPARTMENT HEAD NAME]
[DEPARTMENT HEAD TITLE]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
City Attorney

[NAME]
Assistant City Attorney

SAMPLE

POLICY NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY
CG 20 10 10 93

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

ADDITIONAL INSURED - OWNERS, LESSEES or PROVIDERS FORM B

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

Name of Person or Organization:

City of Alameda
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

(If no entry appears above, information required to complete this endorsement will be shown in the Declarations as applicable to this endorsement.)

WHO IS AN INSURED (Section II) is amended to include as an insured the person or organization shown in the Schedule, but only with respect to liability arising out of your ongoing operations performed for that insured.

REF: _____

The City of Alameda, its City Council, boards and commissions, officers & employees are additional insured for work done on their behalf by the named insured.

PRIMARY INSURANCE:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THIS INSURANCE IS PRIMARY AND ANY OTHER INSURANCE MAINTAINED BY THE ADDITIONAL INSURED SHALL BE EXCESS ONLY AND NOT CONTRIBUTING WITH THIS INSURANCE.

SEVERABILITY OF INTEREST:

IT IS AGREED THAT EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMIT OF INSURANCE, THIS COVERAGE SHALL APPLY AS IF EACH ADDITIONAL INSURED WERE THE ONLY INSURED AND SEPARATELY TO EACH INSURED AGAINST WHOM CLAIM IS MADE OR SUIT IS BROUGHT.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE COMPANY WAIVES THE RIGHT OF SUBROGATION AGAINST THE ABOVE ADDITIONAL INSURED (S), BUT ONLY AS RESPECTS THE JOB OR PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED HERETO.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT IN THE EVENT OF CANCELLATION OF THE POLICY FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER BY MAIL. IN THE EVENT THE POLICY IS CANCELED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, 10 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO THE ABOVE.

POLICY NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL AUTO
CG 20 48 02 99

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

DESIGNATED INSURED

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

- BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE FORM
- GARAGE COVERAGE FORM
- MOTOR CARRIER COVERAGE FORM
- TRUCKERS COVERAGE FORM

With respect to coverage provided by this endorsement, the provisions of the Coverage Form apply unless modified by this endorsement.

This endorsement identifies person(s) or organization(s) who are "insureds" under the Who Is An Insured Provisions of the Coverage Form. This endorsement does not alter coverage provided in the Coverage Form.

This endorsement changes the policy effective on the inception date of the policy unless another date is indicated below.

Endorsement Effective:	Countersigned By: (Authorized Representative)
Named Insured:	

SCHEDULE

SAMPLE

Name of Person or Organization:
 City of Alameda
 2263 Santa Clara Avenue
 Alameda, CA 94501-7558

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