

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This Professional Services Contract ("Contract" or "Agreement") between the City Of Leander ("OWNER") and [REDACTED] ("Professional"), collectively referred to as the "Parties", is an agreement for the Professional to provide the OWNER with the professional services described in this Contract, for and in consideration of the payment terms and performance obligations herein described. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date set forth on the signature page.

Article 1. Work to be Provided

(a) Professional shall provide Work (the "Work") to OWNER under individual assignments. A general description of the Work required by this Contract includes water utilities, water pumps, and water tank engineering services. OWNER will provide a written Task Order, including a written Statement of Work describing the tasks to be performed, to Professional for the particular Task and a specific price or a formula by which the price can be determined. No Work is authorized unless authorized representatives of both parties sign such a Task Order. This Contract does not guarantee a minimum amount Professional will be paid or a minimum number of Task Orders.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, OWNER and Professional agree and acknowledge that OWNER is entering into this Agreement in reliance on Professional's special and unique abilities with respect to performing the Work, and Professional's special and unique abilities with respect to engineering services. The Professional accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the OWNER by this Agreement. Professional covenants with OWNER to use its best efforts, skill, judgment, and abilities to perform the Work and to further the interests of OWNER in accordance with OWNER's requirements and procedures, in accordance with the standards of Professional's profession or business. Professional represents that there are no undisclosed obligations, commitments, or impediments of any kind that will or could taint, limit or prevent performance of the Work.

(c) Changes In Scope of Work. OWNER may request additional Work or changes in the Work as the project progresses. If so, changes in the Scope of Work shall be initiated by a written change order signed by an authorized representative of each party. The change order shall describe the Work to be added, changed or deleted and shall state the additional cost or cost reduction and schedule changes, if any. Verbal change orders shall have no effect, except in cases of an emergency threatening personal injury or property damage, and in such cases the verbal change order shall be followed as soon as practicable by a writing to be executed by the parties hereto. The terms and conditions of this Contract may be modified only by a writing signed by an authorized representative of each party.

Article 2. Contract Documents

- (a) General Definition. The Contract Documents, in order of precedence consist of:
1. All written Change Orders executed after the effective date of this Contract by an authorized representative of each Party;
 2. Each Task Order executed pursuant to this Contract by an authorized representative of both parties;
 3. The Statement of Work attached to each Task order;
 4. This Contract and the Form of Task Order attached hereto;
 5. Exhibit B, Scope of Services as proposed by _____
 6. Request For Qualifications No. R23-_____
 7. Any other documents specifically identified as Contract Documents in the General Conditions.
- (b) Exclusion from Contract Documents. No term, condition, or provision of any Task Order or other document that conflicts with the terms and conditions contained in this Professional Services Contract will be considered part of the Contract Documents, or otherwise valid, unless expressly provided and accepted in writing by the OWNER and Professional.

Article 3. Term

This Contract is for the amount of time required to achieve completion of the Work. The term begins upon execution of this Contract by an authorized representative of the OWNER and expires upon completion of the Work. OWNER shall thereafter have the option to extend the contract for up to, but not to exceed, two extended terms of one year each.

Article 4. Schedule

Time is an important element of the completion of the Work and performance of this contract. Professional will put forth its best efforts to complete the Work in accordance with any deadlines to which the parties agree in any Task Order. Professional agrees to perform all obligations and render the Work set forth in this Contract or any Task Order issued pursuant hereto in accordance with the any timelines included in the Statement of Work, except as the Parties may hereafter mutually agree in writing otherwise. If required by the Statement of Work, a specific work progress schedule will be developed for each individual task in compliance with that Statement of Work.

Article 5. Price

The total compensation for the Work of the Project under this Contract agreement is \$_____ The Price to be paid for Work under any Task Order shall be as agreed in a particular Task Order.

Article 6. Payment

(a) Anything in this agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, all payments to be made by the OWNER hereunder are subject to Ch. 2251 of the Texas Government Code, popularly known as the Prompt Payment Act, which shall control to the extent of any conflict with this paragraph. Payment in full for invoices shall be due within thirty (30) days from date the invoice is received by OWNER. Invoices paid more than thirty (30) days after the invoice is received are subject to a late charge of 1% per month (12% APR) on the amount of the undisputed past due balance.

(b) Invoices for payment under this Contract shall be sent to:

Tony Bettis, PMP.
CIP Program Manager
City of Leander
P.O. Box 319
Leander, Texas 78646-0319

Payments may be based on completion of the Work, fulfillment of milestones, progress payments or any other method that is established in the agreed Statement of Work. In no event shall Professional invoice OWNER more than once monthly.

Article 7. Acceptance of the Work

When Professional can demonstrate that the Work is complete in accordance with the acceptance criteria included in the Statement of Work and so notifies OWNER, OWNER shall review the Work for general compliance with the Contract. If the Work appears to comply with the Contract requirements, and Professional has furnished all required documentation, OWNER shall notify Professional in writing of OWNER's Acceptance of the Work. Acceptance of the Work shall not limit nor diminish Professional's responsibilities, duties and warranties with respect to the Work. The Work shall be performed by the Professional in a manner consistent with good practices for the profession, and the standards and skills of the professionals practicing such profession in Travis County and Williamson County, Texas.

Article 8. Jobsite Inspection

If required by OWNER, Professional's representatives shall observe the jobsite and clearly understand the requirements and risks of the Work to be performed, the jobsite conditions, traffic conditions, the proximity of high-voltage power lines, utilities, and other local conditions likely to affect Professional's performance before accepting any Task Order. Acceptance of a Task Order shall constitute the Professional's certification that it has by observation satisfied itself with respect to all such local conditions and is willing to accept all risks they impose.

Article 9. Independent Contractor

(a) Professional shall perform in all respects as an independent contractor and not as an employee, partner, joint venture or agent of the OWNER. The Work to be performed by Professional shall be subject to the OWNER's review, approval and acceptance as provided in the Contract Documents, but the detailed manner and method of performance shall be under the control of Professional. The accuracy, completeness, and scheduling of the Work and the application of proper means and methods for performance of the Work are entirely the responsibility of Professional. Professional shall be solely responsible for hiring, supervising and paying its employees, subcontractors and suppliers. Professional shall be solely responsible for payment of all (i) compensation, including any employment benefits, to its employees, (ii) taxes, including withholding for federal income tax purposes, employment and unemployment taxes, and (iii) such other expenses as may be owed to Professional's employees. However, because Professional's Work may be associated in the minds of the public with OWNER, Professional shall ensure that all Work by its employees, subcontractors and agents is performed in an orderly, responsible and courteous manner. Non-citizen workers shall be properly documented.

(b) Upon prior notification to and written approval of OWNER, Professional may hire subcontractors to perform work hereunder. Professional shall be responsible to OWNER for the performance of all such subcontractors. OWNER shall require any and all such subcontractors to sign agreements with Professional that bind the subcontractors to perform subcontracts in accordance with the Contract Documents. Upon the request of OWNER, Professional shall furnish OWNER with copies of such subcontracts. In addition, Professional agrees that it is Professional's responsibility to ensure that such subcontractors make all appropriate tax payments or tax withholding in relation to subcontractor's employees providing work to OWNER through Professional under this Contract. Professional represents that it and its subcontractors are fully trained to perform the tasks required by this Contract and that they need no training by the OWNER. Professional further understands and agrees that it will be responsible to OWNER for the quality and performance of any Work performed by any such subcontractor.

Article 10. Licenses and Permits

(a) Professional shall procure and maintain at its expense all licenses and permits necessary for it to perform the Work.

(b) Professional shall ensure that its subcontractors' and their employees are all properly licensed to perform their respective portions of the Work.

Article 11. Governing Laws, Regulations & Standards

(a) This Contract shall be governed, interpreted and enforced under the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflict of law principles. In the event of litigation between the Parties arising out of this Contract issued under it, venue for such litigation shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Williamson County, Texas.

(b) Professional shall be aware of and shall comply with all non-conflicting Federal,

State, and local laws, ordinances, codes (including applicable Professional codes) and regulations applicable to the Work, any equipment to be fabricated and delivered and for compliance with standards and codes of technical societies that have been adopted by law or regulation or compliance with which is required in the Contract Documents. If any of the Work fails to comply with such laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations, Professional shall bear the costs to bring the Work into compliance.

(c) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, during the performance of the Agreement, Professional agrees to comply with all applicable regulations of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor as they may apply to Equal Employment Opportunity. Professional will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the cognizant agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

Article 12. Intoxicants & Drugs: Employee Conduct

OWNER shall not allow intoxicants or illegal drugs on its jobsite. Professional shall not at any time allow personnel for whom it is responsible on the jobsite if they are under the influence of any substance that may impair their performance. Professional shall promptly remove from the jobsite any person who is or appears to be under the influence of any of these substances or is otherwise unsafe or disorderly. Professional shall ensure that its employees, subcontractors and their employees avoid excessive noise, exceeding speed limits or reckless driving, use of weapons, or trespass on land not owned by or under easement to OWNER. If private property must be entered or crossed to perform the Work, Professional shall obtain permission from the property owner before entering.

Article 13. Risk of Loss

(a) Professional shall bear the expense and risk of loss or damage to work in progress, completed Work, materials, equipment, and all other incidents of the Work prior to Acceptance of the Work. Professional shall promptly replace or repair any loss or damage at its own expense. In the event of substantial loss or damage due to Force Majeure, the schedules shall be equitably extended. Professional shall bear the expense of storage space for stored materials, whether on-site or off-site, and shall bear the risk of loss or damage to all such materials. Professional shall take reasonable precautions to protect the materials from weather damage, burglary, pilferage and similar hazards.

(b) Professional shall bear the risk of loss or damage to its own equipment, tools, supplies and property and those of its subcontractors and suppliers, regardless of the cause of loss or damage throughout the project.

Article 14. Warranties and Representations

(a) **Warranty of Title.** Professional warrants the title to any goods it delivers to OWNER incidental to the performance of the Work and that said goods will be free and

clear of all liens, mortgages, security interests or other encumbrances.

(b) **General Warranty of the Work.** Professional represents that all Work shall be performed in a Professional manner consistent with the industry standards and the standards of the profession of Professional. Professional shall correct, without delay and at its own expense, any portion of the Work that does not meet the foregoing warranty and is discovered within one year after Acceptance of the Work by re-performing that portion of the Work. Any repair, replacement, or modification of the Work performed pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be supplied or repaired on the same terms and conditions as provided for herein for the Work.

(c) **Intellectual Property Representation.** Professional represents that the Work and the processes used in performing it shall not infringe on any valid United States patent, registered United States copyright, trademark or trade secret.

(d) **Business Standing Warranty.** Professional warrants, represents, and agrees that if (i) it is a corporation or limited liability company, then it is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas, or a foreign corporation or limited liability company duly authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas, that it has all necessary corporate power and has received all necessary corporate approvals to execute and deliver the Agreement, and the individual executing the Agreement on behalf of Professional has been duly authorized to act for and bind Professional; or (ii) if it is a partnership, limited partnership, or limited liability partnership, then it has all necessary partnership power and has secured all necessary approvals to execute and deliver this Agreement and perform all its obligations hereunder; and the individual executing this Agreement on behalf of Professional has been duly authorized to act for and bind Professional.

Article 15. General Indemnity

(a) Professional shall hold the OWNER and its councilmember's, officers, employees, agents and professionals harmless from all claims, damages, losses and expenses (jointly, "Claims"), including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of, or resulting from or arising under this Agreement, provided that any such liabilities, damage, loss, or expense is caused by the negligent, grossly negligent or intentional act or willful misconduct of Professional, anyone directly or indirectly employed by it, or anyone for whose acts it is legally liable.

(b) If the parties are concurrently negligent, each party's liability shall be limited to that portion of negligence attributable to it as determined under the applicable proportionate responsibility rules of the state of Texas.

(c) Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, neither party shall be liable to indemnify the other for the negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the other.

(d) The foregoing indemnity provisions shall be deemed independent covenants and shall survive completion of or any termination of the Agreement or any claimed breach thereof. Professional's indemnity responsibility as specified in this clause shall not include

special, incidental, punitive or consequential damages.

Article 16. Intellectual Property Indemnity

(a) Professional shall, at its own expense, defend all suits or proceedings instituted against OWNER, its officers, agents, employees, or professionals based upon any claim that the Work, or any part thereof, or the process performed thereby constitutes an infringement of either any patent or copyright of the United States or of any trademark or trade secret protected by either federal or state law. Professional shall pay all awards of damages assessed against OWNER which result from any such claim, suit, or proceeding and shall indemnify and save OWNER harmless against losses, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), and damages resulting from any such claim, suit, or proceeding, including obedience to resulting decrees and to resulting compromises for which Professional is legally liable.

(b) If, in any such suit, a restraining order or temporary injunction is granted, Professional shall make every reasonable effort, by giving a satisfactory bond or otherwise, to secure the suspension of any such restraining order or temporary injunction. If, in any such suit, the Work or any part thereof or the process performed thereby is held to constitute an infringement and its use be permanently enjoined, Professional shall at once make every reasonable effort to secure for OWNER a license at Professional's expense authorizing the continued use of the alleged infringing portion of the Work. If Professional is unable to secure such license within a reasonable time, Professional shall, at its own expense and without impairing performance requirements, either provide non-infringing replacements or modify the Work to eliminate the infringement. In addition to indemnifying and saving OWNER harmless, Professional shall reimburse OWNER for any costs incurred as a result of the unavailability of the infringing item or its non-infringing replacement.

(c) Such indemnity shall not apply to infringement claims that are based upon patent, copyright, trademark, or trade secret violations where such information was supplied by OWNER or which were directed for use by OWNER.

Article 17. Indemnity Procedures

With respect to any claim for Indemnity, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) **Notice.** Promptly after receipt by any entity entitled to indemnification of notice of the commencement or threatened commencement of any civil, administrative, or investigative action or proceeding involving a claim in respect of which the indemnitees shall seek indemnification, the indemnitees shall notify the indemnitor of such claim in writing. No failure to so notify an indemnitor shall relieve the Indemnitor of its obligations under this Agreement except to the extent that it can demonstrate damages attributable to such failure. Within fifteen (15) days following receipt of written notice from the indemnitee relating to any claim, but no later than ten (10) days before the date on which any response to a complaint or summons is due, the indemnitor shall notify the indemnitee in writing if the indemnitor elects to assume control of the defense and settlement of that claim (a "Notice of Election"). It is specifically provided that any indemnitee may by separate legal counsel

participate in any proceeding brought by a third party and raise defenses available to indemnitees, without waiving or limiting the benefits of this article or any duty or responsibility of indemnitor; provided that such indemnitee shall not attempt to limit or waive any defenses raised by indemnitor.

(b) **Procedure for Notice of Election.** If the indemnitor delivers a Notice of Election relating to any claim within the required notice period, the indemnitor shall be entitled to have sole control over the defense and settlement of such claim; provided, however, that (i) the indemnitees shall be entitled to participate in the defense of such claim and to employ counsel at its own expense to assist in the handling of such claim, and (ii) the indemnitor shall obtain the prior written approval of the indemnitees before entering into any settlement of such claim or ceasing to defend against such claim. After the indemnitor has delivered a Notice of Election relating to any claim in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the indemnitor shall not be liable to the indemnitees for any legal expenses incurred by such indemnitees in connection with the defense of that claim. In addition, the indemnitor shall not be required to indemnify the indemnitees for any amount paid or payable by such indemnitees in the settlement of any claim for which the indemnitor has delivered a timely Notice of Election if such amount was agreed to without the written consent of the indemnitor.

(c) **Procedure Where No Notice of Election Is Delivered.** If the indemnitor does not deliver a Notice of Election relating to any claim within the required notice period, the indemnitees shall have the right to defend the claim in such manner as it may deem appropriate. If the indemnitor fails to deliver a Notice of Election for any claim for which indemnitor is obligated to indemnify the indemnitees pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, then the indemnitor will be solely responsible for any and all costs and expenses incurred by the indemnitees in defending such claim and the indemnitor shall promptly reimburse the indemnitees for all such costs and expenses.

Article 18. Insurance

Professional shall obtain and maintain the insurance coverage specified below on an occurrence-basis and shall provide to Owner an insurance certificate listing the coverage before starting work on any OWNER property. **THE COVERAGE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS ESTABLISHING OR LIMITING PROFESSIONAL'S LIABILITY UNDER THE INDEMNITY PROVISION.** OWNER shall be listed as an "additional insured" on all policies other than the Workers Compensation and Professional Liability policies. Professional for itself and its insurers hereby waive subrogation against OWNER, its affiliates, their Boards of Directors, Directors, officers, employees and agents. Professional's failure to maintain the required insurance coverage at any time during the contract period may be grounds for OWNER to suspend the Contract and withhold payment until insurance coverage is satisfactory.

<u>Type of Insurance</u>	<u>Minimum Coverage</u>
(a) <u>Workers' Compensation</u>	
Coverage A -	statutory
Coverage B -	\$250,000 employer's liability
(b) <u>General Liability</u>	
Bodily Injury	\$500,000 per person
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Property Damage	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
(c) <u>Automobile Liability</u>	
(including owned or leased vehicles and heavy equipment)	
Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Property Damage	\$ 500,000 per occurrence

The automobile liability coverage shall apply to owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles. Before work begins, a certificate of all required insurance shall be filed with Project Manager of OWNER.

(d) <u>Professional Liability</u>	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
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Article 19. Force Majeure

(a) The nonperformance or delayed performance by Professional or OWNER of any obligation under the Agreement shall be excused if such nonperformance or delay is caused by an event beyond the control of the affected party ("Force Majeure"), except to the extent that Professional knew of or should reasonably have been able to foresee such an event and failed to take reasonable measures to avoid the event. Items beyond the control of the parties include, but are not limited to: acts of war, acts of a public enemy; acts of domestic or foreign terrorism, natural disasters; strikes, epidemics or quarantine restrictions; riot, or sabotage; and acts of civil or military authority having jurisdiction.

(b) Upon occurrence of a Force Majeure, the date for performance of the Work shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost by reason of the delay, provided Professional or OWNER has taken reasonable steps to proceed with the performance of the Agreement and has made written notification of such delay and of any corrective action taken. Professional shall not be entitled to any increase in compensation by reason of Force Majeure.

(c) The following delays shall not constitute excusable delays in performance by Professional and shall not constitute a reason for extending the date for performance of the Work:

1. Delays by subcontractors or suppliers of Professional for reasons other than

Force Majeure;

2. Delays in approval of documentation because of inadequate performance by Professional;
3. Delays caused by Professional's lack of sufficient personnel with the necessary skills.

Article 20. General Safety, Environmental and Site Operations Requirements

(a) Safety. All parts of this Contract shall be performed in strict accordance with the safety requirements of applicable codes and statutes, federal, state, and local requirements, and the best industry practice. Professional is solely responsible in its procedures for the safety of its jobsite personnel, equipment, and properties involved in this project, including Professional's subcontractors. However, Professional is not responsible for jobsite safety of others, including Construction Contractor personnel or Construction Contractor means, methods, or procedures.

(b) Environmental. Professional is solely responsible for all costs incurred by OWNER for any spills or leaks caused by Professional or its subcontractors or subconsultants during performance of, or in connection with, the Work. Without limiting the foregoing sentence, Professional shall be responsible for all costs incurred to contain, remediate, and restore the site of the spill according to applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and if on OWNER's property, according to OWNER's requirements.

OWNER shall be responsible for all notifications required by and federal, state, or local law or regulation. Professional shall immediately notify OWNER with the nature and location of the spill. Professional shall provide a written report to OWNER whose representative shall identify the substance, quantity released, location of the spill, and perform clean up and remediation activities. If the spill occurs off OWNER's property, then the Professional shall also notify the OWNER of any agencies notified and the representatives of the agencies contacted. The report shall be a narrative that summarizes on-scene activity and remediation efforts. If long-term remediation will be required, it shall be noted in the report. The initial report shall be provided to OWNER within 24 hours after the incident. Follow-up reports shall be provided to OWNER weekly until remediation efforts have been completed and the spill has been properly remediated.

PROFESSIONAL SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD OWNER HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REMEDIATION COSTS, FINES, PENALTIES, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES RESULTING FROM SPILLS, RELEASES, IMPROPER HANDLING AND/OR DISPOSAL OF WASTES CAUSED BY PROFESSIONAL, ITS SUBCONTRACTORS, AND/OR SUBCONSULTANTS.

Article 21. Assignment

This Contract is to be considered a personal Work Contract. Professional may not assign this Contract without the consent of OWNER. Any permitted assignee must notify the OWNER in writing that it accepts the assignment on the same terms and conditions contained in this Contract. No permitted assignment shall limit Professional's responsibility for performance of this contract. Attempted assignment or delegation of this Contract, including obligations under it, without the written consent of OWNER shall be void, and not merely voidable.

Article 22. Termination for Convenience

(a) OWNER shall have the right to terminate this Contract for its convenience at any time. After receipt of the notice of termination, the Professional shall immediately proceed with the following obligations, regardless of any delay in determining or adjusting any amounts due at that point in the Contract:

1. Stop all ongoing Work.
2. Place no further subcontracts or orders for materials or Work.
3. Terminate all subcontracts.
4. Cancel all materials and equipment orders, as applicable.
5. Take any action that is necessary to protect and preserve all property related to this Contract that is in the possession of the Professional.

(b) In the event of a termination under paragraph (a) of this Article, OWNER shall pay equitable termination charges, for all billable time expended or portions of Work completed (as applicable) and materials purchased, and out-of-pocket costs that have been reasonably incurred by Professional as a result of terminating this Contract. OWNER shall not be liable in connection with any termination under this Article for special, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, or for loss of anticipated future work, anticipated profits, administrative costs or overhead on anticipated work, or other indirect costs.

Article 23. Termination for Cause

(a) The occurrence of any one or more of the following events will constitute an event of default:

- (1) Professional's persistent failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient

skilled workers, suitable materials or equipment, or to adhere to project schedules as adjusted from time to time pursuant by the parties);

(2) Professional's disregard of applicable laws or regulations;

(3) Professional's disregard of the authority of OWNER's Representative;

(4) Professional's violation in any substantial way of any provisions of the Contract Documents;

(5) Failure of Professional to pay subcontractors and/or material suppliers; or

(6) Professional's violation of OWNER's ethics policy.

(b) If one or more of the events identified in paragraph (a) occur, OWNER may terminate this Contract, after giving Professional (and the surety, if any) seven (7) calendar days prior written notice, unless such event of default shall have been cured.

(c) If this Contract has been so terminated by OWNER, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of OWNER against Professional or any surety then existing or which may thereafter accrue. No retention or payment of moneys due Professional by OWNER will release Professional from liability.

(d) In such a circumstance, OWNER shall notify Professional in writing of the termination, with copies of the notice to OWNER's jobsite personnel. Upon notice of termination, Professional and its subcontractors shall promptly stop the Work and allow OWNER to take possession of the jobsite including any equipment and materials identified to the project (whether stored on-site or off-site), after securing the jobsite from safety and environmental hazards.

Article 24. Work Product. Upon termination of this Agreement for cause or for convenience, Professional shall deliver all work product and deliverables prepared under this Agreement, whether complete or not, to the City in a form acceptable to the City. The work product and deliverables shall be delivered to the City upon the earlier to occur of thirty days' notice from the City or the date of termination of the Agreement. This section shall survive termination of the Agreement, and the City may enforce this provision through specific performance.

Article 25. Suspension

(a) OWNER may, at any time and at its sole option, suspend all or any portions of the Work to be performed under this Agreement by providing ten (10) calendar days written notice to the Professional. Upon receipt of any such notice, Professional shall:

1. Immediately discontinue the Work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice.
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, Work, or facilities with respect to the suspended portion of the Work, other than to the extent necessary to protect any portion of the Work already performed.
3. Promptly make every reasonable effort to obtain suspension, upon terms satisfactory to OWNER, of all orders, subcontracts, and rental agreements to the extent that they relate to performance of the portion of Work suspended by the notice.
4. Continue to protect and maintain the portion of the Work already completed, including the portion of the Work suspended hereunder, unless otherwise specifically stated in the notice.
5. Continue to perform Professional's obligations for the portions of the Work not suspended.

(b) As full compensation for such suspension, Professional will be reimbursed for the following costs, reasonably incurred, without duplication of any item, to the extent that such costs actually result from such suspension of Work.

1. A reasonable standby charge to be negotiated between OWNER and the Professional sufficient to compensate Professional for keeping (to the extent required in the notice) its organization and equipment committed to the Work in a standby status.
2. All reasonable costs associated with demobilization of Professional's facility, forces, and equipment.
3. A reasonable amount to be negotiated between OWNER and the Professional to reimburse the Professional for the cost of maintaining and protecting that portion of the Work upon which activities have been suspended.
4. All billable time reasonably extended or portions of Work completed (as applicable) prior to the suspension, materials purchased, and out-of-pocket costs that have been reasonable incurred by Professional.

(c) Upon receipt of notice to restart the suspended portion of the Work, Professional shall immediately resume performance on the suspended portion of the Work to the extent required in the notice. Within 14 calendar days after receipt of notice to restart the suspended portion of the Work, the Professional shall submit a revised schedule for approval by OWNER. If, as a result of any suspension, the cost to Professional of subsequently performing the Work or the time required to do so is changed, a claim for an adjustment in the contract price may be made. Any claim on the part of Professional for change in price or extension of time shall be made in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 26. Dispute Resolution

The Parties agree that in the event of a dispute concerning the performance or non-performance of any obligations flowing from or as a result of this Contract and prior to the initiation of any litigation, the Parties will voluntarily submit the dispute to the Travis County Dispute Resolution Center for mediation as though it were referred through the operation of the Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Act, Title 7, Chapter 154, TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. ANN., (Vernon's 1986). No record, statement, or declaration resulting from or in connection with such alternate dispute resolution procedure may be used in evidence in subsequent litigation except to demonstrate that this article has been complied with in good faith by a party. The use of such center shall not be or constitute a waiver of venue.

Article 27. Notices

All notices or other communications required under this Contract may be made either by personal delivery in writing or by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. Notice shall be deemed to have been given when delivered or mailed to the parties at their respective addresses as set forth below or when mailed to the last address provided in writing to the other party by the addressee.

Owner: Tony Bettis, PMP CIP Program Manager City Of Leander P.O. Box 319 Leander, TX 78464-0319	Professional: _____ _____ _____ _____
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Article 28. Titles and Section Headings

The titles and section headings of this Contract are included for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Contract.

Article 29. Interpretation and Reliance

While this Contract form was initiated by OWNER, Professional had the opportunity to take exception to and seek clarification of it. Thus, this Contract is the product of negotiations between the Parties. No presumption will apply in favor of any party in the interpretation of this Contract or in resolution of any ambiguity of any provision.

Article 30. Failure to Act

No action or failure to act by either party shall be a waiver of a right or duty afforded under the Contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute a breach of this Contract, except as specifically agreed to in writing.

Article 31. Contract Non-Exclusive

The Contract is not exclusive. Professional has the right to perform Work for others during the term of the Contract, and OWNER has the right to hire others to perform the same or similar tasks.

Article 32. Third Party Beneficiaries

There are no third party beneficiaries to this Contract and the provisions of this Contract shall not create any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim enforceable by any person, firm, or organization other than the Parties and their permitted successors and permitted assigns.

Article 33. Mitigation of Damages

In all cases the Party establishing or alleging a breach of contract or a right to be indemnified in accordance with this Contract shall be under a duty to take all necessary measures to mitigate the loss which has occurred, provided that it can do so without unreasonable inconvenience or cost.

Article 34. Severability

This Contract is severable and if any one or more parts of it are found to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Contract if it can be given effect without the invalid parts.

Article 35. Integration & Contract Modification

This Contract contains the entire and integrated agreement between Professional and OWNER as to its subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, correspondence, understandings, representations and agreements, written or oral, related to it. In case of conflict between the terms and conditions of this Contract and those of any standard sales forms presented by Professional or such forms appearing in or referenced by Professional's bid or proposal, the terms and conditions of this Contract shall prevail. The terms and conditions of this Contract can be modified only by a writing signed by an authorized representative of both Professional and OWNER.

Executed to be effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2023.

City of Leander: <Professional> _____ :

By: _____

By _____

Name: Richard B. Beverlin III

Name: _____

Title: City Manager

Title: _____