

AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2022, by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, a Missouri Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “City,” and Matrix Consulting Group, Ltd, a California Corporation, hereinafter referred to as “Consultant,” and with City and Consultant being referred to collectively as “the Parties.”

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City desires to engage Consultant to perform the services described in Request for Proposal 2022-RFP-03, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Consultant submitted its proposal dated January 25, 2022, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, Consultant has become the lowest and best Offeror for performing said services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration each received from the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work and Payment.

a. City agrees to engage Consultant for performance, and Consultant agrees to perform, the services described in Exhibit A within the time specified therein.

b. The services of Consultant shall commence only as authorized in writing by City and shall be undertaken and completed as promised by Consultant as described in Exhibit B.

c. City agrees to pay Consultant in accordance with the prices and terms set forth in Exhibit B for work authorized by City upon presentation of proper invoice and inspection by City of work completed by Consultant. However, in no event shall the total payment for the scope of work exceed \$99,000.00.

d. All information, data, and reports as are existing, available, and necessary for the carrying out of the work, shall be furnished to Consultant without charge, and the Parties shall cooperate with each other in every way possible in carrying out the scope of services.

e. Consultant shall fully coordinate its activities in the performance of this contract with the activities of City.

f. Consultant represents that Consultant will secure the following at Consultant's own expense: all personnel required to perform the services called for under this contract by Consultant. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with City except as employees of Consultant. All the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant or under Consultant's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the written approval of City.

2. Amendments. The covenants and obligations herein contained are the full and complete terms of this Agreement, and no alteration, amendments, or changes to such terms shall be binding unless first reduced to writing and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.

3. Assignment. This Agreement, including payment hereunder, shall not be sub-let, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, except with the prior written consent of the City.

4. Attorney's Fees and Expenses. If City files suit in order to enforce any term of this Agreement and is the prevailing party, Consultant shall be liable for City's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses. In no event shall City be liable for Consultant's reasonable attorney's fees and expenses.

5. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and shall be binding in the event of the death or legal disability of the parties. Provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as a consent by City to any assignment of this Agreement or any interest therein by Consultant.

6. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement has been made, and its validity, performance and effect shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and venue for litigation between the parties shall be solely and exclusively in Jasper County, Missouri.

7. Compliance with Laws. Consultant shall observe and comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances that affect those employed or engaged by it on the project, or the material or equipment used, or the conduct of the work, and shall procure all necessary licenses, permits, and insurance.

8. Confidentiality. Any reports, data, or similar information given to or prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this contract which the City requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Consultant without prior written approval of the City.

9. Contract Documents. The contract documents shall consist of the following: this Agreement, City's Request for Proposal, and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal. In the event of conflict between the contract documents, this Agreement will prevail.

In the event of conflict between the City's Request for Proposal and Consultant's Response to City's Request for Proposal, City's Request for Proposal will prevail.

10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including any Exhibits) contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It may not be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by both parties.

11. Ethics. Consultant warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, gift, or contingent fee.

12. Headings. The headings of paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only. The headings form no part of this Agreement and shall not affect its interpretation.

13. Indemnification.

a. In no event shall the City be liable to the Consultant for special, indirect, or consequential damages, except those caused by the City's gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct arising out of or in any way connected with a breach of this contract. The maximum liability of the City shall be limited to the amount of money to be paid or received by the City under this contract.

b. The Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless, its elected or appointed officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, suits, damages, costs (including attorney fees), losses, outlays, and expenses from claims in any manner caused by, or allegedly caused by, or arising out of, or connected with, this contract, or the work or any subcontract there under (the Consultant hereby assuming full responsibility for relations with subcontractors), including, but not limited to, claims for personal injuries, death, property damage, or for damages from the award of this contract to Consultant.

c. The Consultant shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all wages or overtime compensation due any employees in rendering services pursuant to this agreement or any subcontract, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law or any other federal or state law.

d. The indemnification obligations of Consultant hereunder shall not be limited by any limitations as to the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Consultant, under any federal or state law, to any person asserting the claim against City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees, for which indemnification is sought.

e. The indemnification obligations herein shall not negate, abridge, or reduce in any way any additional indemnification rights of the City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees, which are otherwise available under statute, or in law or equity.

f. Consultant affirms that it has had the opportunity to recover the costs of the liability insurance required in this agreement in its contract price. Consultant's obligation under this agreement to defend, indemnify and hold harmless any person from that person's own negligence or wrongdoing is limited to the coverage and limits of the applicable insurance.

14. Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not create an employer-employee relationship between the parties. Consultant is an independent contractor and is not entitled to any benefits including health, dental, vision, disability, life, and unemployment insurance, worker's compensation coverage, and LAGERS. Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee for all purposes including the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act Minimum Wage and Overtime Payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, Social Security Act, Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Missouri Revenue and Taxation Laws, and Missouri's Worker Compensation Laws and Unemployment Insurance Laws.

15. Insurance. Consultant shall secure and maintain at its own cost and expense, throughout the duration of this Agreement, insurance of such types and in such amounts as may be necessary to protect it and the interests of City against all hazards or risks of loss as hereunder specified or which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement. Such policies shall name City as an additional insured, with limits of liability not less than the sovereign immunity limits for Missouri public entities calculated by the Missouri Department of Insurance as of January 1 each calendar year and published annually in the Missouri Register pursuant to Section 537.610, RSMo. (See, <http://insurance.mo.gov/industry/sovimunity.php>)

16. Intellectual Property. Any information, know-how, data, results, inventions, and any associated intellectual property, that is made, discovered, created, invented, or generated by Consultant in any activities or work under this Agreement shall be owned by City.

17. Non-Discrimination. In performance of the work covered by this Agreement, Consultant shall not discriminate against any worker because of race, creed, color, political affiliation, handicap, or national origin.

18. Notices. All notices required or permitted hereinunder and required to be in writing may be given by first class mail addressed to City and Consultant at the addresses as follows:

City of Joplin
ATTN: City Attorney
602 S. Main St.
Joplin, MO 64801

Matrix Consulting Group, Ltd
ATTN: Richard P. Brady
1650 S Amphlett, Suite 213
San Mateo, CA 94402

The date of delivery of any notice given by mail shall be the date falling on the second full day after the day of its mailing.

19. Records and Audits. The Consultant shall maintain accounts and records, including personnel, property, and financial records, adequate to identify and account for all costs pertaining to the Contract and such other records as may be deemed necessary by the City to assure proper accounting for all project funds. These records will be made available for audit purposes to the City or any authorized representative, and will be retained for three years after the expiration of this Contract.

20. Representations. The signatories hereto represent and warrant that they have read this Agreement, that they are fully authorized in the capacities shown, that they understand the terms of this Agreement, and that they are executing the same voluntarily and solely for the consideration described herein.

21. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to be invalid or illegal, the legality or validity of the other provisions of this Agreement shall not be effected thereby. Any illegal or invalid provision of this Agreement shall be severable and any other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

22. Subcontractors. Consultant shall be as fully responsible to City for the acts and omissions of its subcontractors, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Consultant is for the acts and omissions of persons it directly employs. Consultant shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relating to this work, to bind all subcontractors to Consultant by all the terms herein set forth, and insofar as applicable to the work of subcontractors and to give Consultant the same power regarding termination of any subcontract as City may exercise over Consultant under any provisions of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create any contractual relation between the subcontractor and City or between any subcontractors.

23. Termination. If, through any cause, Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner Consultant's obligations under this contract, or if Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, City shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective day of such termination. City may, without cause, terminate this contract upon thirty (30) day's prior written notice. In either such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports, or other materials prepared by the Consultant shall, at the option of City, become its property. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed. Notwithstanding the above, Consultant shall not be relieved of liability to City for damages sustained by City by virtue of any such breach of the contract by Consultant.

24. Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

25. Unauthorized Aliens. That pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute Sections 285.525 through 285.555, if this contract exceeds the amount of \$5,000.00 and Consultant is associated with a business entity, Consultant shall provide an acceptable notarized affidavit

stating that the associated business entity is enrolled in and participates in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services, and that said business entity does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services. Additionally, Consultant must provide documentation for said business entity evidencing current enrollment in a federal work authorization program.

26. Waiver. Waiver of any provision of this Agreement or breach of this Agreement shall not thereafter be deemed to be a consent by the waiving party to any further waiver, modification or breach by the other party, whether new or continuing, of the same or any other covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement. Failure by one of the parties to this Agreement to assert its rights for any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Matrix Consulting Group, Ltd.

Nick Edwards, City Manager

Richard P. Brady, President

ATTEST:

Holly Nagy, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney