



City of  
**Los Banos**  
*At the Crossroads of California*

**ADDENDUM NO. 2**

August 24, 2022

**CITYWIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

**Response to Questions**

1. **Question:** Under Appendix C- Irrigation item no. 4, The work scopes states that contractor is to assumes the irrigation "as is", but item #9 seems to say irrigation is extra work. Please clarify item #4 and accepting the irrigation "as is."

**Response:** Item No. 4 is intended for the contractor to take ownership of irrigation scheduling and the water adequacy for various landscaping and plant type to ensure a healthy and uniform look. Item No. 9 is to account for the work and cost to repair irrigation components that is outside of the contractor scope and is not cause by the contractor.

2. **Question:** For item #14 under irrigation, is this requiring the contractor to provide a list of seasonal run times?

**Response:** the contractor is to provide irrigation schedule to the City on monthly basis. This is to include the run time and run day for various zone within a controller. This reporting frequency can be adjusted if the run times are not modified from month to month.

3. **Question:** Bid Line Item #1 (Grid Trimming Annually) asks for pricing on a per tree per year basis. Our concern is that the trees are in a DBH ranges of 1" up to 40". Aggregating the vast range of sizes into an average price will skew the pricing either to the high end to cover the annual potential of larger diameter trees or to the lower end based on the higher quantity of smaller diameter trees. In both cases, the City risks not receiving good value for the bid item. It would make more sense, and be more typical, to use a pricing structure with specific DBH ranges. Would the City consider this approach in place of the current aggregated pricing method?

**Response:** This is the first time the City is implementing a tree trimming program. It is our intend to trim all trees within the City limit within a 5-year period. We understand that the pricing for tree trimming can be dependent upon the specie as well as DBH. However, for tracking purposes, we will keep the current unit price as \$/Tree/Year.

Please note that the basis of award will be based on the base bid. This will allow flexibility for the City to develop a tree trimming program with the successful proposal.

- 4. The Contract Documents are hereby modified to affect the following changes:
  - a. The attached sample agreement " Appendix H – Sample Agreement" shall replace the existing Appendix H of the RFP dated August 1, 2022

This Addendum forms a part of the Proposal Documents and will be incorporated into the Contract Documents, as applicable. All other conditions of the Contract Documents remain unchanged. The following changes, additions, or deletions as set forth herein shall apply to the Contract Documents and shall be made a part thereof and shall be subject to all the requirements thereof as through originally shown and/or specified.

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with this Addendum. All consultants MUST acknowledge receipt of this Addendum by signing and returning this Addendum with your Proposal.

City of Los Banos



By: Sokniorn Than  
Public Works Director/City Engineer

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix H – Sample Agreement – subject to modification**

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES  
[ INSERT NAME OF CONTRACTOR ]**

**1. PARTIES AND DATE.**

This Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 by and between the City of Los Banos a California corporation, (“City”) and \_\_\_\_\_, **INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME AND TYPE OF ENTITY** (“Contractor”). City and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties” in this Agreement.

**2. RECITALS.**

**2.1 Contractor.**

Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain landscape maintenance services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is experienced in providing Landscape Maintenance services to public clients, that it and its employees or subcontractors have all necessary licenses and permits to perform the Services in the State of California, and that is familiar with the plans, specifications, and requirements of City. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of City. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

**2.2 Project.**

City desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the CITY-WIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (“Project”) as set forth in this Agreement.

**3. TERMS.**

**3.1 Scope of Services and Term.**

3.1.1 General Scope of Services. Contractor promises and agrees to furnish to the City all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the professional CITY-WIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE services necessary for the Project (“Services”). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and the City’s Request for Proposals for City-Wide Landscape Maintenance services issued on August 1, 2022 and incorporated herein by this reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the City’s Request for Proposals for City-Wide Landscape Maintenance services issued on August 1, 2022 and

incorporated herein by this reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.2 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from **INSERT START DATE** to **INSERT ENDING DATE** unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Contractor shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines. The City may elect to extend this Agreement for two (2) additional one-year terms, if mutually agreed upon by both parties. The City, at its option, may renew this Agreement for an agreed upon length if the Contractor has demonstrated superior performance for landscape services to the City.

### **3.2 Responsibilities of Contractor.**

3.2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Contractor or under its supervision. Contractor will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. City retains Contractor on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Contractor retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall also not be employees of City and shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Schedule of Services. Contractor shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Contractor's conformance with the Schedule, City shall respond to Contractor's submittals in a timely manner. Upon request of City, Contractor shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

3.2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Contractor shall be subject to the approval of City.

3.2.4 City's Representative. The City hereby designates [**INSERT NAME AND TITLE**], or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("City's Representative"). City's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of the City for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the City's Representative or his or her designee.

3.2.5 Contractor's Representative. Contractor hereby designates [**INSERT NAME AND TITLE**], or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement

("Contractor's Representative"). Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Contractor for all purposes under this Agreement. The Contractor's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his/her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.6 Coordination of Services. Contractor agrees to work closely with City staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to City's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.2.7 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Contractor 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. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, 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, 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, Contractor 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 the Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Contractor or its sub-contractors who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, 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 from the Project by the Contractor and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

3.2.8 Period of Performance. Contractor shall perform and complete all Services under this Agreement within the term set forth in Section 3.1.2 above ("Performance Time"). Contractor shall perform the Services in strict accordance with any completion schedule or Project milestones described in Exhibits "A" or "B" attached hereto, or which may be provided separately in writing to the Contractor. Contractor agrees that if the Services are not completed within the aforementioned Performance Time and/or pursuant to any such completion schedule or Project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of this Agreement, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed that the City will suffer damage **Pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the City as fixed and liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for each and every calendar day of delay beyond the Performance Time or beyond any completion schedule or Project milestones established pursuant to this Agreement.**

3.2.9 Disputes. Should any dispute arise respecting the true value of any work done, of any work omitted, or of any extra work which Contractor may be required to do, or respecting the size of any payment to Contractor during the performance of this Contract, Contractor shall continue to perform the Work while said dispute is decided by the City. If Contractor disputes the City's decision, Contractor shall have such remedies as may be provided by law.

3.2.10 Laws and Regulations; Employee/Labor Certifications. Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to the City, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. City is a public entity of the State of California subject to certain provisions of the Health & Safety Code, Government Code, Public Contract Code, and Labor Code of the State. It is stipulated and agreed that all provisions of the law applicable to the public contracts of a municipality are a part of this Contract to the same extent as though set forth herein and will be complied with. These include but are not limited to the payment of prevailing wages, the stipulation that eight (8) hours' labor shall constitute a legal day's work and that no worker shall be permitted to work in excess of eight (8) hours during any one calendar day except as permitted by law. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold City, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

3.2.10.1 Employment Eligibility; Contractor. By executing this Agreement, Contractor verifies that it fully complies with all requirements and restrictions of state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens, including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as may be amended from time to time. Such requirements and restrictions include, but are not limited to, examination and retention of documentation confirming the identity and immigration status of each employee of the Contractor. Contractor also verifies that it has not committed a violation of any such law within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of execution of this Agreement and shall not violate any such law at any time during the term of the Agreement. Contractor shall avoid any violation of any such law during the term of this Agreement by participating in an electronic verification of work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, by participating in an equivalent federal work authorization program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify information of newly hired employees, or by some other legally acceptable method. Contractor shall maintain records of each such verification and shall make them available to the City or its representatives for inspection and copy at any time during normal business hours. The City shall not be responsible for any costs or expenses related to Contractor's compliance with the requirements provided for in Section 3.2.10 or any of its sub-sections.

3.2.10.2 Employment Eligibility; Subcontractors, Sub-subcontractors and Consultants. To the same extent and under the same conditions as Contractor, Contractor shall require all of its subcontractors, sub-subcontractors and consultants performing any work relating to the Project or this Agreement to make the same verifications and comply with all requirements and restrictions provided for in Section 3.2.10.1.

3.2.10.3 Employment Eligibility; Failure to Comply. Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor verifies that they are a duly authorized officer of Contractor, and understands that any of the following shall be grounds for the City to terminate the Agreement for cause: (1) failure of Contractor or its subcontractors, sub-subcontractors or consultants to meet any of the requirements provided for in Sections 3.2.10.1 or 3.2.10.2; (2) any misrepresentation or material omission concerning compliance with such requirements (including in those verifications provided to the Contractor under Section 3.2.10.2); or (3) failure to immediately remove from the Project any person found not to be in compliance with such requirements.

3.2.10.4 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

3.2.10.5 Equal Opportunity Employment. Contractor represents that it is an equal opportunity employer, and it shall not discriminate against any subconsultant, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. 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.

3.2.10.6 Air Quality. Contractor must fully comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in furnishing or using equipment and/or providing services, including, but not limited to, emissions limits and permitting requirements imposed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Contractor shall specifically be aware of their application to "portable equipment", which definition is considered by CARB to include any item of equipment with a fuel-powered engine. Contractor shall indemnify City against any fines or penalties imposed by CARB, or any other governmental or regulatory agency for violations of applicable laws, rules and/or regulations by Contractor, its subcontractors, or others for whom Contractor is responsible under its indemnity obligations provided for in this Agreement.

3.2.10.7 Water Quality.

(A) Management and Compliance. To the extent applicable, Contractor's Services must account for, and fully comply with, all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations that may impact water quality compliance, including, without limitation, all applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1300); the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Cal Water Code §§ 13000-14950); laws, rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Water Resources Control Board; the City's ordinances regulating discharges of storm water; and any and all regulations, policies, or permits issued pursuant to any such authority regulating the discharge of pollutants, as that term is used in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, to any ground or surface water in the State.

(B) Liability for Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with the laws, regulations and policies described in this Section is a violation of law that may subject Contractor or City to penalties, fines, or additional regulatory requirements. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from and against any and all fines, penalties, claims or other regulatory requirements imposed as a result of Contractor's non-compliance with the laws, regulations and policies described in this Section, unless such non-compliance is the result of the sole established negligence, willful misconduct or active negligence of the City, its officials, officers, agents, employees or authorized volunteers.

(C) Training. In addition to any other standard of care requirements set forth in this Agreement, Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them without impacting water quality in violation of the laws, regulations and policies described in this Section. Contractor further warrants that it, its employees and subcontractors will receive adequate training, as determined by City, regarding the requirements of the laws, regulations and policies described in this Section as they may relate to the Services provided under this Agreement.

### 3.2.11 Insurance.

3.2.11.1 Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of City, and prior to commencement of work, Contractor shall obtain, provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this Agreement, a policy or policies of liability insurance of the type and amounts described below and, in a form, satisfactory to City.

(A) Certificates of Insurance. Contractor shall provide certificates of insurance with original endorsements to City as evidence of the insurance coverage required herein. Insurance certificates must be approved by the City Attorney prior to commencement of performance or issuance of any permit. Current certification of insurance shall be kept on file with City at all times during the term of this Agreement.

(B) Signature. A person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf shall sign certification of all required policies.

(C) Acceptable Insurers. All insurance policies shall be issued by an insurance company currently authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California, with an assigned policyholders' Rating of A (or higher) and Financial Size Category Class VII (or larger) in accordance with the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, unless otherwise approved by the City Attorney.

(D) Minimum Coverage Requirements.

i. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Coverage. Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance (Statutory Limits) and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Contractor shall submit



to City, along with the certificate of insurance, a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

ii General Liability Coverage. Contractor shall maintain commercial general liability insurance with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01, in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) general aggregate, for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, including without limitation, blanket contractual liability. Contractor's general liability policies shall be primary and non-contributory, and be endorsed using Insurance Services Office form CG 20 10 to provide that City and its officers, officials, employees, and agents shall be additional insureds under such policies. For construction contracts, an endorsement providing completed operations to the additional insured, ISO form CG 20 37, is also required.

iii Automobile Liability Coverage. Contractor shall provide auto liability coverage for owned, non-owned, and hired autos using ISO Business Auto Coverage form CA 00 01, or the exact equivalent, with a limit of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident. If contractor owns no vehicles, this requirement may be met through a non-owned auto endorsement to the CGL policy

(E) Endorsements. Each general liability and automobile liability insurance policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

i. The City, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.

ii. This policy shall be considered primary insurance as respects to City, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as respects to all claims, losses, or liability arising directly or indirectly from the Contractor's operations or services provided to City. Any insurance maintained by City, including any self-insured retention City may have, shall be considered excess insurance only and not contributory with the insurance provided hereunder.

iii. This insurance shall act for each insured and additional insured as though a separate policy had been written for each, except with respect to the limits of liability of the insuring company.

iv. The insurer waives all rights of subrogation against City, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.

v. Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to City, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers.

vi. The insurance provided by this policy shall not be suspended, voided, canceled, or reduced in coverage or in limits, by either party except after thirty (30) calendar days (10 calendar days written notice of non-payment of premium) written notice has been received by City.

3.2.11.2 Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, or the extent to which Contractor may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property.

3.2.11.3 All subcontractors shall be included as additional insureds under the Contractor's policies, or the Contractor shall be responsible for causing subcontractors to purchase the appropriate insurance in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including adding the City as an Additional Insured to the subcontractor's policies.

3.2.11.4 Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. Contractor shall guarantee that, at the option of the City, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers; or (2) the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.

3.2.12 Safety. Contractor shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Contractor shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and lifesaving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and subcontractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

### **3.3 Fees and Payments.**

3.3.1 Compensation. Contractor shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall not exceed [INSERT WRITTEN DOLLAR AMOUNT] (\$ INSERT NUMERICAL DOLLAR AMOUNT) without written approval of the City's [INSERT TITLE]. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.3.2 Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to City a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Contractor. The

statement shall describe the amount of Services and supplies provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. City shall, within 30 days of receiving such statement, review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by City.

3.3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, City may request that Contractor perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by City to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from City's Representative.

3.3.5 Prevailing Wages. Contractor 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 16000, 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. Since the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and since the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. City shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Contractor 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 Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor 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.

### **3.4 Indemnification.**

3.4.1 Scope of Indemnity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of, pertaining to, or incident to any alleged acts, errors or omissions of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants or agents in connection with the performance of the Contractor's Services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, expert witness fees and attorneys fees and other related costs and expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent Contractor's Services are subject to Civil Code Section 2782.8, the above indemnity shall be limited, to the extent required by Civil Code Section 2782.8, to claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Contractor.

3.4.2 Additional Indemnity Obligations. Contractor shall defend, with legal counsel chosen by the City and at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all claims, suits, actions or other proceedings of every kind covered by Section 3.4.1 that may be brought or instituted against City or its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers or agents. Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against City or its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Contractor shall also reimburse City for the cost of any settlement paid by City or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Such reimbursement shall include payment for City's attorney's fees and costs, including expert witness fees. Contractor shall reimburse City and its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement, and shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers.

### **3.5 Termination of Agreement.**

3.5.1 Grounds for Termination. City may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Contractor of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall be compensated only for those services which have been adequately rendered to City, and Contractor shall be entitled to no further compensation. Contractor may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

3.5.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, City may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

3.5.3 Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

### **3.6 General Provisions**

3.6.1 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

CONTRACTOR:

Attn: [INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS]

CITY:  
Attn: Nirorn Than, P.E.  
City of Los Banos  
Public Works Director/City Engineer  
411 Madison Avenue  
Los Banos, California 93635

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.6.2 Governing Law; Government Code Claim Compliance. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Merced County. In addition to any and all contract requirements pertaining to notices of and requests for compensation or payment for extra work, disputed work, claims and/or changed conditions, Contractor must comply with the claim procedures set forth in Government Code sections 900 et seq. prior to filing any lawsuit against the City. Such Government Code claims, and any subsequent lawsuit based upon the Government Code claims shall be limited to those matters that remain unresolved after all procedures pertaining to extra work, disputed work, claims, and/or changed conditions have been followed by Contractor. If no such Government Code claim is submitted, or if any prerequisite contractual requirements are not otherwise satisfied as specified herein, Contractor shall be barred from bringing and maintaining a valid lawsuit against the City.

3.6.3 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

3.6.4 City's Right to Employ Other Contractors. City reserves right to employ other contractors in connection with this Project.

3.6.5 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.

3.6.6 Assignment or Transfer. Contractor shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.6.7 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be

construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not workdays. All references to Contractor include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Contractor, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to City include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

3.6.8 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.6.9 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.6.10 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.6.11 Prohibited Interests. Contractor maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid, nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to file, or shall cause its employees or subcontractors to file, a Statement of Economic Interest with the City's Filing Officer as required under state law in the performance of the Services. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of City, during the term of his or her service with City, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.6.12 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.6.13 Attorney's Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

3.6.14 Authority to Enter Agreement. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.6.15 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

3.6.16 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**[INSERT CONTRACTOR NAME]**

**Date:**

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**by: [INSERT NAME]  
[INSERT TITLE]**

**CITY OF LOS BANOS, a California  
municipal corporation**

**Date:**

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**by: Gregory B. Wellman  
Interim City Manager**

**ATTEST:  
CITY CLERK**

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**Lucille L. Mallonee  
City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**William A. Vaughn**  
**City Attorney**



**EXHIBIT A**

[TO BE INSERTED BY STAFF]

**EXHIBIT B**

[TO BE INSERTED BY STAFF]

**EXHIBIT C**  
**[TO BE INSERTED BY STAFF]**