

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA
AND
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC
FOR
OFFICE SUPPLIES AND WORKPLACE SOLUTIONS
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the date last entered below by and between the **CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE**, a Florida Municipal Corporation, whose mailing address is 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34896 (“City”) and **STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL LLC**, a Limited Liability Company, whose mailing address is 500 Staples Dr., Framingham, MA 01702 (“Contractor”). City and Contractor may be referred to herein individually as a “party” or collectively as the “parties.”

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City requires goods and services of Contractor pursuant to RFP #070924 for Office Supplies and Workplace Solutions, and resulting Contract #070924-SCC, agreed upon between Sourcewell and Contractor, for Goods and Services, including its amendments, assignments, renewals and addenda (collectively referred to as “Contract Documents” or the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to incorporate the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents between the Contractor, its predecessors and/or assignors, and Sourcewell, including any and all contract renewals, amendments and change orders, substituting the “City of Port St. Lucie” for “Sourcewell” in all places; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to enter into this Agreement with Contractor pursuant to RFP #070924, Section I – About Sourcewell, Pages 2-3, which was agreed to by both Sourcewell and the Contractor, its predecessors and/or assignors; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the original procurement was lawful, the Contractor, its predecessors and/or assignors, acted at all times in accordance with Florida law when bidding and the competitive procurement method used by Sourcewell is consistent with the purchasing policies and requirements of the City,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth in this Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree to modify and supplement the Contract Documents with the following terms and conditions:

Section 1. Whereas. The “whereas” clauses are hereby incorporated herein as forming the intent, purpose and scope of this Agreement.

Section 2. Terms. The parties agree that pursuant to RFP #070924, Section I – About Sourcewell, Pages 2-3, agreed to by the Contractor and the lead agency, Sourcewell, the City is authorized to utilize the Contract via cooperative agreement, as follows:

- A. Incorporation of the Contract. Except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, the parties hereby incorporate into this Agreement the terms and conditions of the Contract between the Contractor, its predecessors, successors and/or assignees, and Sourcewell, including any contract renewals, amendments and change orders.
- B. Substitution. Except where the context requires otherwise, such as, but not limited to, compliance with City ordinances and regulations, City shall be deemed substituted for Sourcewell, Buyer, and/or Customer regarding any and all provisions of the Contract, including by example, but not limitation, with regard to bond requirements, insurance, indemnification, licensing, termination, default, and ownership of documents. All recitals, covenants, representations, and warranties of Contractor made in the Contract are restated as if set forth fully herein, made for the benefit of City, and incorporated herein.
- C. Term. This Agreement shall be effective from the date upon which all parties have executed it through February 2, 2029, with three (3), one (1) year renewal options. Additionally, the City reserves the right, if exercised by Sourcewell, to consider additional extensions beyond seven years as required under exceptional circumstances.
- D. Purchase Orders. Unless otherwise specified, each City department shall provide Contractor with a purchase order representing specific products needed.
- E. Product and Pricing. In accordance with the Contract, Office Supplies 070924-SCC Price Sheet, incorporated herein by reference.
- F. Shipping. In accordance with the Contract, all delivered equipment and products must be properly packaged. Damaged equipment and products may be rejected by the City. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Contractor must permit the equipment and products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to the City. The City reserves the right to inspect the equipment and products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the equipment and products at the time of delivery. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming equipment and products, the City will notify the Contractor as soon as possible and the Contractor will replace the nonconforming equipment and products with conforming equipment and products that are acceptable to the City. The Contractor must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on equipment and products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Shipping times, notifications, and standards shall be in accordance with the Contract.

- G. Government Appropriation. The parties acknowledge and agree that, if any purchases are made beyond City's current fiscal year (on or after October 1st), such purchases made under this Agreement are contingent upon an annual budget appropriation by the City Council.
- H. Tax Exemption. The City may be tax exempt and will share its tax-exempt certificate upon request.
- I. Conflict. In the event of conflict between the Contract and this Agreement, the terms and conditions in this Agreement shall supersede and take precedence over the Contract.
- J. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing in this Agreement, nor in the Contract, shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving City's sovereign immunity protections existing under the laws of the State of Florida, or extending or increasing the limits of liability as set forth in section 768.28 Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Notice. Notice hereunder shall be provided in writing by certified mail return receipt requested, or customarily used overnight transmission with proof of delivery, to the City Manager at the address listed above.

Section 4. Public Records. Contractor understands that City is a public entity whose records are available and open to the public for review and inspection. Contractor agrees to comply with public records laws, specifically to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
 - 1. The timeframes and classifications for records retention requirements must be in accordance with the General Records Schedule GS1-SL for State and Local Government Agencies and GS2 for Criminal Justice Agencies and District Medical Examiners. (See <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules>).
 - 2. During the term of the Agreement, the Contractor shall maintain all books, reports, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this Agreement. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City.
 - 3. Records include all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received

pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business with the City. Contractor's records under this Agreement include but are not limited to, supplier/sub engineer invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails, and all other documentation generated during this Agreement.

4. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City, during normal business hours, all books of account, reports, and records relating to this Agreement.
 5. A Contractor who fails to provide the public records to the City within a reasonable time may also be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes.
- B. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided for by law. If Contractor does not comply with the City's request for records, City shall enforce the provisions in accordance with this Agreement.
- C. Ensure that project records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to City.
- D. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon the completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records kept electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**CITY CLERK
121 SW PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD.
PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34984**

(772) 871-5157

PRR@CITYOFPSL.COM

Section 5. Scrutinized Vendors List. By entering into this Agreement with the City, Contractor certifies that it and those related entities of Contractor, as defined by Florida law, are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, and are not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The City may terminate this Agreement if Contractor or any of those related entities of Contractor, as defined by Florida law, are found to have submitted a false certification or any of the following occur with respect to the company or a related entity: (i) it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or (ii) for any contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, it has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or it is found to have been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria. Notwithstanding the preceding, the City reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis, permit a company on such lists or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria to be eligible for, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract for goods or services of one million dollars or more, or may permit a company on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List to be eligible for, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract for goods or services of any amount, should the City determine that the conditions set forth in section 287.135(4), Florida Statutes, are met.

Section 6. Law, Venue and Wavier of Jury Trial. This Agreement is to be construed as though made in and to be performed in the State of Florida and is to be governed by the laws of Florida in all respects without reference to the laws of any other state or nation. The venue of any action taken to enforce this Agreement, arising from this Agreement, or related to this Agreement, shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

The parties to this Agreement hereby freely, voluntarily, and expressly, waive their respective rights to trial by jury on any issues so triable after having the opportunity to consult with an attorney.

Section 7. Indemnification. Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the City, its officers, agents, and employees from, and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, attorney's fees for personal, economic, or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, which may arise or may be alleged to have risen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor control in connection with the Contractor's performance of services under this Agreement. To that extent, Contractor shall pay any and all such claims and losses and shall pay any and all such costs and judgments which may issue from any lawsuit arising from such claims and losses including wrongful termination or allegations of discrimination or harassment, and shall pay all costs and attorney's fees expended by the City in defense of such claims and losses, including appeals. That the aforesaid hold-harmless agreement by Contractor shall apply to all damages and claims for

damages of every kind suffered, or alleged to have been suffered, by reason of any of the aforesaid operations of Contractor or any agent laborers, subcontractors, or employee of Contractor regardless of whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to be applicable to any of such damages or claims for damages. Contractor shall be held responsible for any violation of laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances affecting in any way the conduct of all persons engaged in or the materials or methods used by Contractor on the work. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 8. Insurance. The Contractor shall, and for the General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall on a primary basis, and at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Agreement, insurance coverage and limits, including endorsements, as described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as City's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by the Contractor are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Contractor under the Agreement.

The parties agree and recognize that it is not the intent of the City that any insurance policy/coverage that it may obtain pursuant to any provision of this Agreement will provide insurance coverage to any entity, corporation, business, person, or organization, other than the City of Port St. Lucie and the City shall not be obligated to provide any insurance coverage other than for the City of Port St. Lucie or extend its immunity pursuant to section 768.28, Florida Statutes, under its self-insured program. Any provision contained herein to the contrary shall be considered void and unenforceable by any party. This provision does not apply to any obligation imposed on any other party to obtain insurance coverage for this project and/or any obligation to name the City of Port St. Lucie as an additional insured under any other insurance policy or otherwise protect the interests of the City of Port St. Lucie as specified in this Agreement.

Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employer's Liability: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employers' Liability in accordance with section 440, Florida Statutes. Employers' Liability must include limits of at least \$100,000.00 each accident, \$100,000.00 each disease/employee, and \$500,000.00 each disease/maximum. A Waiver of Subrogation endorsement must be provided. Should scope of work performed by contractor qualify its employee(s) for benefits under Federal Workers' Compensation Statute (for example, U.S. Longshore & Harbor Workers Act or Merchant Marine Act), proof of appropriate Federal Act coverage must be provided.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance, issued under an Occurrence form basis, including Contractual liability, with limits of not less than:

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| Each occurrence | \$1,000,000 |
| Personal/advertising injury | \$1,000,000 |
| Products/completed operations aggregate | \$2,000,000 |
| General aggregate | \$2,000,000 |
| Fire damage | \$100,000 any 1 fire |

Medical expense

\$10,000 any 1 person

Additional Insured: An Additional Insured endorsement **must** be attached to the certificate of insurance under the General Liability policy. Coverage is to be written on an occurrence form basis and shall apply as primary and non-contributory.. A waiver of subrogation is to be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall extend to independent contractors and fellow employees. Contractual Liability is to be included. Coverage is to include a cross liability or severability of interests provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insurers clause.

The General and Automobile Liability insurance, Certificates of Insurance and policies, via blanket additional insured endorsement, shall clearly state that coverage required by the Contract has been endorsed to include the City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, agents and employees as Additional Insured for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability policies. The name for the Additional Insured endorsement issued by the insurer shall read: **“City of Port St. Lucie, a municipality of the State of Florida, its officers, employees and agents shall be listed as additional insured and shall include Contract #20250092 – Office Supplies and Workplace Solutions.”** Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The policies shall be specifically endorsed to provide thirty (30) days written notice to the City prior to any cancellation, or non-renewal of coverage thereunder. Formal written notice shall be sent to City of Port St. Lucie, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34984, Attn: Procurement. In the event that the statutory liability of the City is amended during the term of this Contract to exceed the above limits, the Contractor shall be required, upon thirty (30) days written notice by the City, to provide coverage at least equal to the amended statutory limit of liability of the City. Copies of the Additional Insured endorsement shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance.

Business Automobile Liability Insurance: The Contractor shall agree to maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident, combined single limit, covering any auto, owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles. In the event the Contractor does not own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing Contractor to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto Coverage form. Certificate holder must be listed as additional insured. A waiver of subrogation must be provided. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis.

Waiver of Subrogation: By entering into this Agreement, Contractor agrees to a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss contract to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then Contractor shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of Rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy where a condition to the policy specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or voids coverage should Contractor enter into such a contract on a pre-loss basis.

Deductibles: All deductible amounts shall be paid for and be the responsibility of the Contractor for any and all claims under this Agreement.

It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to request that all independent contractors and subcontractors obtain insurance aligned with their risks.

The Contractor may satisfy the minimum limits required above for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employers' Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employers' Liability. The City shall be endorsed as an "Additional Insured."

The City, by and through its Risk Management Department, reserves the right, but is not obligated, to modify, reject, or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Agreement. All insurance carriers must have an AM Best rating of at least A:VII or better.

A failure on the part of the Contractor to execute the Agreement and/or punctually deliver the required insurance certificates and other documentation may be cause for annulment of this Agreement.

Section 9. Audits. During the Term and for twelve (12) months thereafter, Seller will, upon thirty (30) calendar days' prior written request, make available to Buyer no more than once per calendar year, at Seller's corporate offices during normal business hours, the information from Seller's contract administration application pertaining to all invoices sent by Seller and payments made by Buyer for all Products and Services purchased by Buyer hereunder during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding Buyer's written audit request. Seller shall have the right to approve any third party employed by Buyer to conduct the audit, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon approval and after the third party has executed a confidentiality agreement with Seller, Seller will permit the third party to review relevant documents. Buyer shall be responsible for paying the fees and costs of any third party. If a properly conducted audit discloses any over-billing or under-billing from the then-current contract price, Seller or Buyer shall promptly reimburse or pay the affected party, as applicable. Notwithstanding the preceding, the once per calendar year limit shall not apply if the City is audited and requires a sub-audit to fulfill its obligations.

The Contractor shall ensure the City has these rights with Contractor's employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors, and the obligations of these rights shall be explicitly included in any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Contractor and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to the City.

Section 10. E-Verify. In accordance with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the Contractor agrees to comply with the following:

1. Contractor must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor. Contractor must provide City with sufficient proof of compliance with this provision before beginning work under this Agreement.
2. If Contractor enters into a contract with a subcontractor, Contractor must require each and every subcontractor to provide the Contractor with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of each and every such affidavit(s) for the duration of this Agreement and any renewals thereafter.
3. The City shall terminate this Agreement if it has a good faith belief that a person or an entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes.
4. Contractor shall immediately terminate any contract with any subcontractor if Contractor has, or develops, a good faith belief that the subcontractor has violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes. If City has or develops a good faith belief that any subcontractor of Contractor knowingly violated section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, or any provision of section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the City shall promptly notify the Contractor and order the Contractor to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor.
5. The City shall terminate this Agreement for violation of any provision in this section. If the Agreement is terminated under this section, it is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this Agreement under this section, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the Agreement was terminated. A contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of a contract.
6. The City, Contractor, or any subcontractor may file a cause of action with a circuit or county court to challenge a termination under section 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes, no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date on which the Agreement was terminated. The parties agree that any such cause of action shall be filed in St. Lucie County, Florida, in accordance with the Venue provision herein.

Section 11. Construction. The title of the section and paragraph headings in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not govern, suggest, or affect the interpretation of any of the terms or provisions within each section or this Agreement as a whole. The use of the term “including” in this Agreement shall be construed as “including, without limitation.” Where specific examples are given to clarify a general statement, the specific language shall not be construed as limiting, modifying, restricting, or otherwise affecting the general statement. All singular words and terms shall also include the plural, and vice versa. Any gendered words or terms used shall include all genders. Where a rule, law, statute, or ordinance is referenced, it indicates the rule, law, statute, or ordinance in place at the time the Agreement is executed, as well as may be amended from time to time, where application of the amended version is permitted by law.

The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and agree that both have been represented by counsel and/or had sufficient time to consult counsel, before entering into this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity, conflict, omission, or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and

there shall be no presumption or burden of proof or persuasion based on which party drafted a provision of the Agreement.

Section 12. Discriminatory, Convicted, and Antitrust Violator Vendor Lists. Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates, as defined in the statutes below, have been placed on the discriminatory vendor list under section 287.134, Florida Statutes; the convicted vendor list under section 287.133, Florida Statutes; or the antitrust violator vendor list under section 287.137, Florida Statutes. Absent certain conditions under these statutes, neither contractors nor their affiliates, as defined in the statutes, who have been placed on such lists may submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity.

Section 13. Cooperation with Inspector General. Pursuant to section 20.055, Florida Statutes, it is the duty of every state officer, employee, agency, special district, board, commission, contractor, and subcontractor to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing pursuant to this section. Contractor understands and will comply with this statute.

Section 14. Non-Exclusivity. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is non-exclusive.

Section 15. Termination for Convenience. The City may, at any time, with or without cause, or for its convenience, terminate all or a portion of the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. Any such termination shall be accomplished by delivery in writing of a notice to Contractor. Following termination without cause, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of invoices and proper proof of claim, for services provided under the Agreement to the City up to the time of termination, pursuant to Florida law.

Section 16. Merger. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between Contractor and City with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, understandings, and agreements, written or oral, between the parties. This Agreement may not be modified except by the parties' mutual agreement set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties are duly authorized to bind their respective entities hereto and have accepted, made, and executed this Agreement upon the terms and conditions above stated on the day and year entered below.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE,
A Florida municipal corporation

Caroline Sturgis
Director, Office of Management & Budget

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR
Staples Contract & Commercial LLC



Date: Sep 10, 2025
