

**CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
CONTRACT #20250211**

This CONTRACT executed this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, a municipal corporation, duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida, hereinafter called "City," and RELATION INSURANCE SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC., 700 SE Central Parkway, Stuart, FL 34994 & Telephone (800) 431-2221, hereinafter called "Contractor" or "Proposer." City and Contractor may be referred to herein individually as a "party" or collectively as the "parties."

**SECTION I
RECITALS**

In consideration of the below agreements and covenants set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Contractor is registered to conduct business in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to contract with a contractor for Claims Related to Sewer Collection Systems, as well as other tasks more specifically described in this Contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a competitive solicitation, Contractor was awarded an agreement with the Treasure Coast Risk Management Program, to which the City is a member, to perform services related to intergovernmental risk management programs; and

WHEREAS, the services contemplated in this Contract are collateral to the services Contractor performs for the Treasure Coast Risk Management Program; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified, willing, and able to provide the Work specified on the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into this Contract with Contractor to perform the Work specified and in the amount as agreed upon below.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Contract and made a part hereof for reference.

**SECTION II
NOTICES**

All notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given if delivered in person, sent by certified mail with return receipt request, email with read receipt, or by Fed-EX, UPS, courier or other similar and reliable carrier and addressed as follows, unless written notice of a change of address is given pursuant to the provisions of this Contract. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided:

- A. The same day, if sent via email with read receipt.
- B. Within one (1) day in the case of overnight hand delivery, courier, or services such as Fed-Ex or UPS with guaranteed next day delivery; or,

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C. Within seven (7) days after it is deposited in the U.S. Mail in the case of registered U.S. Mail.

From time to time, the parties may change the name and address of the person designated to receive notice. Such change of the designated person or their designees and/or address shall be in writing to the other party and as provided herein.

Contractor: Tim McCreary
700 SE Central Parkway
Stuart, FL 34994
Office: 800-431-2221 Direct: 772-919-8592
tim.mccreary@relationinsurance.com

City Contract Administrator: Nathaniel Rubel, Procurement Assistant Director
Procurement Management Division
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
772-344-1230
nrubel@cityofpsl.com

City Project Manager: Tim Richards, Deputy Director
Utility Systems Department
1001 SE Prineville St.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
772-344-4228
trichards@cityofpsl.com

SECTION III DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

Contractor will provide Third Party Administration (TPA) services as required by the City's Utility Systems Department (USD), including, but not limited to, the following:

Third Party Claims Administration Proposals for General Liability Coverage

1. Contractor shall provide the following Loss Control services in conjunction with the administration of USD's claims. These services include:
 - i. Identification of unfavorable trends and patterns of USD's losses.
 - ii. Development of programs designed to reverse these trends and patterns.
2. Contractor shall perform the following services on behalf of USD:
 - i. Assume the complete handling of all claims in existence at the time of Contract execution claims as well as new claims originating from the effective date of this contract.
 - ii. Develop specific service instructions with USD for the handling of USD's claims. Develop specific service instructions with USD for the handling of USD's catastrophic claims.
 - iii. Conduct adequate, timely, and complete 24-hour contact investigation of claims regardless of exposure (24 hours from first notice to the Contractor, not 24 hours from when adjuster received).
 - iv. Coordinate restoration with 3rd party contractors to ensure compliance and completion of work is met.

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3. Review all bills for other services for which a claim is being made for reasonableness and conformity to rules and regulations, in consistency with the City's Purchasing Policy and Procedure Manual.
4. Prepare and maintain files necessary for legal defense of claims and/or other litigation (such as actions for subrogation, contribution, or indemnity) or other proceedings.
5. Notify USD, within 48 hours of knowledge, of any claim that becomes litigated.
6. Contractor shall provide USD formal status reports on:
 - i. Any file with a total incurred of \$25,000 or greater; or
 - ii. Any file where indemnity has been paid for 60 days or longer.
7. Contractor shall not possess settlement authority without approval by the City, meaning that person and/or entity who is designated by the City, including up to City Council or its designee.
8. Prepare and provide to USD a monthly report of all claims that have been opened, reopened, and/or closed during the previous month.
9. Where appropriate or desirable, attend hearings, depositions, mediations, and other proceedings. The adjuster handling the claim file should provide an updated written file note within 48 hours to the City's Project Manager and Risk Management Director after the proceeding.
10. At the request of USD, provide a complete copy of all files involving litigation, potential or actual subrogation, or potential or actual recovery from special or second injury funds to USD.
11. Aggressively pursue all possibilities of subrogation, excess insurance reimbursement, third party liens, contribution or indemnity, and/or recovery from special or second injury funds on behalf of USD.
12. Conduct on-site assessments on all property losses.
13. Contractor to pay vendor bills (attorneys, contractors, etc.), lodging fees and content claims upon USD authorization within thirty (30) days.
14. Contractor shall be responsive to after-hour requests for lodging, if necessary.
15. Prepare and present annual audit report, in conjunction with auditor, to USD.
16. Account Manager assigned to USD must be domiciled in the State of Florida.
17. In the event of a change in service personnel under this Contract, USD requires advance notification and an introduction of new personnel within thirty (30) days of hire. USD shall then have thirty (30) days from the date of the introduction to issue written disapproval. If USD disapproves of an individual proposed by Contract, then Contractor shall provide notice and introduction in compliance with this paragraph for any new proposed service personnel. During the time of performance, USD retains the right to disapprove of all personnel assigned to this Contract by providing thirty (30) day notice to Contractor.

Bank Account

Contractor shall open a bank account under the name "TRICO, LLC" for the sole purpose of facilitating this Contract. The following conditions apply to the bank account ("Account"):

1. Contractor shall appoint one or more of its employees as authorized signers on the Account. Contractor shall limit the number of authorized signers to those required to perform services under this Contract, as to limit the number of individuals who has access to the Account. Contractor shall provide the City with a list of authorized signers on the Account, and any changes to the list must be approved in advance by the City.
2. Contractor shall safeguard all City funds deposited in the Account with the highest degree of fiduciary care. At a minimum, the Contractor shall:
 - a. Maintain the Account in compliance with sound internal control standards, including segregation of duties, restricted access, and documented approval workflows.

- b. Implement and enforce multi-factor authentication, unique user credentials, and regularly updated passwords for all individuals with access to the Account.
 - c. Limit Account access strictly to City-approved personnel and ensure that no additional individuals are granted access without prior written authorization from the City.
 - d. Maintain detailed, contemporaneous accounting records for all deposits, withdrawals, and adjustments to the Account, including supporting documentation sufficient for audit verification.
 - e. Reconcile the Account monthly, or more frequently as requested by the City, and provide copies of reconciliations to the City within five (5) business days of completion.
 - f. Implement procedures to detect unauthorized transactions and immediately notify the City in writing of any irregularities, suspected fraud, or security breaches.
 - g. Maintain policies and procedures for the safeguarding, handling, and disbursement of City funds that meet or exceed the internal controls used by the Contractor for its own financial accounts.
3. City shall pre-fund the Account with a balance of \$200,000. If the Account ever falls below a balance of \$50,000, City shall add funding equal to or greater than the amount necessary to restore the \$200,000 balance within 2 weeks of notification by Contractor that account balance has fallen below \$50,000. If Contractor reasonably believes that it will need additional funding in the Account, at any time, it shall contact the Project Manager and state the reasons for the proposed need. The USD Department Director or his designee, in his sole discretion, may authorize additional funding. If the account balance falls below \$50,000, that shall not constitute a breach of this Contract by the City. Contractor's sole remedy in that situation is to pass invoices to the City.
 4. At the end of the Contract, whether by natural expiration or early termination under the Contract, Contractor shall refund all sums in the Account to City within 14 days after the effective date of termination.
 5. Contractor shall keep an accurate accounting of when funds are withdrawn from the Account, and at minimum, include the claim number, claimant name, address where loss occurred, reason for payment, and running total for entire claim.
 6. The purpose of the Account is to reimburse vendors, pay out USD claims that arise outside of the contract between the Contractor and the Treasure Coast Risk Management Program (Contract #20220042), claimant's lodging, and reimbursement for content claims.
 7. Contractor shall not withdraw any funds from the Account unless and until the City approves expenditure of the funds. Approval shall be from the City Manager or designee.

SECTION IV TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The Contract Period start date will be the date executed above and will terminate on December 31, 2028, however, Contractor shall continue to provide services, as described herein, for any claims that have been initiated prior to the termination date, but continue past the termination date. In the event all work required in the bid specifications has not been completed by the specified date, the Contractor agrees to provide work as authorized by the Project Manager until all work specified in the bid specifications has been rendered and accepted by the City.

SECTION V RENEWAL OPTION

This Agreement may be renewed under the same terms and conditions for one (1) additional three (3)-year period. Renewal shall occur if and only if, and to the same extent, Contract #20220042, between Relation Insurance Services

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of Florida and the Treasure Coast Risk Management Program, is renewed/extended. Such renewal shall be accomplished as a Contract Amendment to this Contract, signed by a duly authorized representative of each party.

SECTION VI **COMPENSATION**

The total amount to be paid by the City to the Contractor is on a per project basis for the unit prices listed below. Payments will be disbursed in the following manner.

Contractor's fee for providing the service hereunder will be \$1,200.00 per claim ("Service Fee"). The Service Fee for the renewal terms will be determined at the time of Contract renewal. This Service Fee includes handling all claims which occur from inception of the Program through the term of the Contract and all other services described herein. Invoices for the Service Fee shall be submitted once a month, by the tenth (10th) day of each month, and payments shall be made in thirty (30) days unless Contractor has chosen to take advantage of the Purchasing Card Program, which guarantees payment within several days.

Brokerage and Casualty Services remuneration will be commissioned as is customary for the carrier writing the products. This includes insurance, reinsurance or other ancillary coverages as may be offered currently or in the future. Contractor shall, if requested, disclose and provide USD in writing the applicable rate of compensation paid by each carrier.

All invoices and correspondence relative to this Contract must contain the City's Contract number and Purchase Order number, detail of items with prices that correspond to the Contract, a unique invoice number and partial and final release of liens.

All invoices are to be sent to the Project Manager.

All payments not made within the time specified by this section shall bear interest from thirty (30) calendar days after the due date at the rate of one (1) percent per month on the unpaid balance.

SECTION VII **WORK CHANGES**

The City reserves the right to order work changes in the nature of additions, deletions, or modifications without invalidating the Contract, and agrees to make corresponding adjustments in the Contract price and time for completion. Any and all changes must be authorized by a written change order signed by the City's Purchasing Agent, or his designee, as representing the City. Work shall be changed and the Contract price and completion time shall be modified only as set out in the written change order. Any adjustment in the Contract price resulting in a credit or a charge to the City shall be determined by mutual agreement of the parties before starting the work involved in the change. Any dispute concerning work changes which is not resolved by mutual agreement shall be decided by the City Manager who shall reduce the decision to writing. The decision of the City Manager shall be final and conclusive.

SECTION IX **INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS**

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 arisen from the negligent acts, errors, omissions or other wrongful conduct of Contractor, agents, laborers, subcontractors or other personnel entity acting under Contractor's control in connection with the Contractor's performance of services under this Contract. To that extent, Contractor shall pay such claims and losses and shall pay 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 Contract.

SECTION X
SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or otherwise interpreted as waiving the City's sovereign immunity protections existing under the laws of the State of Florida, or as increasing the limits of liability as set forth in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

SECTION XI:
INSURANCE

Maintain in full force and effect at all times insurance coverage, limits, including endorsements described herein:

- a. General Liability Insurance: TRICO shall agree to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance issued under an occurrence form basis with limits of not less than:
 - i. Each occurrence \$1,000,000
 - ii. Personal/advertising injury \$1,000,000
 - iii. Products/completed operations aggregate \$2,000,000
 - iv. General aggregate \$2,000,000
 - v. Fire damage \$100,000 any 1 fire
 - vi. Medical expense \$10,000 any 1 person

An Additional Insured endorsement shall be attached to the certificate of insurance under the General Liability policy. Defense costs are in addition to limits of liability. Coverage shall respond on a primary and non-contributory basis. A waiver of subrogation shall be provided. Contractual liability is to be included. Coverage shall extend to independent contractors TRICO engages to provide services under the Agreement. Coverage is to include a cross liability or severability of interests provision as provided under the standard ISO form separation of insurers clause.

- b. TRICO shall agree to maintain a Waiver of Subrogation for each required policy under this Section where feasible. When required by the insurer, or when a policy condition does not permit TRICO to enter into a pre-loss contract to waive subrogation without an endorsement, TRICO agrees 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 required under this Section where a condition to the policy specifically prohibits such an endorsement or voids coverage should TRICO enter into such a contract on a pre-loss basis.

- c. All deductible amounts shall be paid for and be the responsibility of TRICO for any and all claims under this Agreement.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of TRICO to ensure that all contractors, independent contractors and/or subcontractors comply with the same insurance requirements referenced herein. It will be the responsibility of the TRICO to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all contractors, independent contractors, and sub-contractors, listing the City as an Additional Insured without the language when required by written contract. If TRICO, their independent contractor or subcontractor maintain higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the City, independent contractor, or subcontractor.
- e. In the event that the statutory liability of the City is amended during the term of the Agreement to exceed the limits referenced above, the City shall notify TRICO in writing, and TRICO shall then provide coverage at least equal to the amended statutory limit of liability of the City.

SECTION XIII:
PROHIBITION AGAINST FILING OR MAINTAINING LIENS AND SUITS

Subject to the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, neither Contractor nor any subcontractor, supplier of materials, laborer, or other person or entity shall file or maintain any lien for labor or materials delivered in the performance of this Contract against the City. The right to maintain such lien for any or all the above parties is hereby expressly waived.

SECTION XIV:
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall otherwise comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes and shall, at his own expense, secure and pay the fees and charges for all permits required for the performance of the Contract. All materials furnished and works done are to comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Contractor will comply with all requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 35.151.

SECTION XV:
PUBLIC RECORDS

Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. The Contractor and any subcontractors are to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other material made or received by the Contractor in conjunction with this Contract, unless the records are exempt from Article I, section 24(a), Florida Constitution, and section 119.07(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Pursuant to section 119.10(2)(a), Florida Statutes, any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of chapter 119, Florida Statutes, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

RECORDS

The City of Port St. Lucie is a public agency subject to chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The Contractor shall comply with Florida's Public Records Laws. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 119,

FLORIDA STATUTES. Pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, Contractor agrees to comply with all public records laws, specifically to:

Keep and maintain public records required by the City in order to perform the service.

- A. 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](#).
- B. During the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall maintain all books, reports, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this Contract. The form of all records and reports shall be subject to the approval of the City.
- C. 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 Contract include, but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor invoices and contracts, project documents, meeting notes, emails and all other documentation generated during this Contract.
- D. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City, during normal business hours all books of account, reports and records relating to this Contract.
- E. 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.

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 in chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law.

Ensure that public 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 Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.

Upon completion of the Contract, 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 Contract, 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 completion of the Contract, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored 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 THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:

**CITY CLERK
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.**

Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
(772) 871 5157
pr@cityofpsl.com

TRADE SECRETS

Any material submitted to the City that Contractor contends constitutes or contains trade secrets or is otherwise exempt from production under Florida public records laws (including chapter 119, Florida Statutes) ("Trade Secret Materials"), must be separately submitted and conspicuously labeled: "EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RECORD PRODUCTION – TRADE SECRET." In addition, simultaneous with the submission of any Trade Secret Materials, the Contractor shall provide a sworn affidavit from a person with personal knowledge attesting that the Trade Secret Materials constitute trade secrets under section 688.002, Florida Statutes, and stating the factual basis to support the attestation. If a third party submits a request to the City for records designated by the Contract as Trade Secret Materials, the City shall refrain from disclosing the Trade Secret Materials, unless otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorized in writing by the Contractor. Contractor shall indemnify and defend the City, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, fines, penalties, damages, judgments, and liabilities of any kind, including attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and court costs, relating to the nondisclosure of any Trade Secret Materials in response to a records request by a third party.

SECTION XVI: SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

By entering into this Contract 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 Contract 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 XVII: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Amendments. The City and the Contractor agree that they will, from time to time, execute, acknowledge, and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged, and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required for carrying out the expressed intention of the Contract. The Contract may be amended in writing from time to time by mutual consent of the parties. All amendments to the Contract must be in writing and fully executed by duly authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor.

Fiscal Year- All reference to Fiscal Year shall mean the City's Fiscal Year. The City's Fiscal Year is from October 1st through September 30th.

Joint Venture. Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as creating or constituting the relationship of a partnership, joint venture, or other association of any kind or agent and principal relationship, between the vested parties. Each party shall be deemed to be an independent contractor contracting for the services and acting toward the mutual benefits expected to be derived from the mutually agreed upon Contract. Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's agents, employees, subcontractors, or contractors shall become or be deemed to become agents, or employees of the City. Contractor shall therefore be responsible for compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations involving its employees and any subcontractors, including, but not limited to, employment of labor, hours of labor, health and safety, working conditions, workers' compensation insurance, and payment of wages. No party has the authority to enter into any contract or create an obligation or liability on behalf of, in the name of, or binding upon another party to the Contract.

Performance by Industry Standards. The Contractor represents and expressly warrants that all aspects of the Services provided or used by it shall, at a minimum, conform to the standards in the Contractor's industry. This requirement shall be in addition to any express warranties, representations, and specifications included in the Contract, which shall take precedence

Use of Name or Intellectual Property. Contractor agrees it will not use the name or any intellectual property, including but not limited to, City trademarks or logos in any manner, including commercial advertising or as a business reference, without the express prior written consent of the City.

Waiver. Except as specifically provided for in a waiver signed by duly authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor, failure by either party at any time to require performance by the other party or to claim a breach of any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as affecting any subsequent right to require performance or to claim a breach. Each waiver, if mutually agreed upon, shall be published as a Contract amendment.

SECTION XVIII: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions, appearing on any purchase order issued relative to this Contract, and those contained in this Contract and the Specifications herein referenced, the terms of this Contract and Specifications herein referenced shall apply.

City's Public Relations Image – The Contractor's personnel shall at all times handle complaints and any public contact with due regard to the City's relationship with the public. Any personnel in the employ of the Contractor involved in the execution of work that is deemed to be conducting himself in an unacceptable manner shall be removed from the project at the request of the City Manager.

SECTION XIX: INSPECTION AND CORRECTION OF DEFECTS

In order to determine whether the required materials have been delivered or the required work performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract documents, the Project Manager shall make inspection as soon as practicable after receipt from the Contractor of a Notice of Performance or delivery ticket. If such inspection shows that the required materials have been delivered and required work performed in accordance with terms and conditions of the Contract documents and that the material and work is entirely satisfactory, the Project Manager shall approve the invoice when it is received. Thereafter the Contractor shall be entitled to payment, as described in Section VI. However, if, upon such inspection the Project Manager is not satisfied, he shall as promptly as practicable inform the

parties hereto of the specific respects in which his findings are not favorable. Contractor shall then be afforded an opportunity if desired by him, to correct the deficiencies so pointed out at no additional charge to the City, and otherwise on terms and conditions specified by the Project Manager. Upon failure of the Contractor to perform the work in accordance with the Contract Documents, including any requirements with respect to the Schedule of Completion, and after five (5) days written notice to the Contractor, the City may, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, correct such deficiencies. The Contractor shall be charged all costs incurred to correct deficiencies. Such examination, inspection, or tests made by the Project Manager, at any time, shall not relieve Contractor of his responsibility to remedy any deviation, deficiency, or defect.

Deductions – In the event the City deems it expedient to perform work which has not been done by the Contractor as required by these Specifications, or to correct work which has been improperly and/or inadequately performed by the contractor as required in these Specifications, all expenses thus incurred by the City, in the City's option, will be invoiced to the Contractor and/or may be deducted from payments due to the Contractor. Deductions thus made will not excuse the Contractor from other penalties and conditions contained in the Contract.

SECTION XX: **LICENSING**

Contractor warrants that it and its employees possess all licenses and certifications necessary to perform required work and is not in violation of any laws. Contractor warrants that such licenses and certificates are current and will be maintained throughout the duration of the Contract.

SECTION XXII: **ASSIGNMENT**

Contractor shall not delegate, assign, or subcontract any part of the work under this Contract or assign any monies due him hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the City. If Contractor sells all or a majority of its shares, merges with, or otherwise is acquired by or unifies with a third party, it shall notify the City within ten (10) days. If after such notice, the City determines in its sole discretion, it may terminate the Contract, without penalty. The City's consent to any assignment is strictly conditioned upon the third party assuming all obligations under the Contract as it exists at the time of the assignment and/or assumption. Contractor shall ensure that any business transaction complies with the terms of this section, and failure to so comply shall render any alleged assignment and/or assumption void.

SECTION XXIII: **TERMINATION**

Termination for Cause. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute cause for the City to declare the Contractor in default of its obligations under the Contract:

- I. The Contractor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming services or fails to perform, to the City's satisfaction, any material requirement of the Contract or is in violation of a material provision of the Contract, including, but without limitation, the express warranties made by the Contractor;
- II. The Contractor fails to make substantial and timely progress toward performance of the Contract;
- III. In the event the Contractor is required to be certified or licensed as a condition precedent to providing the Services, the revocation or loss of such license or certification may result in immediate

- termination of the Contract effective as of the date on which the license or certification is no longer in effect;
- IV. The Contractor becomes subject to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding under federal or state law, to the extent allowed by applicable federal or state law, including bankruptcy laws; the Contractor terminates or suspends its business; or the City reasonably believes that the Contractor has become insolvent or unable to pay its obligations as they accrue consistent with applicable federal or state laws;
 - V. The Contractor has failed to comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, and orders when performing within the scope of the Contract;
 - VI. The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the City to liability, as determined in the City's sole discretion;
 - VII. The Contractor furnished any statement, representation, or certification in connection with the Contract, which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect, or incomplete.

Notice of Default. Except in the case of an irreparable or irreversible breach, default, or noncompliance, which shall be governed as provided below, if there is a default, breach, or noncompliance event caused by the Contractor, the City shall provide written notice to the Contractor requesting that the breach, default, or noncompliance be remedied within the period specified in the City's written notice to the Contractor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period specified in the written notice, the City may:

- I. Immediately terminate the Contract without additional written notice(s); and/or
- II. Enforce the terms and conditions of the Contract and seek any legal or reasonable remedies; and/or
- III. Procure substitute services from another source and charge the difference between the Contract and the substitute contract to the defaulting Contractor. Such a charge, in the City's option, may be invoiced to the Contractor and/or may be deducted from payments due to the Contractor. Deductions thus made will not excuse the Contractor from other penalties and conditions contained in the Contract.

Irreparable or Irreversible Breach, Default, or Noncompliance. The parties agree that there may be certain breaches, defaults, or acts or omissions of noncompliance that are, by their very nature, irreparable or irreversible. In the event of a breach, default, or noncompliance that is irreparable or irreversible, the City may immediately terminate this Contract upon notice of its decision to exercise this termination right, without providing prior notice or a remedy period. Whether a breach, default, or noncompliance is irreparable or irreversible will be determined in the sole discretion of the City.

Termination for Convenience. The City, in its sole discretion, may terminate this Contract at any time without cause, by providing at least thirty (30) days' prior written 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 Contract to the City up to the time of termination, pursuant to Florida law.

Conversion of Termination for Cause to Termination for Convenience. If the City terminates this Contract for cause, and the basis for such termination is later found to be insufficient, than the termination shall automatically convert to a termination for convenience. In such an instance, the notice provided in the Notice of Default or Irreparable or Irreversible Breach, Default, or Noncompliance sections shall serve as the City's notice for termination for convenience.

SECTION XXIV APPROPRIATION APPROVAL

The Contractor acknowledges that the City of Port St Lucie's performance and obligation to pay or deposit any funds under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the City Council. The Contractor agrees that, in the

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event such appropriation is not forthcoming, this Contract may be terminated by the City effective the last date for which funding was appropriated and that no charges, penalties, or other costs shall be assessed.

SECTION XXV:
LAW, VENUE, AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

This Contract 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 Contract, arising out of this Contract, or related to this Contract, shall be in St. Lucie County, Florida.

The parties to this Contract 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 XXVI:
CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The City hereby acknowledges that the Contractor may be performing professional services for private developers within the Treasure Coast area. Should a conflict of interest arise between providing services to the City and/or other clients, the Contractor shall terminate its relationship with the other client(s) to resolve the conflict of interest. The City Manager shall determine whether a conflict of interest exists. At the time of each Project Proposal the Contractor shall disclose all its Treasure Coast clients and related Scope of Work.

SECTION XXVII:
PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Contractor warrants that he or she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Contract and that he has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

SECTION XXVIII:
ATTORNEY'S FEES

Each party is responsible for its own attorney's fees for any action arising from or related to this Contract. Each party expressly waives any right to seek attorney's fees from the other party, regardless of the source of such right.

SECTION XXIX:
CODE OF ETHICS

Contractor warrants and represents that its employees will abide by any applicable provisions of the State of Florida Code of Ethics in Chapter 112.311 et seq., Florida Statutes, and Code of Ethics Ordinances in Section 9.14 of the City of Port St. Lucie Code.

SECTION XXX:
POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Contractor shall not discriminate against any person in its operations, activities, or delivery of services under this Contract. Contractor shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local equal employment laws and shall not engage in or commit any discriminatory practice against any person based on race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for service delivery.

SECTION XXXI:
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Contract shall be deemed severable and if any portion of the Contract is found invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions herein.

SECTION XXXII:
AUDITS

The Contractor shall establish and maintain a reasonable accounting system that enables the City to readily identify the Contractor's assets, expenses, costs of goods, and use of funds throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least seven (7) years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records shall include, but are not limited to, accounting records, written policies and procedures; subcontract files (including proposals of successful and unsuccessful bidders, bid recaps, etc.); all paid vouchers including those for out-of-pocket expenses; other reimbursement supported by invoices; ledgers; canceled checks; deposit slips; bank statements; journals; original estimates; estimating worksheets; contract amendments and change order files; back charge logs and supporting documentation; insurance documents; payroll documents; timesheets; memoranda; and correspondence. The Contractor shall permit the City's authorized auditor or any authorized representative of the State, and where federal funds are involved, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any other authorized representative of the United States government, to access and examine, audit, excerpt and to make copies of all books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records, or other records relating or pertaining to this Contract kept by or under the control of the Contractor, including, but not limited to, those kept by the Contractor, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors. Such records shall be made available to the City during normal business hours at the Contractor's office or place of business. The Contractor shall not impose a charge for audit or examination of the Contractor's books and records. If an audit discloses incorrect billings or improprieties, the City reserves the right to charge the Contractor for the cost of the audit and appropriate reimbursement. Any adjustments and/or payments that must be made as a result of any such audit or inspection of the Contractor's invoices and/or records shall be made within a reasonable amount of time (not to exceed ninety (90) days) from presentation of the City's findings to the Contractor. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

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 XXXIII:
FORCE MAJEURE

Any deadline provided for in this Contract may be extended, as provided in this paragraph, if the deadline is not met because of one of the following conditions occurring with respect to that particular project or parcel: fire, strike, explosion, power blackout, earthquake, volcanic action, flood, war, civil disturbances, terrorist acts, hurricanes, and Acts of God. When one of the foregoing conditions interferes with Contract performance, then the party affected may be excused from performance on a day-for-day basis to the extent such party's obligations relate to the performance so interfered with, provided, the party so affected shall use reasonable efforts to remedy or remove such causes of non-performance. The party so affected shall not be entitled to any additional compensation by reason of any day-for-day extension hereunder.

SECTION XXXIV:
CONSTRUCTION

The title of the section and paragraph headings in this Contract 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 Contract as a whole. The use of the term "including" in this Contract 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 Contract 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 Contract and agree that both have been represented by counsel and/or had sufficient time to consult counsel, before entering into this Contract. In the event an ambiguity, conflict, omission, or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Contract 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 Contract.

SECTION XXXV:
E-VERIFY

The Contractor agrees to comply with section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including the following:

- A. Contractor must register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor. The Contractor must provide the City with sufficient proof of compliance with this provision before beginning work under this Contract.
- B. 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 subcontractor with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of each and every such affidavit(s) for the duration of the Contract and any renewals thereafter.
- C. The City shall terminate this Contract 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.
- D. 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 the 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.

- E. The City shall terminate this Contract for violation of any provision in this section. If the Contract is terminated under this section, it is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this Contract under this section, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for at least one (1) year after the date on which the Contract was terminated. A contractor is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of the termination of the contract.
- F. 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 Contract was terminated. The parties agree that any such a cause of action must be filed in St. Lucie County, Florida, in accordance with the Venue provision herein.

SECTION XXXVI:
NON-EXCLUSIVITY

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Contract is non-exclusive.

SECTION XXXVII:
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 XXXVIII:
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 XXXIX:
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Purchasing Agent

By: [Signature] 4-20-26
Authorized Representative

NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by [] physical presence or [] online notarization, this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ who is [] personally known to me, or who has [] produced the following identification:



[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public

LAURA R. MEYER
Print Name of Notary Public

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NOTARY SEAL/STAMP

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission expires:

