

**CITY OF PORT ST LUCIE
CONTRACT # 20230007**

This CONTRACT executed this ____ day of _____, 2022, 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" party of the first part, and GAI Consultants, Inc, 618 East South Street, Suite 700, Orlando, FL 32801, Telephone No. 407-423-8398 Fax No. 407-423-8398, hereinafter called "Contractor", party of the second part.

**SECTION I
RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Contractor is a licensed Company doing business in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to contract for Boundary and Annexation Study; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is qualified, willing and able to provide the Work 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 an amount, agreed to below.

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

The Recitals set forth above are hereby incorporated into this Contract and made a part of 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 or fax and addressed as follows unless written notice of a change of address is given pursuant to the provisions of this Contract.

Contractor: Pete Sechler
GAI Consultants, Inc.
618 East South Street, Suite 700
Orlando, Fl. 32801
Telephone: (407) 423-8398
Email: P.Sechler@gaiconsultants.com

City Project Manager: Mary F. Savage-Dunham, AICP, CFM
City of Port St. Lucie Planning and Zoning
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34984
Telephone: (772) 873-6350
Email: mdunham@cityofpsl.com

City Contract Administrator: Othniel Beauzyl
City of Port St. Lucie Procurement Management Department
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34984
Telephone: (772) 344-4230
Email: obeauzyl@cityofpsl.com

SECTION III
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED

The City is seeking qualified consultants to prepare a Boundary and Annexation Study for the City of Port Saint Lucie. The firm selected will be expected to address the following concerns/issues:

1. Staff Steering Committee – work with a committee comprised of various department personnel (planning, public works, parks and recreation, utilities, community redevelopment agency, economic development, etc.) to target the needs of each department as it relates to the analysis of potential annexation areas.
2. Provide the City two (2) public workshops for public outreach.
3. Existing conditions analysis - Analyze the extent of the current City Limits, utility service areas, transportation network, existing and future land uses, and physical challenges or opportunities as they exist currently.
4. Future annexation analysis - evaluate lands proximate to the existing City boundary and analyze the costs and benefits of extending the boundary line in some areas for the purposes of growth, economic development and/or additional residential development. This analysis should include the following:
 - a. Identification of existing contiguous enclaves and a purposeful strategy to incorporate them into the City.
 - b. Identification of a strategy for additional Developments of Regional Impact, a.k.a large voluntary annexation request.
 - c. An analysis of infrastructure demands and facilities that would be warranted by potential areas to be annexed.
 - d. An economic analysis of potential annexation impacts (fees/revenues generated versus costs of service delivery) - at a minimum, an ad valorem analysis seems appropriate with a next step that could include other fees (impact/mobility fees, franchise fees, etc.).
5. An analysis of the Future Land Use Map and Zoning with recommendations for parcels that do not have City Land Uses or Zoning (including both those previously annexed as well as new potential lands to be annexed).
6. Preparation of a thoroughfare plan for the northwest quadrant and immediately adjacent areas.
7. Provide additional items for consideration by the Staff Steering Committee as needed.
8. Provide the draft analysis (report and presentation) to the planning department for one round of review comments.
9. Provide the draft analysis to the Staff Steering Committee and meet to discuss.
10. Present the draft analysis to the City Council at one workshop meeting for initial feedback and direction.
11. Provide final Boundary and Annexation Study report and presentation to the planning department for one round of review comments. Provide a stand-alone Executive Summary of the study.
12. Present the final Boundary and Annexation Study to the City Council at a workshop meeting.
13. Meet with City Council for "one on one" meeting.
14. Meet with City Manager for "one on one" meeting.

Deliverables

Upon completion of the study the consultant must provide the following deliverables to the City:

- Twenty (20) bound copies of the study and the stand-alone Executive Summary, along with electronic copies of each document in Microsoft Word and pdf format; GIS data files that contain shape and data files for any maps or graphics prepared for the study.
- Maps and associated data shall be in ArcGIS Pro and PDF format and shall be provided to the City.
- All text and report files shall be in editable MS Word and PDF formats. Any spreadsheets shall be in MS Excel format.

SECTION IV
TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Contract period shall start March 1, 2023 and terminate two hundred forty-five (245) calendar days thereafter on November 1, 2023. The Contractor shall commence work under this Contract within ten (10) calendar days after the start date identified in this Contract. 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.

Written requests shall be submitted to the Project Manager for consideration of extension of completion time due to strikes, unavailable materials, or other similar causes over which the Contractor feels he has no control. Requests for time extensions shall be submitted immediately but in no event more than two (2) weeks upon occurrence of conditions, which, in the opinion of the Contractor, warrant such an extension with reasons clearly stated and a detailed explanation given as to why the delays are considered to be beyond the Contractor's control.

**SECTION V
RENEWAL OPTION**

There are no renewals to this contract.

**SECTION VI
COMPENSATION**

This is a Time and Expense Contract per the Fee Schedule Table below, with a Contract total of **\$146,140.00**. The Fee Table below also presents a total of **\$22,000.00** in optional services which may be required. The City will not pay for out-of-pocket expenses including, but not limited to, office & utilities, sub-consultants fees or any reimbursable expense. There will be no additional amount paid for reimbursable expenses. All Lump Sum Amounts are “Not to Exceed” amounts. Engineer shall invoice the City for the amount of the indemnification payment and said invoice shall accompany the signed Contracts.

The Engineer shall not be paid additional compensation for any loss or damage, arising out of the nature of the work, from the action of the elements, or from any delay or unforeseen obstruction or difficulties encountered in the performance of the work, or for any expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension or discontinuance of the work.

Progress Payments – Within twenty (20) business days, the City shall pay the Consultant, the sum of money due each Progress Payment that is properly allocated to labor, materials and equipment incorporated in the work for the period covered in the application for progress payment.

Major Task	Fee	Optional Fee	
		Public Engagement	Transportation
1. Project Governance and Administration	\$28,104.00		
Stakeholder Group (Option 1)		\$13,080.00	
Stakeholder Interview (Option 2)		\$4,000.00	
2. Discovery			
Data Collection - Existing Conditions Analysis	\$24,672.00		
Existing Transportation Network Analysis Option			\$6,000.00
Initial Travel Demand Model Review Analysis Option			\$4,000.00
Data Collection - Cost	\$5,184.00		
Future Annexation Analysis	\$33,824.00		
Initial Travel Demand Model Run Analysis Option			\$6,000.00
3. Synthesis			
Cost of Revenue Analysis	\$14,160.00		
Thoroughfare Plan Development Option			\$6,000.00
Strategic Analysis	\$17,960.00		
4. Review of Strategic Analysis			
	\$14,976.00		
5. Final Boundary and Annexation Study Report			
	\$7,260.00		
Total	\$146,140.00	\$17,080.00	\$22,000.00

Invoices for services shall be submitted once a month, by the 10th of the month, and payments shall be made net thirty (30) days unless Contractor has chosen to take advantage of the Purchasing Card Program, which guarantees payment within several days. Payments shall be made provided the submitted invoice is accompanied by adequate supporting documentation and approved by Project Manager as provided in Section XIV.

The Contractor shall not be paid additional compensation for any loss or damage, arising out of the nature of the work, from the action of the elements, or from any delay or unforeseen obstruction or difficulties encountered in the performance of the work, or for any expenses incurred by or in consequence of the suspension or discontinuance of the work.

No payment for projects involving improvements to real property shall be due until Contractor delivers to City a complete release of all claims arising out of the Contract or receipts in full in lieu thereof, and an affidavit on his personal knowledge that the releases and receipts include labor and materials for which a lien could be filed.

All invoices and correspondence relative to this Contract must contain the City's Contract number and Purchase Order number, detail of services with prices that correspond to the Contract, and a unique invoice number

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 and after providing Contractor reasonable opportunity to correct any deficiencies as set forth in sect XV & XX., all expenses thus incurred by the City, at the City's option, will be invoiced to the Contractor and/or deducted from payments due to the Contractor. Deductions thus made will not excuse the Contractor from other penalties and conditions contained in the Contract.

All invoices are to be sent to: City Project Manager's email address and APNOTIFICATIONS@CITYOFPSL.COM.

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

Taxes. Contractor is responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes and other charges related to the performance of this contracts.

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 reasonably decided by the City Manager who shall reduce the decision to writing. The decision of the City shall be final and conclusive. ~~Contractor may terminate this contract in the event that City's decision is deemed by Contractor as unreasonable.~~

SECTION VIII **CONFORMANCE WITH PROPOSAL**

It is understood that the materials and/or work required herein are in accordance with the proposal made by the Contractor pursuant to the Solicitation and Specifications on file in the Procurement Management Department of the City. All documents submitted by the Contractor in relation to said proposal, and all documents promulgated by the City for inviting proposals are, by reference, made a part hereof as if set forth herein in full.

SECTION IX **INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS**

Contractor agrees to indemnify, ~~pay reasonable costs necessary to~~ 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, reasonable attorney's fees for personal, economic or bodily injury, wrongful death, loss of or damage to property, at law or in equity, ~~to the extent caused by~~ 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 Contract and 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 reasonable attorney's fees expended by the City in defense of such claims and losses including appeals. That the aforesaid hold-harmless Contract by Contractor shall apply to all damages and claims for damages 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**

This section contains general business requirements. By submitting a response, the contractor is certifying its agreement to comply with all of the identified requirements of this section and that all costs for complying with these general business requirements are included in the contractor's submitted pricing.

Indemnification and Insurance Requirements

The Advisor agrees to indemnify, pay the reasonable costs to defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligent act, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of the Advisor and persons employed or utilized, including any independent Advisors or subAdvisors by the Advisor in the performance of this contract. As consideration for this indemnity provision the Advisor shall be paid the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), which will be added to the contract price, and paid prior to commencement of work.

The Advisor 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 Contract, insurance coverage, limits, including endorsements, as described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as City's review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Advisor are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Advisor under the Contract.

The parties agree and recognize that it is not the intent of the City of Port St. Lucie that any insurance policy/coverage that it may obtain pursuant to any provision of this Contract 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, 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 Contract.

Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employer's Liability: The Advisor shall agree to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance & Employers' Liability in accordance with Section 440, Florida Statutes. Employers' Liability and 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. Coverage shall apply on a primary basis.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: The Advisor shall agree to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance, issued under an Occurrence form basis, including Contractual liability, to cover the hold harmless agreement set forth herein, with limits of not less than:

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 (should be CG2026) under the General Liability policy. Coverage is to be written on an occurrence form basis and shall apply as primary and non-contributory. Defense costs are to be in addition to the limit of liability. A waiver of subrogation is to be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall extend to independent Advisors 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.

Except as to Workers' Compensation, Employers' Liability, and Professional Liability Insurance, Certificates of Insurance and policies 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, Business Auto Liability and Cyber Liability policies, and a Loss Payee for the Crime policy. 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 Contract #20230007 Boundary and Annexation Study shall list as additional insured."** Copies of the Additional Insured endorsements shall be attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The policies shall be specifically endorsed to provide thirty (30) day written notice to the City prior to any adverse changes, cancellation, or non-renewal of coverage thereunder ~~or Consultant shall provide such notice~~. 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 Advisor 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.

Automobile Liability Insurance: The Advisor shall agree to maintain Business Automobile Liability Insurance at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000.00 each accident covering any auto, owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event, the Advisor does not own any automobiles; the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing Advisor 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.

Professional Liability Insurance: Advisor shall agree to maintain Professional Liability, or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$2,000,000 Per Occurrence. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$25,000 the City reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of Advisor's most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, the Advisor warrants the retroactive date equals or precedes the effective date of this Contract. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced, or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplemental Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Contract, Advisor shall agree to purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than four (4) years. If policy contains an exclusion for dishonest or criminal acts, defense coverage for the same shall be provided

Cyber Liability Insurance: Consultant shall agree to maintain Cyber Liability in limits not less \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence for direct loss, legal liability and consequential loss resulting from cyber security breaches. Coverage to include coverage for Privacy & Security Liability, Security Breach Response / Customer Breach Notice Expense, Cyber Extortion and Electronic Media Liability. The City of Port St. Lucie must be listed as an additional insured. A waiver of subrogation shall be provided in favor of the City. Coverage shall apply on a primary and non-contributory basis

Waiver of Subrogation: The Advisor shall agree by entering into this Contract 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.

Deductibles: All deductible amounts shall be paid for and be the responsibility of the Advisor for any and all claims under this Contract. Where an SIR or deductible exceeds \$5,000, the City of Port St. Lucie reserves the right, but not obligation, to review and request a copy of the bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

It shall be the responsibility of the Advisor to ensure that all independent Advisors and sub-Advisors comply with the same insurance requirements

referenced herein. It will be the responsibility of the Advisor to obtain Certificates of Insurance from all independent Advisors and subAdvisors listing the City as an Additional Insured without the language "when required by written contract". If Advisor, independent Advisor or subAdvisor maintain higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by Advisor/independent Advisor/subAdvisor.

The Advisor 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. When required by the insurer, or when Umbrella or Excess Liability is written on Non-Follow Form," the City shall be endorsed as an "Additional Insured."

The City by and through its Risk Management Department reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this contract. All insurance carriers must have an AM Best rating of at least A: VII or better. When a self insured retention or deductible exceeds \$25,000, The City reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of bidder's most recent annual report or audited financial statement.

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

Payment & Performance Bonds: Not applicable to this contract.

SECTION XII
ACTS OF GOD

The Contractor shall be responsible for all preparation of the site for Acts of God, including but not limited to; earthquake, flood, tropical storm, hurricane or other cataclysmic phenomenon of nature, rain, wind or other natural phenomenon of normal intensity, including extreme rainfall. No reparation shall be made to the Contractor for damages to the Work resulting from these Acts. The City is not responsible for any costs associated with pre or post preparations for any Acts of God.

Emergencies – In the event of emergencies affecting the safety of persons, the work, or property, at the site or adjacent thereto, the Contractor, or his designee, without special instruction or authorization from the City, is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. In the event such actions are taken, the Contractor shall promptly give to the City written notice and contact immediately by phone, of any significant changes in work or deviations from the Contract documents caused thereby, and if such action is deemed appropriate by the City a written authorization signed by the City covering the approved changes and deviations will be issued.

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 Sub-Contractor supplier of materials, laborer or other person 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 of 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](#). Contractors and Sub-Contractor, shall comply with [§ 119.0701, Fla. Stat.](#) The Contractor and Sub-Contractor, 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 [Art. I, § 24\(a\), Fla. Const.](#) and § 119.07(1)(a),

Fla. Stat. (2013). Pursuant to [§ 119.10\(2\)\(a\), Fla. Stat.](#), any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of Ch. 119, Laws of Fla., commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in [§ 775.082](#) and [§ 775.083 Fla. Stat.](#)

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 Law. CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES. Pursuant to Section 119.0701, F.S.

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;

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](#).
2. 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.
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 Contract include but are not limited to, supplier/subcontractor 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 contract.
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.

Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the public agency 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 this chapter 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

SECTION XV
INSPECTION AND CORRECTION OF DEFECTS

In order to determine whether the required material has 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 material has 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 V. If, on 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 he 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.

Authority - The Contractor is hereby informed that City inspectors are not authorized to alter, revoke, enlarge, or relax the provisions of these specifications. They are not authorized to approve or accept any portion of the completed work, or instructions contrary to the specifications. An inspector is placed on the project (or sent to the location of materials) to inspect materials being used in the work and to observe the manner in which the work is being performed and to report the progress of the work to the City. The inspector shall have the authority to reject defective materials or suspend any work that is being improperly done subject to the final decision of the City.

Notification – The Contractor shall be responsible to give twenty-four (24) hour notification to the City, when field observations are required.

Defective Work - All work and/or materials not meeting the material-requirements of these specifications shall be deemed as defective by the City, and all such work and/or material, whether in place or not, shall be removed immediately from the site of the work. All rejected materials that have been corrected shall not be used until the City has issued written approval to the Contractor. Without unnecessary delay and without any additional cost to the City, all work that has been rejected shall be remedied or removed and replaced in a manner acceptable to the City. If the Contractor fails to promptly remove and properly dispose of rejected materials and/or work then replaces same immediately after being notified to do so, the City may employ labor to remove and replace such defective work and/or materials. All charges for replacement of defective materials and/or work shall be charged to the Contractor and may be deducted from any moneys due to the Contractor or his Surety.

Repair or Replacement - Should any defect appear during the warranty period, the Contractor shall, at their own expense, have repaired or replaced such item upon receipt of written notice from the City of said defect. Said repair or replacement must be accomplished within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of notification from the City of the 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 after notice was provided to Contractor and time for corrective work, 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 XVI
SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

[Section 287.135, Florida Statutes](https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/Portals/FSB/Content/GlobalGovernanceMandates/QuarterlyReports/Global_Governance_Mandates_and_Florida%20Statutes_2019_01_29.pdf?ver=2019-01-29-130006-790), prohibits agencies from contracting with companies, for goods or services over \$1,000,000 that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran petroleum Energy Sector List, or do any business with Cuba or Syria. Both lists are created pursuant to [Section 215.473, Florida Statutes](https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/Portals/FSB/Content/GlobalGovernanceMandates/QuarterlyReports/Global_Governance_Mandates_and_Florida%20Statutes_2019_01_29.pdf?ver=2019-01-29-130006-790) https://www.sbafla.com/fsb/Portals/FSB/Content/GlobalGovernanceMandates/QuarterlyReports/Global_Governance_Mandates_and_Florida%20Statutes_2019_01_29.pdf?ver=2019-01-29-130006-790.

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.

Integration of Terms. This Contract represents the entire contract between the parties. The parties shall not rely on any representation that may have been made by either party which is not included in the Contract.

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.

Notice(s). Any and all notices, designations, consents, offers, acceptances or any other communication provided for herein shall be given in writing by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, by receipted hand delivery, by Fed-EX, UPS, courier or other similar and reliable carrier which shall be addressed to the person who signed the Contract on behalf of the party at the address identified in the contract. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided:

- I. 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,
- II. 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.

Performance by Industry Standards. The Contractor represents and warrants that all aspects of the Services provided or used by it shall, 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

Permits, Licenses, and Certifications. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, certifications, etc., required by Federal, State, County, and Municipal laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances for the performance of the work required in these specifications and to conform with the requirements of said legislation. The Contractor shall be required to complete a **W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form**, provided with the City's contract, and return it with the signed contract and insurance documents.

Supersedes Former Contracts or Agreements. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, this Contract supersedes all prior contracts or agreements between the City and the Contractor for the Services provided in connection with the Contract.

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 expressed 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 him/herself in an unacceptable manner shall be removed from the project at the request of the City Manager.

Contractual Relations. - The Contractor(s) are advised that nothing contained in the contract or specifications shall create any contractual relations between the City and Sub-Contractor of the Contractor(s).

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. - This contract may be expanded to include other governmental agencies provided a cooperative purchasing agreement exists or an inter-local agreement for joint purchasing exists between the City of Port St. Lucie and other public agencies. Contractor(s) may agree to allow other public agencies the same items at the same terms and conditions as this contract, during the period of time that this contract is in effect. Each political entity will be responsible for execution of its own requirements with the Contractor.

Dress Code. – All personnel in the employ of the Contractor(s) shall be appropriately attired. Employees engaged in the course of work shall wear company uniforms neat and clean in appearance, readily identifiable to all City employees and the public. No tee shirts with obscene pictures or writings will be allowed. Swimsuits, tank tops, shorts and sandals are also prohibited. Safety toed shoes shall be worn at all times.

Patent Fees, Royalties, and Licenses. – If the Contractor requires or desires to use any design, trademark, device, material or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, the Contractor and his surety shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all claims for infringement in connection with the work agreed to be performed. The Contractor shall indemnify the City from any cost, expense, royalty or damage which the City may be obligated to pay by reason of any infringement at any time during the prosecution of or after completion of the work.

Permits. - The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining all permits, licenses, certifications, etc., required by Federal, State, County, and Municipal laws, regulations, codes, and ordinances for the performance of the work required in these specifications and to conform with the requirements of said legislation. The Contractor shall be required to complete a **W-9 Taxpayer Identification Form**, provided with the City's contract, and return it with the signed contract and insurance documents

SECTION XIX **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 which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION XX **TERMINATION, DELAYS AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

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 law;
- 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. If the City determines that the actions, or failure to act, of the Contractor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, life, health or safety to be jeopardized;
- VII. The Contractor has engaged in conduct that has or may expose the City to liability, as determined in the City's sole discretion;
- VIII. The Contractor furnished any statement, representation or certification in connection with the contract, which is materially false, deceptive, incorrect or incomplete.

Notice of Default. If there is a default event caused by the Contractor, the City shall provide written notice to the Contractor requesting that the breach or noncompliance be remedied within the period of time specified in the City's written notice to the Contractor. If the breach or noncompliance is not remedied within the period of time 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

Termination for Convenience. The City may, at any time, with or without cause, or for its convenience terminate all or a portion of the Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to successful 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 contract to the City up to the time of termination, pursuant to Florida law.

Termination for Non-Appropriation. The City is a governmental agency which relies upon the appropriation of funds by its governing body to satisfy its obligations. If the City reasonably determines that it does not have funds to meet its obligations under the awarded contract, the City will have the right to terminate the contract, without penalty, on the last day of the fiscal period for which funds were legally available.

SECTION XXI

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 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 XXII

APPROPRIATION APPROVAL

The Contractor acknowledges that the City of Port St Lucie's performance and obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the City Council. The Contractor agrees that, in the event such appropriation is not forthcoming, this Contract may be terminated by the City and that no charges, penalties or other costs shall be assessed.

SECTION XXIII
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 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 of its Treasure Coast clients and related Scope of Work.

SECTION XXIV
PUBLIC RECORDS / TRADE SECRETS / COPYRIGHT

The Proposer's response to the City's proposal request is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, [Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07](#) ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this City's proposal request and the Contract to be executed as subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the Solicitation purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the Solicitation, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the Solicitation constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the Proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

SECTION XXV
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 or she 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 XXVI
ATTORNEY'S FEES

If this matter is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or in the event suit or action is instituted by the City to enforce any of the terms or conditions of the Contract, and if City prevails in said action Contractor shall pay to the City, in such suit or action in both trial court and appellate court, the City's costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for the cost of collection and judgment enforcement.

SECTION XXVII
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 XXVIII
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 XXIX
SEVERABILITY

The Parties to this Contract expressly agree that it is not their intention to violate any public policy, statutory or common law rules, regulations, or decisions of any governmental or regulatory body. If any provision of this Contract is judicially or administratively interpreted or construed as being in violation of any such policy, rule, regulation, or decision, the provision, sections, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof causing such violation will be inoperative (and in lieu thereof there will be inserted such provision, section, sentence, word, clause, or combination thereof as may be valid and consistent with the intent of the Parties under this Contract) and the remainder of this Contract, as amended, will remain binding upon the Parties, unless the inoperative provision would cause enforcement of the remainder of this Contract to be inequitable under the circumstances.

SECTION XXX
AUDITS

The Contractor shall maintain books, records and documents in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and procedures and which sufficiently and properly document and calculate all charges billed to the City throughout the term of the Contract for a period of at least ~~seven 7~~ **three (3)** years following the date of final payment or completion of any required audit, whichever is later. Records to be maintained include both financial records and service records. 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 transcribe any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, electronic or optically stored and created records or other records of the Contractor relating to orders, invoices or payments or any other documentation or materials pertaining to the Contract, wherever such records may be located during normal business hours. 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. Evidence of criminal conduct will be turned over to the proper authorities.

SECTION XXXI
ORDER OF PREFERENCE

In the case of any inconsistency or conflict among the specific provisions of this Contract (including any amendments accepted by both the City and the Contractor attached hereto), the E-Bid (including any subsequent addenda and written responses to bidders' questions), and the Contractor's Response, any inconsistency or conflict shall be resolved as follows:

- (i) First, by giving preference to the specific provisions of this Contract.
- (ii) Second, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the E-Bid.
- (iii) Third, by giving preference to the specific provisions of the Contractor's Response, except that objections or amendments by a contractor that have not been explicitly accepted by the City in writing shall not be included in this Contract and shall be given no weight or consideration.

SECTION XXXII
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The written terms and provisions of this Contract shall supersede any and all prior verbal or written statements of any official or other representative of the City. Such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into, or forming a part of, or altering in any manner whatsoever, this Contract or Contract documents.

Section XXXIII

Design Professionals Limitation on Liability

A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY OR AN AGENT OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY IS NOT INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE OCCURRING WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IF REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 558.0035 ARE MET.

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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: _____

By: Pete Sechler, Vice President
GAT Consultants, Inc 

Purchasing Agent

Authorized Representative

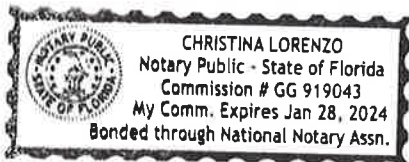
NOTARIZATION AS TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE'S EXECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA)

) ss

COUNTY OF Orange)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by [] physical presence or [] online notarization, this 15th day of February, 2023, by Pete Sechler who is [] personally known to me, or who has [] produced the following identification:





Signature of Notary Public

Christina Lorenzo

Print Name of Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission expires:

NOTARY SEAL/STAMP

