

BSI ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____ 2015, by and between the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality, (“City”), whose address is 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1016, and Backflow Solutions, Inc., an Illinois corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of Florida, (“Contractor” or “Company”), whose address and phone number are _____, Phone: _____, Fax: _____, Email: _____

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the City and the Contractor covenant and agree as follows:

WITNESSETH:

I. SCOPE

The Contractor shall perform certain notification and data management functions on behalf of the City. Contractor shall, through the use of its propriety software, BSI Online:

- (a) Maintain the online database to insure a functional backflow assembly tracking system that is easy to understand and use by licensed testers. Contractor shall also maintain an internet website where testers shall input all data related to backflow tests they conduct within the City. The website and all subsequent information will be stored safely and securely.
- (b) Send up two (2) notices to water customers that have backflow assemblies, advising them that their assembly is due for testing. The Test Due Notice shall be mailed approximately 60 days prior to the scheduled test due date. The second notice shall be sent 30 days prior to the scheduled test due date if the backflow test results have not been entered into the online data base. To facilitate the testing procedure, the Test Due Notice will include the identity of the water customer’s last tester of record, together with all relevant contact information, provided that information is available to Contractor. At the time the Test Due Notice is mailed to the water customer, Contractor will also transmit a notice to the last tester of record advising tester that the water customer’s assembly is due to be tested. This Tester Notification is designed to increase test compliance, thereby reducing enforcement costs incurred by the City. All information contained within BSI Online will remain the property of the City. As such, the City will have access into the program to view all transactions. The City will also receive a monthly report detailing all backflow assembly test results by the 10th of the following month in order to maintain compliance with the state regulatory agencies. Provide a toll free customer service telephone number on the website and on all notices for the City’s backflow customers.
- (c) Include backflow tester list and FAQ’s on BSI’s website for the City.
- (d) Complete a daily backup of City’s data.
- (e) Use ASSE approved standards for passing tests.

- (f) Receive and re-process all backflow notices returned by the postal service.
- (g) Save replacement backflow history/information in the backflow record.
- (h) Include a field for meter numbers on the test entry screen.

Unless otherwise specified herein, the Contractor shall perform all Work identified in this Agreement. The parties agree that the scope of services is a description of Contractor's obligations and responsibilities, and is deemed to include preliminary considerations and prerequisites, and all labor, materials, equipment, and tasks which are such an inseparable part of the work described that exclusion would render performance by Contractor impractical, illogical, or unconscionable.

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the City's Contract Administrator has no authority to make changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under this Agreement.

By signing this Agreement, the Contractor represents that it thoroughly reviewed the documents incorporated into this Agreement by reference and that it accepts the description of the Work and the conditions under which the Work is to be performed.

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The initial contract period shall commence on _____, 2015, and shall end on _____, 2016. In the event the term of this Agreement extends beyond the end of any fiscal year of City, to wit, September 30th, the continuation of this Agreement beyond the end of such fiscal year shall be subject to both the appropriation and the availability of funds.

III. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The Contractor agrees to provide the services as specified herein for the sum of \$495.00 as the annual subscription fee. It is acknowledged and agreed by Contractor that this amount is the maximum payable and constitutes a limitation upon City's obligation to compensate Contractor for Contractor's services related to this Agreement. This maximum amount, however, does not constitute a limitation of any sort upon Contractor's obligation to perform all items of work required by or which can be reasonably inferred from the Scope of Services. No amount shall be paid to Contractor to reimburse Contractor's expenses.

IV. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Indemnification

Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission by the Contractor or by any officer, employee, agent, invitee, subcontractor, or sublicensee of the Contractor. The provisions and obligations of this section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

B. Intellectual Property

Contractor hereby represents and warrants to City that Contractor is the owner of BSI Online Software and website or otherwise has the right and authority to grant to the City the rights set forth in this Agreement.

Contractor shall protect and defend at Contractor's expense, counsel being subject to the City's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless the City from and against any and all losses, penalties, fines, damages, settlements, judgments, claims, costs, charges, royalties, expenses, or liabilities, including any award of attorney fees and any award of costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any infringement or allegation of infringement of any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property right in connection with the Contractor's or the City's use of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, article, material, or device that is manufactured, provided, or used pursuant to this Agreement.

C. Termination for Cause

The aggrieved party may terminate this Agreement for cause if the party in breach has not corrected the breach within ten (10) days after written notice from the aggrieved party identifying the breach. The City Manager may also terminate this Agreement upon such notice as the City Manager deems appropriate under the circumstances in the event the City Manager determines that termination is necessary to protect the public health or safety. The parties agree that if the City erroneously, improperly or unjustifiably terminates for cause, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience, which shall be effective thirty (30) days after such notice of termination for cause is provided.

This Agreement may be terminated for cause for reasons including, but not limited to, Contractor's repeated (whether negligent or intentional) failure to submit all required documentation to the City; failure to timely remit monies owed to the City; failure to perform the Work to the City's satisfaction; or failure to continuously perform the work in a manner calculated to meet or accomplish the objectives as set forth in this Agreement.

D. Termination for Convenience

The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel this contract for convenience by giving written notice to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation. In the event this Agreement is terminated for convenience, City shall be promptly paid all monies due and owing for any services pursuant to the Agreement through the termination date specified in the written notice of termination. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it has received good, valuable and sufficient consideration from City, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged by Contractor, for City's right to terminate this Agreement for convenience.

E. Cancellation for Unappropriated Funds

The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel this contract for unappropriated funds or unavailability of funds by giving written notice to the Contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation. The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds

appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise provided by law.

F. Insurance

The Contractor shall furnish proof of insurance requirements as indicated below. The coverage is to remain in force at all times during the contract period. The following minimum insurance coverage is required. The commercial general liability insurance policy shall name the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality, as an “additional insured.” This MUST be written in the description section of the insurance certificate, even if there is a check-off box on the insurance certificate. Any costs for adding the City as “additional insured” shall be at the Contractor’s expense.

The City of Fort Lauderdale shall be given notice 10 days prior to cancellation or modification of any required insurance. The insurance provided shall be endorsed or amended to comply with this notice requirement. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate, it shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested and addressed to the Procurement Services Division.

The Contractor’s insurance must be provided by an A.M. Best’s “A-“rated or better insurance company authorized to issue insurance policies in the State of Florida, subject to approval by the City’s Risk Manager. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the contractor that excludes coverage for work contemplated in this solicitation shall be deemed unacceptable, and shall be considered breach of contract.

Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Insurance

Limits: Workers’ Compensation – Per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes
Employers’ Liability - \$500,000

Any firm performing work for or on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale must provide Workers’ Compensation insurance. Exceptions and exemptions will be allowed, by the City’s Risk Manager, if they are in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Commercial General Liability Insurance

Covering premises-operations, products-completed operations, independent contractors and contractual liability.

Limits: Combined single limit bodily injury/property damage \$1,000,000.

This coverage must include, but not limited to:

- a. Coverage for the liability assumed by the contractor under the indemnity provision of the contract.
- b. Coverage for Premises/Operations
- c. Products/Completed Operations
- d. Broad Form Contractual Liability
- e. Independent Contractors

Certificate holder should be addressed as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale
Procurement Services Division
100 North Andrews Avenue, Room 619
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

G. Standard of Care

Contractor represents that it is qualified to perform the Work, that Contractor possesses current, valid state and/or local licenses to perform the Work (if applicable), and that its services shall be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other qualified contractors under similar circumstances.

H. Rights in Documents and Work

Any and all reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents provided or created in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of City; and Contractor disclaims any copyright in such materials. In the event of and upon termination of this Agreement, any reports, photographs, surveys, and other data and documents prepared by Contractor, whether finished or unfinished, shall become the property of City and shall be delivered by Contractor to the City's Contract Administrator within seven (7) days of termination of this Agreement by either party. Any compensation due to Contractor shall be withheld until Contractor delivers all documents to the City as provided herein.

I. Audit Right and Retention of Records

City shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of Contractor that are related to this Agreement. Contractor shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to this Agreement. All books, records, and accounts of Contractor shall be kept in written form, or in a form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time, and upon request to do so, Contractor shall make same available at no cost to City in written form.

Contractor shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by City in Broward County, Florida, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida public records law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum period of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or three (3) years, whichever is longer, the books, records, and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for City's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract.

J. Public Entity Crime Act

Contractor represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant, or other provider and who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to City, may not submit a bid on a contract with City for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to City, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with City, and may not transact any business with City in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, for category two purchases for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid by City pursuant to this Agreement, and may result in debarment from City's competitive procurement activities.

K. Independent Contractor

Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the supervision of the Contractor. In providing such services, neither Contractor nor Contractor's agents shall act as officers, employees, or agents of City. No partnership, joint venture, or other joint relationship is created hereby. City does not extend to Contractor or Contractor's agents any authority of any kind to bind City in any respect whatsoever.

L. Assignment and Performance

Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the written consent of the other party. In addition, Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement. City may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately, if there is any assignment, or attempted assignment, transfer, or encumbrance, by Contractor of this Agreement or any right or interest herein without City's written consent.

Contractor represents that each person who will render services pursuant to this Agreement is duly qualified to perform such services by all appropriate governmental authorities, where required.

Contractor shall perform Contractor's duties, obligations, and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner. The quality of Contractor's performance and all interim and final product(s) provided to or on behalf of City shall be comparable to the best local and national standards.

M. Conflicts

Neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with Contractor's loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment and care related to Contractor's performance under this Agreement.

Contractor further agrees that none of Contractor's officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as an expert witness against City in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he, she, or Contractor is not a party, unless compelled by court process. Further, Contractor agrees that such persons shall not give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of City in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding unless compelled by court process. The limitations of this section shall not preclude Contractor or any persons in any way from representing themselves, including giving expert testimony in support thereof, in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

N. Schedule and Delays

Time is of the essence in this Agreement. By signing, Contractor affirms that it believes the schedule to be reasonable.

O. Materiality and Waiver of Breach

City and Contractor agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein was bargained for at arm's-length and is agreed to by the parties in exchange for *quid pro quo*, that each is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and that each is, therefore, a material term hereof.

City's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.

P. Compliance With Laws

Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

Q. Severance

In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the provisions not having been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable shall continue to be effective.

R. Limitation of Liability

The City desires to enter into this Agreement only if in so doing the City can place a limit on the City's liability for any cause of action for money damages due to an alleged breach by the City of this Agreement, so that its liability for any such breach never exceeds the sum of \$100. Contractor hereby expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with Contractor's recovery from the City for any damage action for breach of contract or for any action or claim arising from this Agreement to be limited to a maximum amount of \$100 less the amount of all funds actually paid by the City to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

Accordingly, and notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement, Contractor hereby agrees that the City shall not be liable to Contractor for damages in an amount in excess of \$100 which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the City to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, for any action for breach of contract or for any action or claim arising out of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph or elsewhere in this Agreement is in any way intended to be a waiver of the limitation placed upon City's liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

S. Jurisdiction, Venue, Waiver, Waiver of Jury Trial

This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Agreement, and for any other legal proceeding, shall be in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, or in the event of federal jurisdiction, in the Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division.

In the event Contractor is a corporation organized under the laws of any province of Canada or is a Canadian federal corporation, the City may enforce in the United States of America or in Canada or in both countries a judgment entered against the Contractor. The Contractor waives any and all defenses to the City's enforcement in Canada of a judgment entered by a court in the United States of America.

THE PARTIES EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY.

T. Amendments

No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by the Mayor-Commissioner and/or City Manager, as determined by City Charter and Ordinances, and Contractor or others delegated authority to or otherwise authorized to execute same on their behalf.

U. Prior Agreements

This document represents the final and complete understanding of the parties and incorporates or supersedes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein. The parties agree that there is no commitment, agreement, or understanding concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that is not contained in this written document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representation or agreement, whether oral or written.

V. Representation of Authority

Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a party hereto hereby represents and warrants that he or she is, on the date he or she signs this Agreement, duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Agreement on behalf of such party and does so with full legal authority.

W. Notice

All notices hereunder and communications with respect to this Agreement shall be effective upon receipt thereof to the persons named below:

If to BSI:

If to City: City of Fort Lauderdale
Todd Hiteshew
949 NW 38th St.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

X. Public Records

Contractor shall:

- a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
- (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the City would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2013), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the City, all public records in possession of the contractor upon termination of this contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Contractor execute this Contract as follows:

ATTEST:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

JEFFREY A. MODARELLI, City Clerk

By: _____
LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager

Approved as to form:

RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN
Assistant City Attorney

CONTRACTOR

WITNESSES

BACKFLOW SOLUTIONS, INC., an Illinois corporation authorized to do business in Florida.

Print Name

DONALD J. SMITH, President

Print Name

ATTEST:

(CORPORATE SEAL)

By: _____
MICHAEL D. EISENHAUER, Secretary

STATE OF _____:
COUNTY OF _____:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2015 by Donald J. Smith as President for Backflow Solutions, Inc. an Illinois corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.

(SEAL)

Notary Public, State of _____
(Signature of Notary Public)

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known ____ OR Produced Identification ____
Type of Identification Produced _____