

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

# AGREEMENT

Design Build Services for Fire Station No. 13 and Emergency Medical  
Sub-Station No. 88

DESCRIPTION

CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC

CONTRACTOR

\$20,415,045

AMOUNT

May 5, 2026

COMMISSION APPROVAL DATE

**AGREEMENT**

**between**

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

**and**

**CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF FLORIDA, LLC**

**for**

**DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION  
NO. 13 AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUB-STATION  
NO. 88**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL EVENT NO. 558-3**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, between the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as “CITY” and **CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as “DESIGN/BUILD FIRM,” or collectively the “Party” or “Parties.”

WITNESSETH, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms and provisions which follow, the definitions set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are agreed upon by the Parties.

**Agreement** - This document, inclusive and including all exhibits and documents that are expressly incorporated by reference.

**Applicable Laws** - All federal, state, county, and local statutes, codes, laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders and standards applicable to the Project and any other such law hereafter enacted, and any rules adopted pursuant thereto, as all such laws may be amended from time to time to perform the Work.

**Change Order** - A written document executed by both Parties ordering a change in the Not-To-Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price or Contract Time or a material change in the Work.

**CITY** - The CITY (or Owner) shall mean the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipal corporation, which is a Party hereto and/or for which this Agreement is to be performed. In all respects hereunder, CITY’s performance is pursuant to CITY’s position as the owner of a construction project. In the event CITY exercises its regulatory authority as a governmental body, the exercise of such regulatory authority and the enforcement of any rules, regulations, laws and ordinances shall be deemed to have occurred pursuant to the CITY’s regulatory authority as a governmental body and shall not be attributable in any manner to CITY as a Party to this Agreement.

**City Commission** - City Commission shall mean the governing and legislative body of the CITY.

**City Manager** - City Manager shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the CITY.

**Construction Documents Phase** - The phase in which DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will consult with Project Manager and prepare the Construction Documents for the Project, based upon the information provided in the Design Criteria Package (DCP), for review and approval of the CITY (including, without limitation, any and all applicable CITY departments) and any applicable regulatory agencies.

**Construction Manager** - The Construction Manager is the authorized individual or firm which is the representative of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, who will administer and manage the construction effort on behalf of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.

**Construction Phase** - The phase which constitutes DESIGN/BUILD FIRM’s administration of the construction of the Project and all activities necessary for the completion of the Project.

**Consultant** - The person or entity who is a registered architect, professional engineer,

professional land surveyor, and/or registered landscape architect having a contract with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to provide professional services for the design of the Project, and who is licensed by the State of Florida to provide said services.

**Contract Documents** - This Agreement, as approved by the City Commission and its exhibits, attachments and forms, any addenda, performance bond and payment bond, plans and specifications (as approved and permitted) as prepared by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in accordance with the information provided in the DCP, Notice of Award, Notice(s) to Proceed, and any and all agreed upon contract and/or design modifications, including but not limited to change orders; Project schedule; a schedule of values, and any additional documents the submission of which is required by this Agreement. When reference is made in the Contract Documents to publications, standards or codes issued by associations or societies, the intent shall be to specify the current or adopted edition of such publication or standard including revision and effect on the date of the issuance of all applicable permits.

**Contract Time** - The time between the Project Initiation Date specified in the Notice to Proceed and Final Completion, including any milestone dates thereof, established in the Agreement, as may be amended by Change Order.

**Contract Price** - The Not to Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price agreed to between DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and the CITY. The Contract Price is not subject to increase, except as expressly allowed within the Contract Documents.

**Contractor's Contingency** - CITY-controlled allowance for unforeseeable and necessary Project costs, not attributable to contractor risk or error, and may only be used with prior approval, full documentation, and without additional profit or markup unless expressly permitted. Amounts from the Contractor's Contingency shall be incorporated into the Contract Guaranteed Maximum Price only by approved and fully executed Change Order in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**Design/Build Firm** - **CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF FLORIDA, LLC**, is the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM selected to perform the Work pursuant to this Agreement and is the entity liable for the acceptable performance of, and payment of, all legal debts pertaining to the Project. All references in the Contract Documents to third parties under contract or control of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be deemed to be a reference to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will be responsible for the provision, installation, and performance of all equipment, materials, services and Work. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is in no way relieved of the responsibility for the performance of all equipment furnished.

**Design Criteria Package (DCP)** - DCP shall mean those certain conceptual plans and specifications and performance-oriented drawings or specifications of the Project, as prepared and sealed by the Design Criteria Professional, and in compliance with the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

**Design Criteria Professional** - Design Criteria Professional shall mean the individual or entity who/which holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes to practice engineering and who is employed by or retained by the CITY to provide professional services in compliance with the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and in connection with the preparation of the DCP who shall review and provide recommendations regarding the Construction Documents prepared by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for the Project, and evaluate compliance of Project construction with the DCP.

**Field Order or Supplemental Instruction** - A written order for minor changes or interpretations of the Contract Documents, but which does not involve a change in the Not-To-Exceed Price or Contract Time.

**Final Completion** - The date certified by the Project Manager that all conditions of the permits and regulatory agencies have been met; all construction, including corrective and punch list work, has been performed and accepted by the CITY; all administrative requirements of the Contract Documents have been completed; and CITY has received from DESIGN/BUILD FIRM all necessary documentation, as deemed required by the CITY, including, but not limited to, the following: all final releases of liens, consent of surety, release of claims by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, correct as-built drawings, a final bill of materials, executed final adjusted Change Orders, final invoice, copies of pertinent test results, correspondence, warranties, guarantees, operational manuals, spare parts, service contracts and tools.

**NOT TO EXCEED PRICE (NTE)** - THE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON CONTRACT PRICE TO BE PAID OF \$20,415,045 TO THE DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, AND THAT THE DESIGN/BUILD FIRM GUARANTEES NOT TO EXCEED, FOR ALL LABOR, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS TO DESIGN, PERMITS (AS REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS), ADMINISTER, COORDINATE, INSPECT, CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL THE PROJECT WITHIN THE CONTRACT TIME. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO ALL PROFIT, OVERHEAD, ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE CONDITIONS (KNOWN AND UNKNOWN) AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. THE NOT TO EXCEED GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE IS NOT SUBJECT TO INCREASE EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY ALLOWED.

**Holidays** - Those designated non-workdays as established by the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Notice to Proceed** - One or more written notice(s) to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM issued by the Project Manager authorizing the commencement of specified Work.

**Owners Contingency** - A sum established in the Project budget and controlled exclusively by the Owner for the purpose of funding changes in the Work or other Project costs that are not otherwise the responsibility of the Contractor under the Contract Documents. The Owner's Contingency is not included in the Contract Guaranteed Maximum Price and may be used, in the Owner's sole discretion, for scope additions, design development, unforeseen conditions, or other Owner-directed costs. Amounts from the Owner's Contingency shall be incorporated into the Contract Guaranteed Maximum Price only by Change Order in accordance with the Contract Documents.

**Owners Representative** - The individual or entity who/which holds a current certificate as a registered engineer under Chapter 471, Florida Statutes, to practice engineering and who/which is employed by or retained by the CITY to provide professional services in compliance with the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, and who/which shall review and provide recommendations regarding the Construction Documents prepared by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for the Project, and evaluate compliance of Project construction with the requirements of this Agreement.

**Plans and Specifications** - The official graphic representations of the Project as prepared, signed and sealed by Architect/Engineer and which, upon written approval of CITY, shall become a part of the Contract Documents.

**Project** - The design/construction project described in the Contract Documents.

**Project Manager/Contract Administrator** - The employee of the CITY, or other designated individual, who is herein referred to as the Project Manager, will assume all duties and responsibilities and will have the rights and authorities assigned to the Project Manager in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with this Agreement. The Project Manager, or designee, shall be the authorized agent for the CITY unless otherwise specified. The term Project Manager and Contract Administrator are used interchangeably.

**Punch List** - The CITY's list of Work yet to be done or be corrected by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM before the final completion date can be determined by the CITY.

**Shop Drawings** - Drawings, diagrams and schedules, and other data specially prepared by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or its subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, manufacturer, supplier or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.

**Substantial Completion** - The date, as certified by the Project Manager, that all conditions of the permits and regulatory agencies have been met for the CITY's stated use of the Project, and all construction has been performed therein in accordance with the Contract Documents so CITY can beneficially enjoy, use or occupy and can operate it in all respects for its intended purpose.

**Surety** - The surety company which is bound by the performance bond and payment bond with and for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, who is primarily liable, and which surety company is responsible for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's acceptable performance of the Work under the Agreement and for the payment of all debts pertaining thereto in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

**Work** - The totality of the obligations, including design, permitting, governmental entitlements, site plan approvals and construction and all other services required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or partially completed, including all labor, materials, equipment and services provided to or to be provided by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to fulfill its obligations.

## ARTICLE 2 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.1 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hereby agrees to furnish all of the labor, materials, equipment, Work, services and incidentals necessary to complete the Project, in accordance with the Contract Documents, within the Contract Time and for the Not-to-Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price.
- 2.2 Relationship of CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM: The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between it and the CITY by this Agreement. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM warrants and represents to CITY that it will furnish its best skill and judgment in performing the Work, and shall always act to further the interest of the CITY in the expeditious completion of the Project at the lowest cost to the CITY, and in strict accordance with the Contract Documents and prudent and customary construction practices.
- 2.3 By signing this Agreement, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM accepts a fiduciary duty with the CITY and warrants and represents to the CITY that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM: (a) has all licenses and certifications required by applicable laws; (b) is experienced in all aspects of pre-construction and construction planning for projects similar to the Project; (c) will act in the CITY's highest and best interests in performing the Work; and (d) that no employees or affiliates of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, including all Consultants, any sub-

consultants, subcontractors, and suppliers, at any tier, have been convicted of a public entity crime, fraud, theft, and/or a property damage crime within the preceding thirty-six (36) months from the time this Agreement is executed, as required pursuant to Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

- 2.4 Intention of Contract Documents: It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete Project to be designed and constructed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Any Work, design, construction, other professional services, materials or equipment that may reasonably be inferred from the Contract Documents as being required to produce the intended result shall be supplied by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, whether or not specifically called for by the Contract Documents. When words, which have a well-known technical or trade meaning are used to describe Work, such words shall be interpreted in accordance with that meaning. Reference to standard specifications, manuals, or codes of any technical society, organization or association, or to the laws or regulations of any governmental authority, whether such reference is specific or by implication, shall mean the latest standard specification, manual, code or laws or regulations in effect at the time of permit issuance. CITY shall have no duties other than those duties and obligations expressly set forth within the Contract Documents.
- 2.5 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall plan, record, and update, at least monthly, the design and construction schedule of the Project. The Project Schedule shall indicate the dates for the commencement and completion of the various stages of design and construction and shall be revised at least monthly and as required by the conditions of the Work. The Project Schedule shall encompass all of the Work of all professions and trades necessary for the construction of the Project and shall be sufficiently complete and comprehensive to enable progress to be monitored on a weekly basis. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be responsible to have available to it all materials, supplies, and appropriate personnel, trades, etc., necessary to complete the Work in accordance with the Project Schedule.

### **ARTICLE 3 - PROJECT MANAGER**

- 3.1 The Project Manager is hereby designated by the CITY as Ivey Kearson, Project Manager whose address is 101 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Suite 2100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, telephone number: (954) 828-5389, and email address is [ikearson@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:ikearson@fortlauderdale.gov). The Project Manager will assume all duties and responsibilities and will have the rights and authority assigned to the Project Manager in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 4 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

- 4.1 The Contract Documents shall be followed as to Work, materials and dimensions except with the Project Manager may authorize, in her sole discretion, and in writing, an exception.
- 4.2 Dimensions given in figures are to hold preference over scaled measurements from the drawings; however, all discrepancies shall be decided upon by the Consultant, with concurrent written notice to Project Manager. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not proceed when in doubt as to any dimension or measurement but shall seek clarification from the Consultant, with concurrent written notice to Project Manager.
- 4.3 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall maintain two (2) copies of the Contract Documents, one of which shall be preserved and always kept accessible at the site for the Project Manager, and/or authorized representatives.

- 4.4 The Contract Documents shall have the following order of precedence, beginning with the most important:
- A. This Agreement (Contract) and all exhibits, addendums, and amendments thereto;
  - B. Change Orders (to the extent permitted under this Agreement);
  - C. The Specifications, as approved and permitted;
  - D. The Plans, as approved and permitted;
  - E. All other information provided in the DCP;
  - F. CPM Project Schedule and Schedule of Values; and
  - G. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's response to the CITY's request.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - SCOPE OF WORK**

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to complete the Project generally described as RFP No.558-3, submitted by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, to provide design-build services for the design, permitting, construction, testing and startup of the Fire Rescue Station #13 facility for the City of Fort Lauderdale, located at 2871 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 and Emergency Medical Station #88 facility for the City of Fort Lauderdale, located at 507 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

The Project shall be construed in accordance with the requirements and provisions of said Contract Documents and for the Not-To-Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price.

- 5.1 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to meet with the Project Manager or her respective designees at reasonable times and with reasonable notice.
- 5.2 Prior to the Final Completion of construction services under this Agreement, and as a condition precedent to final payment, there shall be established a record set of plans on reproducible vellum and a record set of Specifications, both of which shall bear the written approvals of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and the CITY's Project Manager. Such approval shall be indicated by the written signature of both Parties. In addition, there shall be established electronic copies on USB drives of the record set plans, non-compressed, formatted in the latest version of AutoCAD and of the record set of Specifications.
- 5.3 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM herein represents that Construction Manager, at a minimum, will provide the following services:
- 5.3.1 At least five (5) days prior to the commencement of the construction phase of the Project, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will identify and provide the qualifications of a suitably qualified and experienced Construction Manager, approved by the CITY, who will be on site full time at the Project. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the proposed team can be changed and such change will require prior written CITY approval.
  - 5.3.2 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will use reasonable efforts to have the same Construction Manager on the Project, full time, to its conclusion, and any new representative

will first be approved in writing by Project Manager before permanent assignment. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 5.3.3 The Construction Manager will conduct weekly meetings with the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and its subcontractors at regular times, as previously agreed upon and approved by the Project Manager and shall issue weekly reports on the progress of the Work and the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - 5.3.4 The Construction Manager will administer the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's Work.
  - 5.3.5 The Construction Manager shall coordinate the processing of shop drawings and material submittals.
  - 5.3.6 The Construction Manager will achieve satisfactory performance by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and, if required, will require corrections to DESIGN/BUILD Firm's Work including, but not limited to, maintaining punch lists and observing testing.
  - 5.3.7 The Construction Manager will monitor the cost of the Project, including payment applications and the preparation thereof.
  - 5.3.8 The Construction Manager will assist in the preparation of record drawings and shall transmit to the Consultant requests for additional information concerning the design. In addition, the Project Manager shall be copied on these requests for monitoring purposes.
  - 5.3.9 The Construction Manager will observe testing, start-up activities, and commissioning of project scope as described in the DCP.
  - 5.3.10 The Construction Manager will secure all equipment brochures and warranties from the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.
  - 5.3.11 The Construction Manager will coordinate the correction and completion of the Work including that required by the punch list.
- 5.4 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM herein represents that Consultant, at a minimum, will provide the following services:
- 5.4.1 Consultant shall perform all the architectural and engineering services necessary to describe, detail and design the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents.
  - 5.4.2 Consultant shall design the Project so as to comply with all Applicable Laws.
  - 5.4.3 Consultant shall prepare the Plans and Specifications, as well as obtain all required and necessary reviews and approvals (or take other appropriate action upon) for same, and/or other submittals including, but not limited to, shop drawings, product data, and samples.
  - 5.4.4 Consultant shall also submit the Plans and Specifications to the Owners Representative, with a copy to Project Manager, for /her review and written approval. Owners Representative shall expeditiously review and approve the Plans and Specifications in accordance with the accepted Project Schedule. Owners Representative's approval of the Plans and Specifications shall not constitute acceptance of any design work which does not comply with

Applicable Laws, information provided in the DCP, and/or with the terms of this Agreement. Except as provided herein, and to the extent limited by, the preceding sentence, the approval of the Plans and Specifications by the Owners Representative shall constitute a representation by the Owners Representative that the Project, if constructed as required by the Contract Documents, will be sufficient for its purposes. The Plans and Specifications shall include technical drawings, schedules, diagrams, and specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for construction of the Project; provide information necessary for the use of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM subcontractors and those in the building trade; and include documents necessary for regulatory agencies and other governmental approvals.

- 5.4.5 Consultant shall prepare construction change directives, if necessary, at no additional cost to the CITY, and authorize minor changes in the Work, as provided in the Contract Documents.
- 5.4.6 Consultant shall receive and review for compliance with the Contract Documents, all written warranties and related documents required hereby to be assembled upon substantial completion and issue applications for payment performed in compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
- 5.5 The approved and permitted Plans and Specifications shall constitute a representation by Consultant to CITY that the Project, if construed as required by the Contract Documents, will be sufficient for its purposes. The Plans and Specifications include technical drawings, schedules, diagrams, and specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for construction of the Project; provide information necessary for the use of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, subcontractors, and those in the building trade; and include documents necessary for regulatory agencies and other governmental approvals.
- 5.6 Project Manager will provide the following services:
  - 5.6.1 The Project Manager shall review applications for payment and coordinate the processing thereof with the CITY.
  - 5.6.2 The Project Manager shall monitor the schedule(s).
  - 5.6.3 The Project Manager shall track, log and review all required Project related documents and subsequently address any and all concerns with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.
  - 5.6.4 The Project Manager shall review and observe the Work and testing thereof for conformance and compliance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.
  - 5.6.5 The Project Manager shall attend all required meetings and maintain and distribute meeting minutes.
  - 5.6.6 At all times, the Project Manager will act as liaison between the Parties to this Agreement and the CITY's Project Manager.

## **ARTICLE 6 - CONTRACT TIME AND COMPLETION DATE**

- 6.1 Time is of the essence for the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's performance of the Work pursuant

to this Agreement. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to complete the Work in accordance with the approved and accepted Project Schedule and to achieve substantial completion of the Work, in accordance with this Agreement, and within the Contract Time. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM acknowledges that failure to achieve substantial completion will result in substantial damage to the CITY, such as loss of beneficial use and/or occupancy of the Project.

- 6.2 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be instructed to execute the Agreement immediately. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall immediately commence scheduling activities, permit applications and other preconstruction Work after the Notice to Proceed.
- 6.3 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall complete the Construction Documents Phase.
- 6.4 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall meet the following construction duration:

MILESTONE	CALENDAR DAYS FROM NOTICE TO PROCEED (COMPLETION DATE)
Assumed Notice to Proceed Date	TBD
Substantial Completion of Project	559
Final Completion of Project	589

**ARTICLE 7 - LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

- 7.1 Failure of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to substantially complete the Project in accordance with Section 6.4 above, or meet any of the milestones as indicated in Section 6.4 above, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay to the CITY the sum of five hundred dollars (**\$500**) for each calendar day that the completion of the Work is delayed beyond the time after the time specified in Article 6 Section 6.4 above (plus any approved time extensions at the sole discretion of the CITY) that DESIGN/BUILD FIRM fails to meet time specified in Section 6.4 above.
- 7.2 The time frame for liquidated damages shall not commence and thus shall not be tolled until the Project Manager submits the punch list to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.
- 7.3 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and CITY HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AMOUNT SET FORTH HEREIN are not penalties but are liquidated damages to CITY for its inability to obtain full beneficial occupancy and/or use of the Project. Liquidated damages are hereby fixed and agreed upon between the Parties, recognizing the impossibility of precisely ascertaining the amount of damages that will be sustained by the CITY as a consequence of such delay, and both parties desiring to obviate any question of dispute concerning the amount of said damages and the cost and effect of the failure of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to complete the Contract on time. Liquidated damages shall apply separately to each portion of the Work for which a time of completion is given.
- 7.4 The CITY shall have the right to deduct from or retain any compensation which may be due or which may become due and payable to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM the amount of liquidated damages, and if the amount retained by the CITY is insufficient to pay in full such liquidated damages, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay all liquidated damages in full. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be responsible for reimbursing the CITY, in addition to liquidated damages or other damages for delay, for all costs of engineering fees and inspection and other costs incurred in

administering the construction of the Project beyond the completion date specified or beyond an approved extension of time granted to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM whichever is later.

- 7.5 CITY is authorized to deduct liquidated damages from monies withheld due to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for the Work under this Agreement or as much thereof as CITY may, in its sole discretion, deem just and reasonable.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - CHANGE OF THE CONTRACT TIME**

- 8.1 The Contract Time may only be changed by an approved and fully executed Change Order. Any claim for an extension in the Contract Time shall be based on written notice delivered to the Project Manager within five (5) days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the claim. Any change in the Contract Time resulting from any such claim shall be incorporated in a Change Order.
- 8.2 The Contract Time will be extended in an amount equal to time lost due to delays beyond the control of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM if a claim is made there for as provided in paragraph 8.1. Such delays shall include but not be limited to, acts or neglect by the CITY, or to fires, floods, labor disputes, abnormal weather conditions, or acts of God.
- 8.3 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence. The provisions of this Article shall not exclude recovery for damages for delay by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.
- 8.4 Delays caused by or resulting from entities, contractors or subcontractors who are not affiliated with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not give rise to a claim by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for damages for increases in material and/or labor costs.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACT PRICE (NOT TO EXCEED PRICE) AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 9.1 The Contract Price is the Not To Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price agreed to by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and the CITY under this Agreement, payable to complete the Work in accordance with the Agreement and DCP, and, to the extent permitted by this Agreement, as may be increased or decreased by approved and fully executed Change Order(s).
- 9.2 The Contract Price for the Project, which is also the Not-To-Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price is \$20,415,045. This includes bonds, allowances and material change with the exception of permit fees. The CITY will reimburse actual cost of permit(s) upon submission of paid permit receipts.

#### **See Exhibit A**

- 9.3 In the event that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's total approved expenditures for the Project exceed the Not To Exceed Price Guaranteed Maximum Price, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay such excess from its own funds. CITY shall not be required to pay any amount that exceeds the Not To Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price and the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall have no claim against the CITY on account

thereof.

#### 9.4 METHOD OF BILLING AND PAYMENT

9.4.1 During the Construction Documents Phase, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may submit a request for payment monthly based upon percentage of completion of the (final construction) Plans and Specifications. During the Construction Phase, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may submit a request for payment thirty (30) calendar days after beginning field operations, subject to the Notice to Proceed, and every thirty (30) calendar days thereafter. Payment during the Construction Phase will be based upon percentage of Work completed for each item in the approved Schedule of Values. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's requisition for payment shall show a complete breakdown of the Project components, and the amount due, together with such supporting evidence, as may be required by the Project Manager.

At a minimum, the requisition for payment shall be accompanied by a completed certification of Work; consent of surety in the applicable amount; list of subcontractors that performed Work during the payment application period being submitted; releases of liens from the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for the previous period being billed; releases of liens from subcontractors that have performed Work during the previous billing period unless payment for the previous period has not been received by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM; aerials and photographs of the areas of Work for the applicable billing period; an accepted, updated Project Schedule (as approved); and back up for all items being billed. The certification of Work will mean compliance by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM with the approved Project Schedule; that as-built drawings of improvements are current for the prior period; and Applicable Laws are being met and complied with. Each requisition for payment shall be submitted to the Project Manager for approval. Payment for Work performed will be made in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Sections 255.0705 - 255.078, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised but not more frequently than once a month. The Contract Administrator shall verify completion of the various phases, as noted, and authorize payment accordingly. Should the Project fall behind schedule, as indicated in the Project Schedule, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall include a written plan demonstrating how the Final Completion date shall be maintained.

Material purchases can be invoiced to the CITY, upon receipt of invoice and documentation of order placement must be accompanied by a bill of sale from the manufacturer or supplier. The CITY will endeavor to pay material invoices earlier, albeit not later than thirty (30) days of receipt of a valid invoice. Any invoices that are not considered valid will be returned immediately for correction or additional documentation. No more than eight percent (8%) contractor's mark-up will be allowed for materials.

9.4.2 CITY agrees that it will pay DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act (2025), as may be amended or revised, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's proper requisition for payment, as provided above.

9.4.2.1 CITY will review DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's invoices and, if inaccuracies or errors are discovered in said invoice, CITY will inform DESIGN/BUILD

FIRM within ten (10) working days by email of such inaccuracies or errors and request that revised copies of all such documents be re-submitted by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to CITY.

9.4.2.2 Payments are scheduled to be made by CITY to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM using a credit card /CITY Procurement Card (P-Card).

9.4.2.3 Payment may be made to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM at:

CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC  
1 E. Broward Boulevard, Suite 205W & 303W  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Cody Kiess - President  
Email Address: codykiess@coreconstruction.com  
Phone Number: (754) 269-6843

9.4.3 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall use the sums advanced to it solely for the performance of the Work and the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and payment of bills incurred by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in performance of the Work.

9.4.4 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall remain liable for subcontractors' work and for any unpaid laborers, material suppliers of subcontractors in the event it is after discovered that said work is deficient or that any subcontractors, laborers, or material suppliers did not receive payments due to them on the Project.

9.4.5 Undisputed amounts remaining unpaid thirty (30) calendar days after CITY's request of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's proper requisition for payment for conforming Work shall bear interest at the rate set forth in Section 218.74(4), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised. This Section shall not apply if the CITY has a right to withhold any portion of the payment under this Agreement.

9.4.6 Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 255.078 (2025), as may be amended or revised, five percent (5%) of all monies earned by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be retained by the CITY until the Project has obtained Final Completion and been accepted by the CITY. The CITY may incrementally reduce the rate of retainage pursuant to a schedule provided for in the agreement, or from releasing at any point or a portion of any retainage withheld by the CITY which is attributable to the labor, services, or materials supplied by the Consultant or by one or more subconsultant or suppliers, if applicable and determined to be in the CITY's best interest. If the CITY makes any payment of retainage to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM which is attributable to the labor, services, or materials supplied by one or more subconsultant or suppliers, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must timely remit payment of such retainage to those subconsultants and suppliers.

9.5 If, after the Project has been substantially completed, full completion thereof is delayed through no fault of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, or by issuance of an approved and fully executed Change Orders affecting final completion of the overall Project, and the Project Manager issues a partial Final Certificate of Completion, the CITY may make payment of the balancedue for that portion of the Project fully completed and accepted.

Such payment shall be made as required by law under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

- 9.6 Upon receipt of written notice from DESIGN/BUILD FIRM that the Project is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the Project Manager shall, within seven (7) calendar days, make an inspection thereof. If the Project Manager finds the Project acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Project fully performed, a Final Certificate of Payment shall be issued by the Contract Administrator over her own signature, stating that the Work required by this Agreement has been completed and is accepted under the terms and conditions thereof.
- 9.7 Before issuance of the Final Certificate for Payment, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall deliver to the Project Manager a complete release of all liens arising out of this Agreement, or receipts in full in lieu thereof, and an affidavit certifying that all suppliers, consultant, subcontractors, and subconsultants have been paid in full, and that all other indebtedness connected with the Project has been paid, and a consent of the surety to final payment. All as-builts, warranties, guarantees, operational manuals, and instructions in operation must be delivered to CITY at this time. The warranties provided after the initial warranty period of year one will be covered under the warranty bond attached as an Exhibit to this Agreement. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit a completed as-built drawings package signed and sealed by a land surveyor registered in the State of Florida and as approved by the CITY's Public Works Department, and proof that all permits have been closed, which shall be delivered prior to requesting final payment.
- 9.8 CITY may withhold final payment or any progress payment to such extent as may be necessary on account of:
- A. Defective Work not remedied;
  - B. Claims filed or written notices of nonpayment indicating probable filing of claims as may be prescribed by law by other parties against DESIGN/BUILD FIRM;
  - C. Failure of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to make payments properly to Consultant, subcontractors or subconsultants, or for material or labor;
  - D. Damage to another subcontractor, subconsultant, supplier, material, person (as provided for in Chapter 713, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, party or person not remedied which are attributable to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, its agents, servants, employees, contractor, consultant, subconsultants, subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, sub-subconsultants, material person and suppliers;
  - E. Liquidated damages pursuant to Article 7 herein;
  - F. As-built drawings not being in a current and acceptable state.
- 9.9 When the above grounds in 9.4.7 are removed or resolved, or DESIGN/BUILD FIRM provides a surety bond or a consent of surety satisfactory to CITY which will protect CITY in the amount withheld, payment may be made in whole or in part, as applicable.
- 9.10 If the Project Manager, in her reasonable judgment, determines that the portion of the Not-to-Exceed Price then remaining unpaid will not be sufficient to complete the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, no additional payments will be

due to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hereunder unless and until the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, at its solecost, performs a sufficient portion of the Work so that such portion of the Not-To-Exceed Price then remaining unpaid is determined by the Project Manager to be sufficient to so complete the Work.

- 9.11 The making and acceptance of the final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by CITY, other than those arising from faulty or defective Work, failure of the Project to comply with requirements of the Contract Documents, or terms of any warranties required by the Contract Documents. It shall also constitute a waiver of all claims by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, except those previously made in writing and identified by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM as unsettled at the time of the final application for payment.
- 9.12 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM warrants to the CITY that all materials and equipment furnished under this Agreement will be new unless otherwise specified, and that all Work will be of good quality and in conformance with the Contract Documents. Any warranties that are extended to the CITY beyond the standard warranty are to be in writing with the servicing firm's information attached as an Exhibit. All Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized by Contract Administrator, may be considered defective. If required by the CITY, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the origin, nature and quality of materials and equipment used for the Project. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall properly store and protect all construction materials. Materials which become defective through improper storage shall be replaced with new materials at no additional costs. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's warranty excludes damage or defect caused by abuse, modifications not executed by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, improper or insufficient maintenance, improper operation, or normal wear and tear under normal usage.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND CHANGES IN SCOPE OF WORK**

- 10.1 Without invalidating the Agreement and without notice to any surety, CITY reserves and shall have the right to make such changes from time to time in the character and quantity of the Work as may be considered necessary or desirable to complete fully and acceptably the Project in a satisfactory manner. The CITY may order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work using agreed upon rates to be included in the Contract Documents and/or Schedule of Values. Upon receipt of an approved and fully executed Change Order, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall proceed with the Work involved. All Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents. If any Change Order causes an increase or decrease in the Contract Price or an extension or shortening of the Contract Time, an equitable adjustment may be made on the basis of a claim made by either party.
- 10.2 The Project Manager may authorize minor changes in the Work not involving an adjustment in the Contract Price or the Contract Time, which are consistent with the overall intent of the Contract Documents. Such changes must be in writing and signed by the CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - DESIGN/BUILD FIRM'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 11.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will be responsible for the design, construction and construction management of the Project according to the DCP.

- 11.2 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will be responsible for security, with full cooperation of the CITY all permits for the Project, including without limitation, South Florida Water Management District, Broward County, Army Corps of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Except as provided in the preceding sentences, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be fully responsible for any and all other permits and approvals from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. All permits and licenses require by federal, state or local laws, rules, and regulations necessary for the prosecution of the Project by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM pursuant to this Agreement shall be secured by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and paid for by the CITY. It is the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's responsibility to have and maintain appropriate certificate(s) of competency, valid for the Work to be performed, and for all persons working on the Project for whom a certificate of competency is required.
- 11.3 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be fully responsible for the actions of all its agents and employees, including, but not limited to, the contractor, consultant, subcontractors, subconsultants, sub-subcontractors, materials persons (pursuant to Chapter 713, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and any and all other persons working for it in conjunction with the design and construction of the Project.
- 11.4 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be fully responsible for all acts or omissions of its contractor, consultant, subcontractors, subconsultants, sub-subcontractors, sub-subconsultants, materials persons, and any and all other persons working for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in conjunction with the design and construction of the Project; any and all persons working for contractor, consultant, subcontractors or subconsultant; and any and all persons for whose acts any of the aforesaid may be liable, to the same extent DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is responsible for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any contractual relationship between CITY and consultant, or CITY and contractor, or CITY and any subcontractor, subconsultant, sub-subcontractor, sub-subconsultant, or any other person working either for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or for any of the aforesaid parties in conjunction with the design and construction of the Project, including, without limitation, any obligation on the part of the CITY to pay or to see the payment of any monies due to any of the aforementioned parties pursuant to this Section.
- 11.5 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to bind its consultant, contractor, subcontractors, and subconsultants to the applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement for the benefit of the CITY.
- 11.6 Unless otherwise provided herein, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide and pay for all architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, land surveying services, materials, construction and other labor, water, tools, equipment, light, power, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the design and construction of the Project, whether temporary or permanent, and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Project.
- 11.7 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall at all times enforce strict discipline and good order among its employees, consultants, contractors, subcontractors and subconsultants at the Project site, and shall not employ on the Project any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the work and/or services assigned to him or her.
- 11.8 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall keep itself fully informed of, and shall take into account and comply with any and all Applicable Laws affecting those engaged or employed in the Project; or the materials used or employed in the design and construction of the

Project; or in any way affecting the conduct of the Project, including, without limitation, all such orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority over the same and of all provisions required by law to be made a part of this Agreement, all of which provisions are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part hereof. If any specification or contract for this Project is in violation of any such Applicable Laws, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall forth with report the same to the Project Manager in writing. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall cause all its employees, agents, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, subconsultants, sub-subconsultants and sub-subcontractors to observe and comply with all Applicable Laws.

- 11.9 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay all applicable sales, consumer, use and other taxes required by law. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is responsible for reviewing the pertinent Floridastatutes involving state taxes and complying with all requirements.
- 11.10 If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has knowledge that the Contract Documents do not comply with Applicable Laws, in any respect, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall promptly notify the Project Manager, in writing, and any necessary changes shall be adjusted by appropriate revisions. If the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM performs any Work not in accordance with Applicable Laws, and without such notice to the Project Manager, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall assume full responsibility therefore and shall bear all costs attributable thereto. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM warrants to CITY that it has thoroughly reviewed and studied the DCP and has determined that it is in conformance with Applicable Laws and is complete and sufficiently coordinated to perform the Work for the Not-To-Exceed Price and the Contract Time. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM warrants to CITY that the DCP is consistent, practical, feasible and constructible. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM further warrants to CITY that the Work described in the DCP is constructible for the Not-To-Exceed Price and the Contract Time.

**THE CITY DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTY THAT THE DCP FOR THE PROJECT IS ACCURATE, PRACTICAL, CONSISTENT, AND/OR CONSTRUCTIBLE.**

- 11.11 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM accepts the Project sites in its observable and/or documented condition existing at the time of this Agreement, or conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent to the character of the Work to be provided for in this Project. By signing this Agreement, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM represents to the CITY that it has: (a) visited the Project sites to become familiar with the conditions under which the Work is to be performed; (b) become familiar with all information provided (without warranty) by the CITY pertaining to the Project sites; and (c) correlated its observations with the information furnished by the CITY (without warranty), and the Contract Documents. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hereby waives additional time or compensation for additional work made necessary by observable and/or documented conditions existing at the Project sites, or conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent to the character of the Work to be provided for in this Project.
- 11.12 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees specifically that no Change Orders shall be required by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or considered by the CITY for reasons involving conflicts in the Contract Documents; questions of clarity with regard to the Contract Documents; and incompatibility or conflicts between the Contract Documents and the existing Projectsites conditions excluding, without limitation, utilities and unforeseen underground conditions at the discretion of the CITY and will not be unreasonably withheld. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM acknowledges that it has ascertained all correct

locations for points of connection for all utilities required for this Project.

- 11.13 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall comply with all conditions of any permits issued by government authorities.
- 11.14 All material and equipment shall be of good quality and new, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. Suppliers shall be selected and paid by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM; the CITY reserves the right to approve all suppliers and materials.
- 11.15 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay all license fees and royalties and assume all costs incident to the use in the performance of the Work or the incorporation in the Work, or any invention, design, process, product or device which is the subject of patent rights or copyrights held by others. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hereby expressly binds itself to indemnify and save harmless the CITY from all such claims and fees and from any and all suits and actions of every name and description that may be brought against CITY on account of any such claims, fees, royalties, or costs for any such invention or patent, and from any and all suits or actions that may be brought against said CITY for the infringement of any and all patents or patent rights claimed by any person, firm, corporation or other entity.
- 11.16 Except in connection with the safety or protection of persons, or the Work, or property at the site or adjacent thereto, and except as otherwise indicated in the Supplementary Conditions, all work at the site shall be performed during regular working hours between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will not permit overtime work or the performance of work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday (designated by the City of Fort Lauderdale) without the Project Manager's written consent at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of starting such Work. If the Project Manager permits overtime work, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay for the additional charges to the CITY with respect to such overtime work. Such additional charges shall be a subsidiary obligation of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and no extra payment shall be made to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for overtime work. The cost to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to reimburse the CITY for overtime inspections is established at direct-labor and overtime costs for each person or inspector required. Incidental overtime costs for engineering, testing and other related services will also be charged to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM at the actual rate accrued.

CITY Inspector Regular Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Overtime: 5:01 pm to 7:59 am

Inspection Overtime Cost: \$100/hr.

- 11.17 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM requests to work during other than regular hours that conform to the standard hours listed in the CITY's Noise Ordinance Section 17-8(1), must be submitted to the CITY Project Manager with six (6) business days in advance of scheduled work. Request shall include the following information:
- Cover page with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM name, project name, and location
  - Description of work to be performed outside of normal work hours
  - Site plan and location map
  - Legal description
  - Justification for work and why extended work hours are being requested

- Commencement date and duration of work
- List of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM contacts, including those on site
- Details on type of equipment to be used during extended work hours
- Details on noise levels that may be produced by range of decibels, including current ambient levels at site and levels predicted from proposed construction impacts
- Details on vibratory control measures to be implemented
- Details on how neighbors in vicinity of work area will be notified
- Details on how complaints will be resolved and/or mitigated
- Maintenance of Traffic plans approved by CITY's Transportation and Mobility Department (TAM) and any other agencies (if applicable).

11.17.1 If no lane closure or traffic impacts are necessary, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM request must be submitted seven (7) business days in advance of scheduled work. If the Work requires lane closures, request should be submitted at least ten (10) business days in advance, along with MOT plans approved by CITY's TAM, and any other agencies if necessary, to allow time for City Manager consideration and approval, CITY MOT permit issuance, and notification to the public.

11.17.2 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will not be permitted overtime work or the performance of work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday (designated by the City of Fort Lauderdale) without the City Manager's written consent at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the period proposed for such overtime work. Hours of work shall conform to the requirements of the CITY's Noise Ordinance.

11.17.3 If the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM requests to work outside regular hours that require a special exemption from the provisions of Section 17-7.4, it shall follow the CITY's Department of Sustainable Development's process for "Requesting Exemption from the Noise Ordinance," located at:

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-i-z/sustainable-development/building-services/building-permit-general-info>

11.17.4 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will not permit overtime work or the performance of work on Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday (designated by the City of Fort Lauderdale) without the approval from the City Manager or City Commission approval at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of starting such work.

11.18 In the event of an emergency affecting the safety or protection of persons or the Work or property at the site or adjacent thereto, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, without special instruction or authorization from the CITY is obligated to act to prevent threatened damage, injury or loss. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall give the Project Manager prompt written notice of any significant changes in the Work or deviations from the Contract

Documents caused thereby.

- 11.19 Upon issuance of a hurricane watch by the National Weather Service, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit to the CITY a plan to secure the work area in the event a hurricane warning is issued. The plan shall detail how the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will secure the premises, equipment and materials in a manner as to prevent damage to the Work and prevent materials and equipment from becoming a hazard to persons and property on and around the premises. The plan shall include a time schedule required to accomplish the hurricane preparations and a list of emergency contacts that will be available, and in the CITY before, during and immediately after the storm.

Upon issuance of a hurricane warning by the National Weather Service, if the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has not already done so, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall implement its hurricane preparedness plan. Cost of development and implementation of the hurricane preparedness plan shall be considered as incidental to construction. Cost of any clean up and rework required after the storm will be considered normal construction risk within Florida and shall not entitle the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to any additional compensation. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be entitled to request an extension of time for completion of the Work, in accordance with the provision of Article 8 of this Agreement, equal to the time it is shut down for implementation of the preparedness plan, the duration of the storm and a reasonable period to restore the Premises.

- 11.20 Force Majeure: No Party shall hold the other responsible for damages or for delays in performance caused by force majeure, acts of God, or other acts or circumstances beyond the control of the other party or that could not have been reasonably foreseen and prevented. For these purposes, such acts or circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, weather conditions affecting performance, floods, epidemics, war, riots, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, or protest demonstrations. Should such acts or circumstances occur, the parties shall use their best efforts to overcome the difficulties arising therefrom and to resume the Work as soon as reasonably possible with the normal pursuit of the Work.

Inclement weather, continuous rain for less than three (3) days or the acts or omissions of subcontractors, third-party contractors, materialmen, suppliers, or their subcontractors, shall not be considered acts of force majeure.

No Party shall be liable for its failure to carry out its respective obligations under the Agreement during a period when such Party is rendered unable by force majeure to carry out its obligation, but the obligation of the Party or Parties relying on such force majeure shall be suspended only during the continuance of the inability and for no longer period than the unexpected or uncontrollable event.

The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM further agrees and stipulates, that its right to excuse its failure to perform by reason of force majeure shall be conditioned upon giving written notice of its assertion that a force majeure delay has commenced within 96 hours after such an occurrence. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall use its reasonable efforts to minimize such delays. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall promptly provide an estimate of the anticipated additional time required to complete the Project.

## ARTICLE 12 - CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 12.1 CITY shall assist DESIGN/BUILD FIRM by placing at its disposal any available information pertinent to the Project including previous reports, laboratory tests and inspections of samples, materials and equipment, property, boundary, easement, rights-of-way, topographic and utility surveys; property descriptions; and known zoning, deed and other land use restrictions.
- 12.2 CITY shall arrange for access to and make all provisions for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to enter upon public property as required for DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to perform its services.
- 12.3 CITY shall render decisions under this Agreement in a timely manner.

## ARTICLE 13 - SUPERINTENDENT AND SUPERVISION

- 13.1 The orders of the CITY are to be given through the Project Manager, whose instructions are to be strictly and promptly followed in every case, provided that they are in accordance with this Agreement and the other Contract Documents. Construction Manager shall keep on the Project during its progress, a full-time, competent, English speaking supervisor, who shall be the Construction Manager Representative and who shall serve as the superintendent, and any necessary assistants, all satisfactory to the Project Manager.
- 13.2 Construction Manager or Construction Manager Representative shall prepare, on a daily basis, and keep on the Project site, a bound log setting forth at a minimum, for each day: the weather conditions and how any weather conditions affected progress of the Work; time of commencement of Work for the day; the Work performed; materials, labor, personnel, equipment and subcontractors used for the Work; any idle equipment and reasons for idleness; visitors to the Project site; any special or unusual conditions or occurrences encountered; any materials delivered to the Project site; and the time of termination of Work for the day. The daily bound log shall be available for inspection by the CITY, or its authorized designee, at all times during the Project, without previous notice.
- 13.3 If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, in the course of the Project, finds any discrepancy between the Contract Documents and the physical conditions of the site, or any errors or omissions in the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the Plans and Specifications, it shall be DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's sole obligation and duty to immediately inform the Project Manager, in writing, and the Project Manager will promptly verify same. Any Work done prior to or after such discovery will be done at DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's sole risk. **NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRECEDING, OR ANY OTHER TERM OR CONDITION OF THIS AGREEMENT, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THIS IS A DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT AND, ACCORDINGLY, ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS SHALL BE CORRECTED AT THE SOLE COST AND EXPENSE OF DESIGN/BUILD FIRM AND WITHOUT A CLAIM FOR ADJUSTMENT IN THE CONTRACT TIME OR CONTRACT PRICE.**
- 13.4 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall coordinate, supervise and direct the Project competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform and complete the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be solely responsible for the design, preparation of Construction Documents, means, methods, techniques,

safety, sequences and procedures of construction. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall give efficient supervision to the Work, using DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's best skill, attention and judgment.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES**

- 14.1 Questions, claims, difficulties and disputes of whatever nature which may arise relative to the technical interpretation of the Contract Documents and fulfillment of this Agreement as to the character, quality, amount and value of any work done and materials furnished, or proposed to be done or furnished under or, by reason of, the Contract Documents which cannot be resolved by mutual agreement of CITY Project Manager and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM Project Manager shall be submitted to the City Manager or his designee and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's representative for resolution. When either Party has determined that a disputed question, claim, difficulty or dispute is at an impasse, that Party shall notify the other Party in writing and submit the question, claim, difficulty or dispute to the next level of the Parties' respective management levels for resolution. Each Party may determine in such Party's reasonable discretion as to who the "next level of management" is for purposes of resolving disputes.
- 14.2 All non-technical administrative disputes (such as billing and payment) shall be determined by the Project Manager.
- 14.3 During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, and CITY shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages including using construction schedule changes and alternate means of construction. During the pendency of any dispute arising under this Agreement, other than termination herein, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall proceed diligently with performance of this Agreement and CITY shall continue to make payments for undisputed amounts in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 14.4 In the event a resolution of a dispute under this section cannot be resolved, the issue shall be submitted by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to the City Manager or designee, in writing within ten (10) days of the impasse. The notice must state the basis of the dispute and the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's proposed resolution. The notice given by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must include a written notarized certification that any adjustment claimed is the entire adjustment to which the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has reason to believe it is entitled to as a result of the question, claim, difficulty or dispute. Resolution of such dispute shall be made by the City Manager or designee. The City Manager's decision shall be final and binding on the Parties subject to mediation and judicial review.
- 14.5 Prior to any litigation being commenced, for any disputes which remain unresolved, within sixty (60) days after Final Completion of the Work, the Parties shall participate in mediation to address all unresolved disputes to a mediator mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Should any objection not be resolved in mediation, the Parties retain all their legal rights and remedies provided under the laws of Florida. Failure by a Party to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article, then said Party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under the laws of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - CITY'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT**

- 15.1 If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM fails to begin the design and construction of the Project

within the time specified, or fails to perform the Project with sufficient workers and equipment or with sufficient materials to insure the prompt completion of the Project, in accordance with the Contract Documents and schedules, or shall perform the Work unsuitably, or cause it to be rejected as defective and unsuitable; or shall discontinue the prosecution of the Project, except for excused delays in accordance with this Agreement; or if DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall become insolvent or be declared bankrupt, or commit any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or shall not carry on the Project in accordance with the Contract Documents, then the CITY shall give notice, in writing, to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and its surety of such delay, neglect or default, specifying the same. If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM within a period of ten (10) calendar days after such notice, shall not proceed in accordance therewith, then CITY may, upon written notice from the Project Manager of the fact of such delay, neglect or default and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's failure to comply with such notice, terminate the services of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, exclude DESIGN/BUILD FIRM from the Project site, and take the prosecution of the Project out of the hands of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, as appropriate, or use any or all materials and equipment on the Project site as may be suitable and acceptable, in the CITY's reasonable discretion. In such case, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Project is finished. In addition, CITY may enter into an Agreement for the completion of the Project according to the terms and provisions of the Contract Documents, or use such other methods as in its opinion shall be required for the completion of the Project in an acceptable manner. All damages, costs and charges incurred by CITY shall be deducted from any monies due or which may become due to said DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. Actions will be instituted to recover on the posted bonds. If such damages and costs exceed the unpaid balance, then DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be liable and shall pay to CITY the amount of said excess.

- 15.2 If, after Notice of Termination of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's right to proceed, it is determined for any reason that DESIGN/BUILD FIRM was not in default, the rights and obligations of CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to the Termination for Convenience clause, as set forth in Section 15.3 below.
- 15.3 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the performance of Work under this Agreement may be terminated in writing by CITY, for convenience and without cause, upon ten (10) business days from the date of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's receipt of the written notice to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM of intent to terminate and the date on which such termination becomes effective. In such case, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be paid for all Work and reimbursables executed, and reasonable expenses incurred, such as materials stored, cost of severance of leases/contracts directly associated with the Project, and demobilization prior to termination. PAYMENT SHALL INCLUDE REASONABLE PROFIT FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY PERFORMED IN FULL AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY PRIOR TO TERMINATION DATE, BUT SHALL EXCLUDE ALL LOSS PROFITS, INDIRECT CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of Notice of Termination pursuant to Sections 15.1 and 15.2 above, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall, at its sole cost and expense (other than demobilization as a result of the Notice of Termination pursuant to Section 15.3 which shall be paid for by the

CITY) and as a condition precedent to any further payment obligation by the CITY, promptly discontinue all affected work, unless the Notice of Termination directs otherwise, and deliver to CITY within seven (7) calendar days of termination, all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and such other information as may have been required by the Contract Documents, whether completed or in process. Compensation shall be withheld until all documents are produced to CITY pursuant to this Article.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - DESIGN/BUILD FIRM'S RIGHT TO STOP WORK OR TERMINATE AGREEMENT**

- 16.1 If the Project should be stopped under any order of any court or other public authority for a period of more than ninety (90) calendar days, through no act or fault of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or of anyone employed by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, or if the Project Manager should fail to review and approve or state in writing reasons for non-approval of any requisition for payment within twenty (20) business days after it is presented; or if CITY fails to pay DESIGN/BUILD FIRM within thirty (30) calendar days after submittal of a proper requisition for payment, as approved by the Project Manager, then DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may give written notice to CITY, of such delay, neglect or default, specifying same. If CITY, within a period of ten (10) business days after such written notice, shall not remedy the delay, neglect, or default upon which notice is based, then DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may stop work until payment is made, or terminate this Agreement and recover from CITY payment for all Work executed and accepted by the CITY and reasonable expenses sustained, but excluding any claim for payments for loss profits, indirect, special, consequential or other damages.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - NOTICES**

- 17.1 Whenever either Party desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing with proof of delivery or receipt. The notice shall be address to the Party for whom it is intended at the place last specified; and the place for giving of notice shall remain until it shall have been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following as the respective places for giving notice:

To the City:

Ivey Kearson, Project Manager  
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
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## ARTICLE 18 – BONDS AND INSURANCE

- 18.1 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall furnish, or cause to be furnished, on or before seven (7) days after execution of this Agreement, the following:

Performance Bond and Payment Bond (Surety)

- 18.2 THE DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall execute and record in the Public Records of Broward County, Florida, a payment and performance bond in an amount at least equal to the Contract Price guaranteeing to CITY the completion and performance of the Project covered in this Agreement as well as full payment of all suppliers, material persons, laborers, or sub-contractors employment pursuant to the Project. The Payment and Performance Bond shall be with a surety insurer authorized to do business in the state of Florida as surety (“Bond”), in accordance with Section 255.05, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of the Contractors obligations under the Contract Documents. The performance and payment bond shall remain in full force and effect during the Project and sixty (60) days beyond the contract term for close out.

18.3 Insurance Requirements

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement and during any renewal or extension term of this Agreement, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall, at its sole expense, provide insurance of such types and with such terms and limits as noted below. Providing proof of and maintaining adequate insurance coverage are material obligations of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide the CITY a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance for all applicable policies, in respect to the CITY’s interests for this Agreement. The limits of coverage under each policy maintained by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not be interpreted as limiting DESIGN/BUILD FIRM’s liability and obligations under this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be through insurers authorized or eligible to write policies in the State of Florida and possess an A.M. Best rating of A-, VII or better, subject to approval by the City’s Risk Manager.

The coverages, limits, and/or endorsements required herein protect the interests of the CITY, and these coverages, limits, and/or endorsements shall in no way be relied upon by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for assessing the extent or determining appropriate types and limits of coverage to protect DESIGN/BUILD FIRM against any loss exposures, whether as a result of this Agreement or otherwise. The requirements contained herein, as well as the CITY’s review or acknowledgement, are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM under this Agreement.

The following insurance policies and coverages are required:

#### Professional Liability

Coverage must be afforded for Wrongful Acts in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 each claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must keep the professional liability insurance in force until the third anniversary of expiration or early termination of this Agreement or the third anniversary of acceptance of work by the CITY, whichever is longer, which obligation shall survive expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

#### Commercial General Liability

Coverage must be afforded under a Commercial General Liability policy with limits not less than:

- \$5,000,000 each occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate for Bodily Injury, Property Damage, and Personal and Advertising Injury
- \$5,000,000 each occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate for Products and Completed Operations

Policy must include coverage for contractual liability and independent contractors.

The CITY, a Florida municipality, its officials, employees, and volunteers are to be included as an additional insured with a CG 20 26 04 13 Additional Insured – Designated Person or Organization Endorsement or similar endorsement providing equal or broader Additional Insured Coverage with respect to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. The coverage shall contain no special limitation on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its officials, employees, and volunteers.

#### Pollution and Remediation Legal Liability (Hazardous Materials)

For the purpose of this section, the term “hazardous materials” includes all materials and substances that are designated or defined as hazardous by Florida or federal law or by the rules or regulations of Florida or any federal agency. If work being performed involves hazardous materials, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall procure and maintain any or all of the following coverages (which will be specifically addressed upon review of exposure):

#### Contractors Pollution Liability Coverage

For sudden and gradual occurrences and in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim arising out of this Agreement, including but not limited to, all hazardous materials identified under the Agreement.

#### Business Automobile Liability

Coverage must be afforded for all Owned, Hired, Scheduled, and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM does not own vehicles, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall maintain coverage for Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

#### Crane and Rigging Liability

If crane and rigging will be utilized in the work covered in this agreement, coverage must

be afforded for any crane operations under the Commercial General or Business Automobile Liability policy as necessary, in line with the limits of the associated policy.

#### Property Coverage (Builder's Risk)

For buildings/structures under construction, coverage must be afforded in an amount not less than 100% of the total project cost, including soft costs. Coverage form shall include, but not be limited to:

- All Risk Coverage including Flood and Windstorm with no coinsurance clause
- Any separate Flood and/or Windstorm deductibles are subject to approval by the CITY
- Storage and transport of materials, equipment, supplies of any kind whatsoever to be used on or incidental to the project
- Equipment Breakdown for cold testing of all mechanized, pressurized, or electrical equipment

This policy shall insure the interests of the owner, contractor, and subcontractors in the property against all risk of physical loss and damage and name the CITY as a loss payee. This insurance shall remain in effect until the work is completed and the property has been accepted by the CITY.

#### Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability

Coverage must be afforded per Chapter 440, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised. Any person or entity performing work for or on behalf of the CITY 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.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM waives, and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall ensure that DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance carrier waives, all subrogation rights against the CITY, its officials, employees, and volunteers for all losses or damages. The CITY requires the policy to be endorsed with WC 00 03 13 Waiver of our Right to Recover from Others or equivalent.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must be in compliance with all applicable State and federal workers' compensation laws.

#### Insurance Certificate Requirements

- a. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide the CITY with valid Certificates of Insurance (binders are unacceptable) no later than ten (10) days prior to the start of work contemplated in this Agreement.
- b. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide to the CITY a Certificate of Insurance having a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation; ten (10) days' notice if cancellation is for nonpayment of premium.
- c. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate the cancellation notice requirement, it shall be the responsibility of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the certificate holder.
- d. In the event the Agreement term or any surviving obligation of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM following expiration or early termination of the Agreement goes beyond the expiration

date of the insurance policy, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide the CITY with an updated Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the insurance currently in effect. The CITY reserves the right to suspend the Agreement until this requirement is met.

- e. The Certificate of Insurance shall indicate whether coverage is provided under a claims-made or occurrence form. If any coverage is provided on a claims-made form, the Certificate of Insurance must show a retroactive date, which shall be the effective date of the initial contract or prior.
- f. The CITY shall be included as an Additional Insured on all liability policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability.
- g. The CITY shall be granted a Waiver of Subrogation on DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's Workers' Compensation insurance policy.
- h. The title of the Agreement, Bid/Contract number, or other identifying reference must be listed on the Certificate of Insurance.

The Certificate Holder should read as follows:

City of Fort Lauderdale  
c/o Procurement Services Division  
401 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has the sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the application of such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for including the CITY as an Additional Insured shall be at DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's expense.

If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements as set forth in this Agreement, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may provide evidence of an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to the CITY's interests for this Agreement, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the CITY shall be non-contributory.

Any exclusion or provision in any insurance policy maintained by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM that excludes coverage required in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

All required insurance policies must be maintained until the Work has been accepted by the CITY, or until this Agreement is terminated, whichever is later. Any lapse in coverage may be considered breach of contract. In addition, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must provide to the CITY confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate of insurance should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The CITY reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance policies.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance

company or companies and the CITY's Risk Management office as soon as practical.

It is DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's responsibility to ensure that any and all of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's independent contractors and subcontractors comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the applicable requirements stated herein. Any and all deficiencies are the responsibility of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. The CITY reserves the right to adjust insurance limits from time to time at its discretion with notice to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.

**NOTE: CITY PROJECT NUMBER, PROJECT NAME AND RFP EVENT NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON EACH CERTIFICATE, AND THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE MUST BE NAMED ON THE CERTIFICATE AS AN "ADDITIONAL INSURED" ON REQUIRED LIABILITY POLICIES.**

- 18.4 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has the sole responsibility for all insurance premiums and shall be fully and solely responsible for any costs or expenses as a result of a coverage deductible, co-insurance penalty, or self-insured retention; including any loss not covered because of the operation of such deductible, co-insurance penalty, self-insured retention, or coverage exclusion or limitation. Any costs for adding the CITY as an Additional Insured shall be at the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's expense.

If the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM primary insurance policy/policies do not meet the minimum requirements, as set forth in this Agreement, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may provide an Umbrella/Excess insurance policy to comply with this requirement.

The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects to the CITY, a Florida municipal corporation, its officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the CITY, a Florida municipal corporation, its officials, employees, or volunteers shall be non-contributory.

Any exclusions or provisions in any insurance policy maintained by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM that excludes coverage required in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable and shall be considered breach of contract.

All required insurance policies must be maintained until the Work has been accepted by the CITY, or until this Agreement is terminated, whichever is later. Any lapse in coverage shall be considered breach of contract. In addition, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM must provide to the CITY confirmation of coverage renewal via an updated certificate should any policies expire prior to the expiration of this Agreement. The CITY reserves the right to review, at any time, coverage forms and limits of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance policies.

The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide notice of any and all claims, accidents, and any other occurrences associated with this Agreement to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's insurance company or companies and the CITY's Risk Management office, as soon as practical.

It is the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's responsibility to ensure that any and all of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM independent contractors and subcontractors comply with these insurance requirements. All coverages for independent contractors and subcontractors shall be subject to all of the applicable requirements stated herein. Any and all deficiencies are the responsibility of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM.

Certificates will indicate no modification or change in insurance shall be made without thirty (30) days in advance notice to the certificate holder. Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM of its liability and obligation under this section or under any other Section of this Agreement.

- 18.5 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance certificates required in conjunction with this Section remain in force for the duration of the Project. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be responsible for submitted new or renewed insurance certificates to the CITY at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration. In the event that expired certificates are not replaced with new or renewed certificates that cover the contractual period, the CITY shall:
- A. Suspend the Agreement until such time as the new or renewed certificates are received by the CITY;
  - B. The CITY may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for cause and seek damages from the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in conjunction with the violation of the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

- 19.1 When DESIGN/BUILD FIRM considers that the Project, or a designated portion thereof, which is acceptable to CITY, in the event CITY chooses to accept same pursuant to the sole authority and discretion, is substantially complete, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall so notify the Project Manager, in writing, and shall prepare for submission to the Project Manager a thorough list of items to be completed or corrected, together with a schedule for completion of all items. The failure to include any items on such list does not alter the responsibility of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to complete all Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Project Manager, and such other persons as they may deem necessary, shall conduct a joint inspection to determine that the Project (or designated portion thereof) is substantially complete.
- 19.2 The Project Manager will then instruct DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to prepare and deliver to the Contract Administrator a Certificate of Substantial Completion which shall establish the date of Substantial Completion for the Project (or that portion of the Project). DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall have thirty (30) days to complete the items listed therein. Warranties required by the Contract Documents and submitted in appropriate form to the Project Manager along with the request for Substantial Completion shall commence on the date of Substantial Completion of the Project (or for that portion of the Project). The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to CITY through the Project Manager and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM for its written acceptance of the responsibilities assigned to it in such Certificate.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - FINAL COMPLETION**

- 20.1 When the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM considers that the Project, or a designated portion thereof, which is acceptable to CITY, in the event CITY chooses to accept same pursuant to the sole authority and discretion, is finally complete, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall so notify the Project Manager, in writing, that the Work is complete, and that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM has satisfied all prerequisites to Final Completion. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and the Project Manager and such other persons as they may

deem necessary, shall conduct a final inspection. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will notify in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work is incomplete, non-conforming or defective. Construction Manager shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies and shall notify all Parties that the Project (or designated portion thereof) is finally complete.

After Project Manager will then issue a Certificate of Final Completion which shall establish the date of Final Completion for the Project (or that portion of the Project). Acceptance of Final Completion by CITY shall be based upon compliance with the Contract Documents and Applicable Laws. Warranties required by the Contract Documents and submitted in appropriate form to the Project Manager along with the request for Final Completion shall commence on the date of Final Completion of the Project (or for that portion of the Project).

### **ARTICLE 21 - SHOP DRAWINGS AND SCHEDULE OF VALUES**

- 21.1 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit Shop Drawings for all equipment, apparatus, machinery, fixtures, piping, wiring, fabricated structures and manufactured articles. The purpose of a Shop Drawing is to show the suitability, efficiency, technique of manufacture, installation requirements, details of the item and evidence of its compliance or noncompliance with the Contract Documents.
- 21.2 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall thoroughly review and check the Shop Drawings and each and every copy shall show DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's approval thereon.
- 21.3 If the Shop Drawings show or indicate departures from the Contract requirements, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall make specific mention thereof in its shop drawing submittal and a separate letter. Failure to point out such departures shall not relieve DESIGN/BUILD FIRM from its responsibility to comply with the Contract Documents. Project Manager shall determine acceptability of change and, in considering said change, may require data, technical comparisons, cost comparisons, quality comparisons and/or calculations to determine the equality of deviations. Contract Administrator is not obligated to accept deviations.
- 21.4 No acceptance will be given to partial submittal of Shop Drawings for items which interconnect and/or are interdependent. It is DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's responsibility to assemble the Shop Drawings for all such interconnecting and/or independent items, check them, and then make one (1) submittal to the Project Manager, along with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's comments as to compliance, noncompliance, or features requiring special attention.
- 21.5 If catalog sheets or prints of manufacturers' standard drawings are submitted as Shop Drawings, any additional information or changes on such drawings shall be typewritten or lettered in ink. Catalog sheet with multiple options shall be highlighted to depict specific pertinent data including options.
- 21.6 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit to Project Manager five (5) copies. Re-submissions of Shop Drawings shall be made in the same quantity until final acceptance is obtained.
- 21.7 Project Manager's acceptance of the Shop Drawings, as approved by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, will be for general compliance with the Plans and Specifications, and shall not relieve DESIGN/BUILD FIRM of responsibility for the accuracy of such Drawings, nor for

the proper fittings and construction of the Work, nor for the furnishing of the materials or Work required by the Agreement and not indicated on the Drawings.

21.8 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall keep one (1) set of Shop Drawings, marked with the Project Manager's acceptance, as the Project site at all times.

21.9 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit a Schedule of Values to the Project Manager as specified in the Technical Specifications. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall submit to the Project Manager a separate Schedule of Values for demolition, abatement, and site work ten (10) calendar days prior to commencing such portion of the Work. The schedule will be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper listing: title of Project, location, Project number, Consultant, Contractor, Contract designation and date of submission. The schedule shall list the installed value of the component parts of the Work in sufficient detail to serve as a basis for computing values for progress payments during the construction. The table of contents of the specifications shall establish the format for listing the component items. Each line item will be identified by the number and title of the respective major section of the specifications. For each line item, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall list the sub-values of major products or operations under the item. Each item shall include the proportion of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's overhead and profit. For any items for which progress payments will be requested for stored materials, the value will be broken down with:

A. Schedule must include the following but is not limited to:

Separate identifiable activity on the critical path, an activity labeled "Other Conditions Allowance." This activity duration shall be thirty (30) calendar days and inserted at the end of the schedule prior to Substantial Completion. This allowance may or may not be used at the discretion of the CITY. Use of this activity shall be subject to the review and approval of the CITY and the Design Criteria Professional. The duration of the "Other Conditions Allowance" activity shall be reduced as other conditions are experienced and inserted in the schedule;

B. The cost of materials delivered, unloaded, properly stored and safeguarded, with taxes paid; and

C. The total installed value review.

## **ARTICLE 22 - FIELD ENGINEERING**

22.1 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide and pay for field engineering services required for the Project. This Work shall include the following elements:

A. Survey work required in execution of the Project;

B. Civil, structural or other professional engineering, architectural, landscape architectural, or land surveying services specified, or required to execute the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's construction methods;

C. The survey completed by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will identify the qualified engineer or registered land surveyor, acceptable to the CITY, and he or she shall be retained by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM at the outset of this Project;

D. The survey will locate and protect control points prior to starting site work, and will preserve all permanent reference points during construction;

E. No changes or relocations will be made without prior written notice to the

Project Manager;

- F. A written report shall be made to the Project Manager when any reference point is lost or destroyed, or requires relocation because of necessary changes in grades or locations;
- G. The surveyor shall be required to replace Project control points which may be lost or destroyed. The surveyor shall be duly registered as a surveyor or mapper, as required by state law;
- H. Replacement shall be established based upon original survey control.

22.2 The survey completed by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM will identify the qualified engineer or registered land surveyor, acceptable to the CITY, and he or she shall be retained by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM at the outset of this Project.

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22.2.4 The surveyor shall be required to replace Project control points which may be lost or destroyed. The surveyor shall be duly registered as a surveyor or mapper, as required by state law.

22.2.5 Replacements shall be established based upon original survey control.

### **ARTICLE 23 - FIELD LAYOUT OF THE WORK AND RECORD DRAWINGS**

23.1 The entire responsibility for establishing and maintaining a line and grade in the field lies with DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall maintain an accurate and precise horizontal and vertical record of the existing pavement conditions; final pavement conditions; and all pipelines, conduits, structures, underground utility access portals, handholes, fittings, etc. encountered or installed during construction. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall deliver these records in good order to the Contract Administrator as the Work is completed. These records shall serve as a basis for "as-built" drawings. The cost of all such field layout and recording work is included in the Contract Price.

23.2 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall maintain in a safe place at the site, one (1) record copy of the Plans and Specifications, addenda, written amendments, Change Orders and written interpretations and clarifications, in good order and annotated to show all changes made during construction. These record documents, together with all approved samples and a counterpart of all approved Shop Drawings, will be available to Contract Administrator for reference. Upon completion of the Project, these record documents, samples and Shop Drawings shall be delivered to Contract Administrator.

23.3 At the completion of the Project, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall turn over to the CITY

aset of reproducible drawings and a complete set of all drawings in the latest version of AutoCAD on Compact Disk, not compressed, which accurately reflect the “as-built” conditions of the new facilities. All changes made to the Construction Documents, either as clarifications or as changes, will be reflected in the plans. The changes shall be submitted at least monthly to the Project Manager. These “as-built” drawings are to be AutoCAD version 2018 and to CITY Standard Details and CADD Standards. Format media must be delivered and found to be acceptable prior to final payments.

#### **ARTICLE 24 - NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY**

- 24.1 NO CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR ANY CLAIM OTHER THAN FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE MADE OR ASSERTED AGAINST CITY BY REASON OF ANY DELAYS. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not be entitled to an increase in the Contract Price or payment or compensation of any kind from CITY for direct, indirect, consequential, impact, or other costs, expenses or damages including, but not limited to, costs of acceleration or inefficiency arising because of delay, disruption, interference or hindrance from any cause whatsoever, whether such delay, disruption, interference, or hindrance be reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable, or avoidable or unavoidable; provided, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hindrances or delays are not due solely to fraud, bad faith or active interference by the CITY, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be entitled only to extensions of the Contract Time as the sole and exclusive remedy for such resulting delays, in accordance with and to the extent specifically provided above. The specific application of this Article to other provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a limitation of any sort upon the further application of this Article. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's fee is acknowledged as separate and independent consideration for the covenants contained in this Article.

#### **ARTICLE 25 - LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1 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 arising out of this Agreement, so that the CITY's liability for any breach never exceeds the sum of \$1,000.00. For other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM hereby expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with the knowledge that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's recovery from the CITY to any action or claim arising from the Agreement is limited to a maximum amount of \$1,000.00, which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the CITY to the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM pursuant to this Agreement, 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 either to be a waiver of the limitation placed upon the CITY's liability beyond the limits established in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised; and no claim or award against the CITY shall include attorney's fees, investigative costs, expert fees, suit costs or pre-judgment interest.

#### **ARTICLE 26 - GOVERNING LAW**

- 26.1 The Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. If any

claims arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. **BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MIGHT HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.**

## **ARTICLE 27 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 27.1 **OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**: All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, specifications, plans and reports prepared or provided by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM in connection with this Agreement shall become the property of CITY, whether the Project for which they are made is completed or not, shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to Project Manager within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the written notice of termination or upon completion of the Project. If applicable, CITY may withhold payments then due to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM until DESIGN/BUILD FIRM complies with the provisions of this section.
- 27.2 **AUDIT RIGHT AND RETENTION OF RECORDS**: CITY shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM that are related to this Project. DESIGN/BUILD TEAM shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to the Project. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by CITY, 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 Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, 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. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by CITY to be applicable to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's records, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law shall be violated by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. 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.
- 27.3 **ARCHITECT/ENGINEER**: DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall use the architect/engineer, including subconsultants, identified in the proposal that were a material part of the selection of the design/build team to provide the services for this Project. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall obtain written approval from the CITY's Public Works Director prior to changing or modifying the list of subconsultants submitted by the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. See Appendices attached hereto and made a part hereof.

27.4 **ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE:** Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the prior written consent of the other Party.

27.5 **INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY:**

27.5.1 Disclaimer of Liability: The City shall not at any time, be liable for injury or damage occurring to any person or property from any cause, whatsoever, arising out of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's construction and fulfillment of this Agreement.

27.5.2 Indemnification: For other, additional good valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged:

27.5.2.1 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall, at its sole cost and expense, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its representatives, employees and elected and appointed officials from or on account of all claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses, direct, indirect or consequential including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, consultants and other professionals and court costs arising out of or in consequence of the performance of this Agreement at all trial and appellate levels. Indemnification shall specifically include but not be limited to claims, damages, losses, liabilities and expenses arising out of or from (a) the negligent or defective design of the project and Work of this Agreement; (b) any act, omission or default of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, its subcontractors, agents, suppliers, employees, or laborers; (c) any and all bodily injuries, sickness, disease or death; (d) injury to or destruction of tangible property, including any resulting loss of use; (e) other such damages, liabilities, or losses received or sustained by any person or persons during or on account of any operations connected with the construction of this Project including the warranty period; (f) the use of any improper materials; (g) any construction defect including both patent and latent defects; (h) failure to timely complete the work; (i) the violation of any federal, state, county or City laws, ordinances or regulations by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, its subcontractors, agents, servants, independent contractors or employees; (j) the breach or alleged breach by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM of any term of the Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach of any warranty or guarantee.

27.5.2.2 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees, from all damages, liabilities, losses, claims, fines and fees, and from any and all suits and actions of every name and description that may be brought against City, its officers, agents and employees, on account of any claims, fees, royalties, or costs for any invention or patent and/or for the infringement of any and all copyrights or patent rights claimed by any person, firm, or corporation.

27.5.2.3 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay all claims, losses, liens, settlements or judgments of any nature in connection with the foregoing indemnifications including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs for trials and appeals.

27.5.2.4 If any subcontractor, supplier, laborer, or materialmen of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or any other person directly or indirectly acting for or through DESIGN/BUILD FIRM files or attempts to file a mechanic's or construction lien against the real property on which the work is performed or any part or against any personal property or improvements thereon or make a claim against any monies due or to become due from the City to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or from DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to a subcontractor, for or on account of any work, labor, services, material, equipment, or other items furnished in connection with the Work or any change order, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agrees to satisfy, remove, or discharge such lien or claim at its own expense by bond, payment, or otherwise within five (5) days of the filing or from receipt of written notice from the City.

Additionally, until such time as such lien or claim is satisfied, removed or discharged by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, all monies due to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, or that become due to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM before the lien or claim is satisfied, removed or otherwise discharged, shall be held by City as security for the satisfaction, removal and discharge of such lien and any expense that may be incurred while obtaining the discharge. If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall fail to do so, City shall have the right, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by this Agreement or by law, to satisfy, remove, or discharge such lien or claim by whatever means City chooses at the entire and sole cost and expense of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM which costs and expenses shall, without limitation, include attorney's fees, litigation costs, fees and expenses and all court costs and assessments, and which shall be deducted from any amount owing to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. In the event the amount due DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is less than the amount required to satisfy DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's obligation under this, or any other article, paragraph or section of this Agreement, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be liable for the deficiency due the City.

27.5.2.5 The Contractor and the City agree that Section 725.06(2), Florida Statutes (2024), as may be amended or revised, controls the extent and limits of the indemnification and hold harmless provisions of this Agreement, if any, and that the Parties waive any defects in the wording of this Article that runs afoul of said statutory section.

- 27.6 **ONE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT**: This Agreement will be executed in one original.
- 27.7 **ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED**: This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein; and the Parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this Agreement. Accordingly, the Parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.
- 27.8 **AMENDMENTS**: No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed

by both Parties with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

- 27.9 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**: DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be subject to the supervision of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM. In providing the services, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or its agents shall not be acting and shall not be deemed as acting as officers, employees, or agents of the CITY. No partnership, joint venture, or other joint relationship is created hereby. CITY does not extend to DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or its agents any authority of any kind to bind CITY in any respect whatsoever.
- 27.10 **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**: Neither DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or CITY intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Agreement. Therefore, the Parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.
- 27.11 **WAIVER OF BREACH AND MATERIALITY**: Failure by the CITY or DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement.
- 27.12 **MATERIAL TERM**: CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement, and therefore, is a material term hereof.
- 27.13 **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**: DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement.
- 27.14 **NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**: DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person in its operations and activities in its use or expenditure of the funds or any portion of the funds provided by this Agreement and shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act in the course of providing any services funded in whole or in part by CITY, including Titles 1 and 11 of the Act, and all applicable regulations, guidelines and standards.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM's decisions regarding the delivery of work and services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of 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 or appropriately used as a basis for service delivery.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall comply with Title 1 of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in employment and further shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability. In addition, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training

(including apprenticeship) and accessibility.

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability during employment. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship) and accessibility.

- 27.15 **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES ACT**: In accordance with the Public Entity Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant or other provider, 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 the CITY, may not submit a bid on a contract with the CITY for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to the CITY, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with the CITY and may not transact any business with the CITY in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, as amended, for category two purchases for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this Section shall result in cancellation of the CITY purchase and may result in debarment
- 27.16 **SEVERANCE**: In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless CITY elects to terminate this Agreement. The election to terminate this Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) days after the finding by the court becomes final.
- 27.17 **JOINT PREPARATION**: Preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of the CITY and DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the Parties than any other.
- 27.18 **PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS**: If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into this Agreement by reference and a term, statement, requirement, or provision of this Agreement, the term, statement, requirement, or provision contained in Articles 1 through 21 shall prevail and be given effect.
- In the event of a conflict among the Contract Documents, the most stringent requirements shall control.
- 27.19 **TAXES**: DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall pay all applicable sales, consumer, use and other taxes as required by law. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is responsible for reviewing the pertinent state statutes involving state taxes and complying with all requirements. All such taxes that are required as of the time of Agreement execution shall be included in the Not-To-Exceed Guaranteed Maximum Price.

27.20 **SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES:** Subject to Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Prasad, 876 F.Supp.2d 1305 (S.D. Fla. 2012), affirmed, Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation, 715 F.3d 1268 (11th Cir. 2013), with regard to the “Cuba Amendment,” the Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised. The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, and that it is not engaged in a boycott of Israel. The City may terminate this Agreement at the City’s option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under Subsection (5) of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or been placed on a list created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, relating to scrutinized active business operations in Iran, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised. In addition, if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the Contractor may be subject to such penalties as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

27.21 **PUBLIC RECORDS:**  
**IF THE DESIGN/BUILD FIRM HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES (2025) AS MAY BE AMENDED OR REVISED, TO THE DESIGN/BUILD FIRM’S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT CITY CLERK’S OFFICE, 1 EAST BROWARD BOULVEVARD, SUITE 444, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 33301, PHONE: 954-828-5002, EMAIL: PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV.**

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY in order to perform the service.
2. 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, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
3. 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 Agreement term and following completion of this Agreement if DESIGN/BUILD FIRM does not transfer the records to the CITY.
4. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in possession of DESIGN/BUILD FIRM or keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service. If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM transfers all public records to the

CITY upon completion of this Agreement, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If DESIGN/BUILD FIRM keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, DESIGN/BUILD FIRM 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.

**27.22 E-VERIFY**

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and its subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

27.22.1 The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall require each of its subcontractors, if any, to provide the DESIGN BUILD FIRM with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall maintain a copy of the subcontractor's affidavit for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the public records requirements of this Agreement.

27.22.2 The CITY, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM, or any subcontractor who has a good faith belief that a person or entity with which it is contracting has knowingly violated Subsection 448.09(1), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, shall terminate the Agreement with the person or entity.

27.22.3 The City, upon good faith belief that a subcontractor knowingly violated the provisions of Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, but that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM otherwise complied with Subsection 448.095(5), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, shall promptly notify DESIGN/BUILD FIRM and order the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM to immediately terminate the contract with the subcontractor, and the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall comply with such order.

27.22.4 A contract terminated under Subparagraph 448.095(5)(c)1. or 2., Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If the City terminates this Agreement under Paragraph 448.095(5)(c), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM may not be awarded a public contract for at least one year after the date on which the contract was terminated. The DESIGN/BUILD FIRM is liable for any additional costs incurred by the City as a result of termination of this Agreement.

27.22.5 DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall include in each of its subcontracts, if any, the requirements set forth in this Section, including this subparagraph, requiring any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, to include all of the requirements of this Section in their subcontracts. DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall be responsible for compliance by any and all subcontractors, as defined in Subsection 448.095(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised, with the

requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

27.23 **ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM shall provide the City with an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM under penalty of perjury attesting that the DESIGN/BUILD FIRM does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes (2025), as may be amended or revised.

27.24 **ATTORNEY FEES**

If City or DESIGN/BUILD FIRM incurs any expense in enforcing the terms of this Agreement through litigation, the prevailing Party in that litigation shall be reimbursed for all such costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred during litigation.

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Design/Build Services For  
Fire Station No. 13 And Emergency  
Medical Sub-Station No. 88  
Project No. 558-3

**CITY**

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the Parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida  
municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RICKELLE WILLIAMS  
City Manager

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID R. SOLOMAN  
City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:  
Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

DESIGN/BUILD FIRM

WITNESSES:

CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC,  
a Florida limited liability company

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cody Kiess, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by Cody Kiess as President for CORE Construction Services of Florida, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

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

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_