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11.3.1 If the Project Manager considers it necessary or advisable that Work covered in accordance with Paragraphs 11.2.1, 11.2.2 and 11.2.3 be observed by the City or inspected or tested by others, the Contractor at the City's request, shall uncover, expose or otherwise make available for observation, inspection or testing as the Project Manager may require, that portion of the Work in question, furnishing all necessary labor, material and equipment. If it is found that such Work is defective, the Contractor shall bear all the expenses of such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection and testing and of satisfactory reconstruction, including compensation for additional professional services, and an appropriate deductive Change Order shall be issued. If, however, such work is not found to be defective, the Contractor shall be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to such uncovering, exposure, observation, inspection testing and reconstruction if it makes a claim therefore as provided in Articles 14 and 15.

11.4 City May Stop the Work: If the Work is defective, or the Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled supervisory personnel or workmen or suitable materials or equipment or the work area is deemed unsafe, the City may order the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the City to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the City to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other Party. The City will not award any increase in Contract Price or Contract Time if the Work is stopped due to the circumstances described herein.

11.5 Correction or Removal of Defective Work Before Final Payment: If required by the Project Manager, the Contractor shall promptly, without cost to the City and as specified by the Project Manager, either correct any defective Work, whether or not fabricated, installed or completed, or if the Work has been rejected by the City, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work.

11.6 One Year Correction Period After Final Payment: If, within one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of work on each Task Order, or such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special guarantee required by the Contract Documents, any work is found to be defective, the Contractor shall promptly, without cost to the City and in accordance with the City's written instructions, either correct such defective Work, or, if it has been rejected by the City, remove it from the site and replace it with non-defective Work.

If the Contractor does not promptly comply with the terms of such instructions or in an emergency where delay would cause serious risk of loss or damage, the City may have the defective Work corrected or the rejected Work removed and replaced, and all direct and indirect costs for such removal and replacement, including compensation for additional professional services, shall be paid by the Contractor.



- 11.7 Acceptance of Defective Work, Deductions: If, instead of requiring correction or removal and replacement of defective Work, the City, at the City's sole option, prefers to accept it, the City may do so. In such a case, if acceptance occurs prior to the Project Manager's recommendation of final payments, a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contracts Documents, including appropriate reduction in the Contract Price; or if the acceptance occurs after such recommendation, an appropriate amount shall be paid by the Contractor to the City.
- 11.8 City May Correct Defective Work: If the Contractor fails within a reasonable time after written notice of the Project Manager to proceed to correct defective Work or to remove and replace rejected Work as required by the Project Manager in accordance with Paragraph 11.5, or if the Contractor fails to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the City may, after seven (7) days' written notice to the Contractor, correct and remedy any such deficiency. In exercising its rights under this paragraph, the City shall proceed expeditiously. To the extent necessary to complete corrective and remedial action, the City may exclude the Contractor from all or part of the site, take possession of all or part of the Work, suspend the Contractor's services related thereto and take possession of the Contractor's tools, construction equipment and materials stored at the site or elsewhere. The Contractor shall allow the City's representative agents and employees such access to the site as may be necessary to enable the City to exercise its rights under this paragraph. All direct and indirect costs of the City in exercising such rights shall be charged against the Contractor in an amount verified by the Project Manager, and a Change Order shall be issued incorporating the necessary revisions in the Contract Documents and a reduction in the Contract Price. Such direct and indirect costs shall include, in particular but without limitation, compensation for additional professional services required and costs of repair and replacement of work of others destroyed or damaged by correction, removal or replacement of the Contractor's defective Work. The Contractor shall not be allowed an extension of the Contract Time because of any delay in performance of the Work attributable to the exercise by the City of the City's right hereunder.

## **ARTICLE 12 – INDEMNIFICATION**

- 12.1 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 Contractor's construction and fulfillment of this Agreement.
- 12.2 Indemnification: For other, additional good valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged:
- 12.2.1 Contractor 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 Contractor, its subcontractors, agents, servants or employees; (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 Contractor, its subcontractors, agents, servants, independent contractors or employees; (j) the breach or alleged breach by Contractor of any term of the Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach of any warranty or guarantee.

- 12.2.2 Contractor 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.
- 12.2.3 Contractor 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.
- 12.2.4 If any subcontractor, supplier, laborer, or materialmen of Contractor or any other person directly or indirectly acting for or through Contractor 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 Contractor or from Contractor 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, Contractor 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 Contractor, all monies due to Contractor, or that become due to Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor. In the event the amount due Contractor is less than the amount required to satisfy Contractor's obligation under this, or any other article, paragraph or section of this Agreement, the Contractor shall be liable for the deficiency due the City.

12.2.5 The Contractor and the City agree that Section 725.06(2), Florida Statutes (2020), 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.

### ARTICLE 13 – CHANGES IN THE WORK

- 13.1 Without invalidating this Agreement, the City may, from time to time order additions, deletions or revisions in the Work through the issuance of Task Order Amendments. Upon receipt of a Task Order Amendment, the Contractor shall proceed with the Work involved. All Work shall be executed under the applicable conditions of the Contract Documents. The City reserves the right to add, delete or modify any or all pay items and/or quantities. All adjustments shall be made on the per unit price basis where unit prices are quoted. Other adjustments, if any, shall be based on a fair and equitable manner per the Contract Documents or mutually negotiated price between the Contractor and City. In the event the Contractor and City cannot come to an agreement on a price or price adjustment, the City shall have the right to complete that item or work by other means without invalidating the Contract. No claim of loss of profit shall be made against the City.
- 13.2 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 the Contractor.
- 13.3 If notice of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or change in the Contract Price is required by the provisions of any Bond to be given to the Surety, it will be the Contractor's responsibility to so notify the Surety, and the amount of each applicable Bond shall be adjusted accordingly. The Contractor shall furnish proof of such adjustment to the City.

### ARTICLE 14 – CHANGE OF CONTRACT PRICE

Contract Price shall not exceed that which is agreed to in this Agreement. Any increase to the Contract Price shall be executed through an Amendment to this Agreement and approved by the City Commission.

- 14.1 Time for the City to Approve Contract Amendment: Should the cumulative amount of the executed Task Orders exceed the Contract Price, a Contract Amendment must be approved by the City Commission authorizing additional funding for this Contract if it exceeds the threshold established in the City Code.

### ARTICLE 15 – CHANGE OF THE CONTRACT TIME

- 15.1 The Contract Time shall be for **two (2) years** from the date of Commission award subject to **two (2) one (1) year** renewal terms.
- 15.2 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents and within each executed Task Order are of the essence. The provisions of this Article 15 shall not exclude recovery for damages for delay by the Contractor.

- 15.3 Delays caused by or resulting from entities, contractors or subcontractors who are not affiliated with the Contractor (non-affiliated Contractors) shall not give rise to a claim by the Contractor for damages for increases in material and/or labor costs. Such entities, contractors and subcontractors include, but are not limited to, the City's contractors and subcontractors, Florida Power and Light Company, AT&T and Florida East Coast Railway, LLC.
- 15.4 Rights of Various Interests: Whenever work being done by City's forces or by other contractors is contiguous to or within the limits of work covered by this Agreement, the respective rights of the various interests involved shall be established by the Project Manager to secure the completion of the various portions of the Work in general harmony.

## ARTICLE 16 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 16.1 Upon failure of the Contractor to complete the Work of an executed Task Order within the agreed upon and approved time for said Task Order, the Contractor shall pay to the City the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for each and every calendar day that the completion of the Task Order is delayed beyond the time agreed upon for said Task Order, as fixed and agreed liquidated damages and not as a penalty, so long as the delay is caused by the Contractor. Should an act of God or the acts or omissions of the City, its agents or representatives, in derogation to the terms of this Agreement cause the delay, the Contractor shall not be responsible for the delay nor liquidated damages. Liquidated damages are 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 damages and the cost and effect of the failure of the Contractor to complete the Work on time. Liquidated damages shall apply separately to each Task Order for which a time of completion is given. 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 Contractor the amount of liquidated damages, and if the amount retained by the City is insufficient to pay in full such liquidated damages, the Contractor shall pay all liquidated damages in full. The Contractor shall be responsible for reimbursing the City, in addition to liquidated damages or other damages for delay, for all costs of engineering, architectural 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 Contractor whichever is later. Delays caused by or resulting from entities, contractors or subcontractors who are not affiliated with the Contractor shall not give rise to a claim by Contractor for damages for increase in material and/or labor costs. Such entities, contractors and subcontractors include, but are not limited to, the City's contractors and subcontractors, Florida Power and Light Company, AT&T, and Florida East Coast Railway, LLC.
- 16.2 No Extended Damages: For other and additional good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event of any delay of construction or for any reason, allegation or claim, and notwithstanding the reason of the delay, reason, claim or allegation or who caused them or the construction delay or whether they were caused by the City, that there will be no entitlement to Contractor to or for any direct or indirect financial damages or losses for extended corporate overhead impact, extended project

overhead impacts, project support services, mobilization or demobilization or by whatever other label or legal concept or theory and types of names or labels or basis such claims may have, or any business damages or losses of whatever type or nature, and Contractor hereby waives any right to make any such claim or claims. This provision will have application and effect when construction delays are anticipated and agreed upon by both the City and the Contractor.

## **ARTICLE 17 – SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION**

- 17.1 City May Suspend Work: The City may, at any time and without cause, suspend the Work or any portion of the Work for a period of not more than ninety (90) days by notice in writing to the Contractor which shall fix the date on which Work shall be resumed. The Contractor shall resume the Work on the date fixed. The Contractor will be allowed an increase in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Time, or both, directly attributable to any suspension, if the Contractor makes a claim as provided in Articles 14 and 15.
- 17.2 City May Terminate Work: The City retains the right to terminate this Agreement as well as any task order, with thirty (30) days prior written notice. Additionally, the City may also terminate this Agreement as well as any task order upon fifteen (15) calendar days' notice upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:
- 17.2.1 If the Contractor makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.
- 17.2.2 If a trustee, receiver, custodian or agent of the Contractor is appointed under applicable law or under Contract, whose appointment or authority to take charge of property of the Contractor is for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such property or for the purpose of general administration of such property for the benefit of the Contractor's creditors.
- 17.2.3 If Contractor fails to begin the Work within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Project Initiation Date, or fails to perform the Work with sufficient workers and equipment or with sufficient materials to ensure the prompt completion of the Work, or shall perform the Work unsuitably, or cause it to be rejected as defective and unsuitable, or shall discontinue the prosecution of the Work pursuant to the accepted schedule or if Contractor shall fail to perform any material term set forth in the Contract Documents, or from any other cause whatsoever shall not carry on the Work in an acceptable manner, Project Manager may give notice in writing to Contractor and its Surety of such delay, neglect or default, specifying the same.
- 17.2.4 If the Contractor repeatedly fails to make prompt payments to subcontractors or for labor, material or equipment.
- 17.2.5 If the Contractor repeatedly disregards proper safety procedures.
- 17.2.6 If the Contractor disregards any local, state or federal laws or regulations.
- 17.2.7 If the Contractor otherwise violates any provisions of this Agreement.

- 17.3 If Contractor, within a period of ten (10) calendar days after such notice, shall not proceed in accordance therewith, the City may exclude the Contractor from the Work site and take the prosecution of the Work out of the hands of the Contractor, and take possession of the Work and all of the Contractor's tools, appliances, construction equipment and machinery at the site and use them without liability to the City for trespass or conversion, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the site or for which the City has paid the Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and finish the Work as the City may deem expedient. In this instance, the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further compensation until the Work is finished.
- 17.3.1 If after notice of termination of Contractor's right to proceed, it is determined for any reason that Contractor was not in default, the rights and obligations of City and Contractor 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 17.5 below.
- 17.3.2 Upon receipt of Notice of Termination pursuant to Sections 17.2 or 17.5, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all affected work unless the Notice of Termination directs otherwise and deliver or otherwise make available to City 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.
- 17.4 If the Contractor commits a default due to its insolvency or bankruptcy, the following shall apply:
- 17.4.1 Should this Agreement be entered into and fully executed by the Parties, funds released and the Contractor (Debtor) files for bankruptcy, the following shall occur:
- 17.4.1.1 In the event the Contractor files a voluntary petition under 11 U.S.C. 301 or 302, or an order for relief is entered under 11 U.S.C. 303, the Contractor shall acknowledge the extent, validity, and priority of the lien recorded in favor of the City. The Contractor further agrees that in the event of this default, the City shall, at its option, be entitled to seek relief from the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 362. The City shall be entitled to relief from the automatic stay pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 362(d) (1) or (d) (2), and the Contractor agrees to waive the notice provisions in effect pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 362 and any applicable Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court. The Contractor acknowledges that such waiver is done knowingly and voluntarily.
- 17.4.1.2 Alternatively, in the event the City does not seek stay relief, or if stay relief is denied, the City shall be entitled to monthly adequate protection payments within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. 361. The monthly adequate protection payments shall each be in an amount determined in accordance with the Note and Mortgage executed by the Contractor in favor of the City.

17.4.1.3 In the event the Contractor files for bankruptcy under Chapter 13 of Title 11, United States Code in addition to the foregoing provisions, the Contractor agrees to cure any amounts in arrears over a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months from the date of the confirmation order, and such payments shall be made in addition to the regular monthly payments required by the Note and mortgage. Additionally, the Contractor shall agree that the City is over secured and, therefore, entitled to interest and attorney's fees pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 506(b). Such fees shall be allowed and payable as an administrative expense. Further, in the event the Contractor has less than five (5) years of payments remaining on the Note, the Contractor agrees that the treatment afforded to the claim of the City under any confirmed plan of reorganization shall provide that the remaining payments shall be satisfied in accordance with the Note, and that the remaining payments or claim shall not be extended or amortized over a longer period than the time remaining under the Note.

17.4.2 Should this Agreement be entered into and fully executed by the parties, and the funds have not been forwarded to Contractor, the following shall occur:

17.4.2.1 In the event the Contractor files a voluntary petition pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 301 or 302, or an order for relief is entered under 11 U.S.C. 303., the Contractor acknowledges that the commencement of a bankruptcy proceeding constitutes an event of default under the terms of this Agreement. Further, the Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement constitutes an executory contract within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. 365. The Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement is not capable of being assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 365(c)(2), unless the City expressly consents in writing to the assumption. In the event the City consents to the assumption, the Contractor agrees to file a motion to assume this Agreement within ten (10) days after receipt of written consent from the City, regardless of whether the bankruptcy proceeding is pending under Chapter 7, 11, or 13 of Title 11 of the United States Code. The Contractor further acknowledges that this Agreement is not capable of being assigned pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 365(b)(1).

17.5 Termination for Convenience: This Agreement may be terminated for convenience in writing by City upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor (delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested) of intent to terminate and the date on which such termination becomes effective. In such case, Contractor shall be paid for all work executed and expenses incurred prior to termination in addition to termination settlement costs reasonably incurred by Contractor relating to commitments which had become firm prior to the termination. Payment shall include reasonable profit for work/services satisfactorily performed. No payment shall be made for profit for work/services which have not been performed.

17.6 Where the Contractor's service has been so terminated by the City, the termination shall not affect any rights of the City against the Contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due the Contractor by the City will not release the Contractor from liability.

- 17.7 The Contractor has no right, authority or ability to terminate the Work except for the wrongful withholding of any payments due the Contractor from the City.

## ARTICLE 18 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 18.1 Resolution of Disputes: 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 Contract Administrator and Contractor shall be submitted to the Consultant 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 Consultant for resolution. The Parties may agree to a proposed resolution at any time without the involvement and determination of the consultant.
- 18.1.1 Consultant shall notify Contract Administrator and Contractor in writing of Consultant's decision within twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the submission of the question, claim, difficulty or dispute, unless Consultant requires time to gather information or allow the parties to provide additional information.
- 18.1.2 In the event the determination of a dispute by the Consultant under this Article is unacceptable to any of the Parties hereto, the Party objecting to the determination must notify the other Party and the City Manager, in writing within ten (10) days after receipt of the determination. The notice must state the basis of the objection and the proposed resolution. Final resolution of such dispute shall be made by the City Manager. The City Manager's decision shall be final and binding on the Parties.
- 18.1.3 All non-technical administrative disputes (such as billing and payment) shall be determined by Contract Administrator.
- 18.1.4 During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, Contractor and Contract Administrator shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages including utilization of construction schedule changes and alternate means of construction. During the pendency of any dispute arising under this Agreement, other than termination herein, Contractor shall carry on the Work and adhere to the progress schedule. The Work shall not be delayed or postponed pending resolution of any disputes or disagreements.
- 18.1.5 For any disputes which remain unsolved, within sixty (60) calendar days after Final Completion of the Work, the Parties shall participate in mediation to address all unresolved disputes. A mediator shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Should any objection not be resolved in mediation, the Parties retain all their legal rights and remedies under applicable law. If a Party objecting to a determination, fails to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this Article, said Party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under applicable law.



## ARTICLE 19 – NOTICES

19.1 All notices required by any of the Contract Documents shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered upon mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested to the following:

To the City:

City Manager  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1016

with copies to:

Project Manager and City Attorney  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301-1016

To the Contractor:

**Yvette Zuluaga**  
**The Stout Group, LLC**  
**10850 NW 138<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Bay #3**  
**Hialeah Gardens, Florida 33018**  
**Telephone: (786) 452-1481**  
**E-mail: [jsanchez@thestoutgroup.com](mailto:jsanchez@thestoutgroup.com)**

## ARTICLE 20 – LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

20.1 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. For other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Contractor expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with the knowledge that the Contractor's recovery from the City to any action or claim arising from the Agreement is limited to a maximum amount of \$1,000, which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the City to the Contractor 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 as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes (2020), as may be amended or revised, or to extend the City's liability beyond the limits established in said Section 768.28, Florida Statutes (2020), 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.

- 20.2 No Extended Damages: For other and additional good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Contractor covenants and agrees that in the event of any delay of construction or for any reason, allegation or claim, and notwithstanding the reason of the delay, reason, claim or allegation or who caused them or the construction delay or whether they were caused by the City, that there will be no entitlement to Contractor to or for any direct or indirect financial damages or losses for extended corporate overhead impact, extended project overhead impacts, project support services, mobilization or demobilization or by whatever other label or legal concept or theory and types of names or labels or basis such claims may have, or any business damages or losses of whatever type or nature, and Contractor hereby waives any right to make any such claim or claims. This provision will have application and effect when construction delays are anticipated and agreed upon by both the City and the Contractor.

## **ARTICLE 21 – GOVERNING LAW; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**

- 21.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Both Parties agree that the courts of the State of Florida shall have jurisdiction of any claim arising in connection with this Agreement. Venue for any claim, objection or dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida. **By entering into this Agreement, Contractor and City hereby expressly waive any rights either Party may have to a trial by jury in any civil litigation related to, or arising out of the Project. Contractor shall specifically bind all subcontractors to the provisions of this Agreement.**

## **ARTICLE 22 – MISCELLANEOUS**

- 22.1 The duties and obligations imposed by this Agreement and the rights and remedies available to the Parties and, in particular but without limitation, the warranties, guaranties and obligations imposed upon the Contractor and all of the rights and remedies available to the City, are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise imposed or available by laws or regulations, by special warranty or guarantee or by other provisions of the Contract Documents, and the provisions of this Paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents, and the provisions of this Paragraph will survive final payment and termination or completion of this Agreement.
- 22.2 The Contractor shall not assign or transfer this Agreement or its rights, title or interests. The obligations undertaken by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall not be delegated or assigned to any other person or firm. Violation of the terms of this Paragraph shall constitute a material breach of Agreement by the Contractor and the City any, at its discretion, cancel this Agreement and all rights, title and interest of the Contractor which shall immediately cease and terminate.
- 22.3 The Contractor and its employees, volunteers and agents shall be and remain an independent contractor and not agents or employees of the City with respect to all of the acts and services performed by and under the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not in any way be constructed to create a partnership, association or any other kind of joint undertaking or venture between the Parties.

- 22.4 The City reserves the right to audit the records of the Contractor relating in any way to the Work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement at any time during the performance and term of this Agreement and for a period of three (3) years after completion and acceptance by the City. If required by the City, the Contractor agrees to submit to an audit by an independent certified public accountant selected by the City. The Contractor shall allow the City to inspect, examine and review the records of the Contractor at any and all times during normal business hours during the term of this Agreement.
- 22.5 The remedies expressly provided in this Agreement to the City shall not be deemed to be exclusive but shall be cumulative and in addition to all other remedies in favor of the City now or later existing at law or in equity.
- 22.6 Should any part, term or provisions of this Agreement be decided by the courts to be invalid, illegal or in conflict with any state or federal law, the validity of the remaining portion or provision shall not be affected.
- 22.7 Prohibition Against Contracting With Scrutinized Companies: As to any contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more and as to the renewal of any contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more, 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 the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria, as provided in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2020), as may be amended or revised. As to any contract for goods or services of any amount and as to the renewal of any contract for goods or services of any amount, the Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2020), 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 (2020), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes (2020), 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 (2020), as may be amended or revised.
- 22.8 Public Entity Crimes: In accordance with the Public Crimes Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes (2020), 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 (2020), as may be amended or revised, 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 by Contractor shall result in cancellation of the City purchase and may result in Contractor debarment.

22.9 Attorney Fees: If City or Contractor 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.

22.10 Public Records

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT [PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV](mailto:PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV), 954-828-5002, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 N. ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301.**

Contractor 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 (2020), 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 contract term and following completion of this Agreement if the Contractor 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 the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

**CITY**

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

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRISTOPHER J. LAGERBLOOM  
City Manager

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI  
City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Form:  
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

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

**CONTRACTOR**

WITNESSES:

THE STOUT GROUP, LLC  
a Florida company.

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

(CORPORATE SEAL)

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

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

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by \_\_\_\_\_, (NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER), as \_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER,) for THE STOUT GROUP, LLC, a Florida 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: \_\_\_\_\_