

**ATTACHMENT A  
SAMPLE STANDARD CONTRACT**

*If a contract is awarded, the selected contractor will be required to adhere to a set of general contract provisions which will become a part of any formal agreement. These provisions are general principles which apply to all contractors of service to the City of Ann Arbor such as the following:*

**Administrative Use Only**  
Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACT**

THIS CONTRACT is between the CITY OF ANN ARBOR, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, 301 East Huron Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 ("City") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("Contractor")

\_\_\_\_\_  
(An individual/partnership/corporation, include state of incorporation) (Address)

Based upon the mutual promises below, the Contractor and the City agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I - Scope of Work**

The Contractor agrees to furnish all of the materials, equipment and labor necessary; and to abide by all the duties and responsibilities applicable to it for the project titled **[Insert Title of Bid and Bid Number]** in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the following documents, including all written modifications incorporated into any of the documents, all of which are incorporated as part of this Contract:

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| Non-discrimination and Living Wage Declaration of Compliance Forms (if applicable) | General Conditions      |
| Vendor Conflict of Interest Form   | Standard Specifications |
| Prevailing Wage Declaration of Compliance Form (if applicable)                     | Detailed Specifications |
| Bid Forms  | Plans                   |
| Contract and Exhibits  | Addenda                 |
| Bonds  |                         |

**ARTICLE II - Definitions**

**Administering Service Area/Unit** means **Public Services Area / Engineering Unit**

**Project** means **RFP #22-20 – 2022 Miscellaneous Utility Projects**

**Supervising Professional** means the person acting under the authorization of the manager of the Administering Service Area/Unit. At the time this Contract is executed, the Supervising Professional is: **Nicholas Hutchinson, P.E.** whose job title is **City**

**Engineer.** If there is any question concerning who the Supervising Professional is, Contractor shall confirm with the manager of the Administering Service Area/Unit.

**Contractor's Representative** means \_\_\_\_\_ **[Insert name]** whose job title is **[Insert job title]**.

**ARTICLE III - Time of Completion**

- (A) The work to be completed under this Contract shall begin immediately on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed issued by the City.
- (B) The entire work for this Contract shall be completed within one hundred seventy (170) consecutive calendar days.
- (C) Failure to complete all the work within the time specified above, including any extension granted in writing by the Supervising Professional, shall obligate the Contractor to pay the City, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, an amount equal to **\$500** for each calendar day of delay in the completion of all the work. If any liquidated damages are unpaid by the Contractor, the City shall be entitled to deduct these unpaid liquidated damages from the monies due the Contractor.

The liquidated damages are for the non-quantifiable aspects of any of the previously identified events and do not cover actual damages that can be shown or quantified nor are they intended to preclude recovery of actual damages in addition to the recovery of liquidated damages.

**ARTICLE IV - The Contract Sum**

- (A) The City shall pay to the Contractor for the performance of the Contract, the unit prices as given in the Bid Form for the estimated bid total of:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_)
- (B) The amount paid shall be equitably adjusted to cover changes in the work ordered by the Supervising Professional but not required by the Contract Documents. Increases or decreases shall be determined only by written agreement between the City and Contractor.

**ARTICLE V - Assignment**

This Contract may not be assigned or subcontracted any portion of any right or obligation under this contract without the written consent of the City. Notwithstanding any consent by the City to any assignment, Contractor shall at all times remain bound to all warranties, certifications, indemnifications, promises and performances, however described, as are required of it under this contract unless specifically released from the requirement, in writing, by the City.

**ARTICLE VI - Choice of Law**

This Contract shall be construed, governed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. By executing this Contract, the Contractor and the City agree to venue in a court of

appropriate jurisdiction sitting within Washtenaw County for purposes of any action arising under this Contract. The parties stipulate that the venue referenced in this Contract is for convenience and waive any claim of non-convenience.

Whenever possible, each provision of the Contract will be interpreted in a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law. The prohibition or invalidity, under applicable law, of any provision will not invalidate the remainder of the Contract.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Relationship of the Parties**

The parties of the Contract agree that it is not a Contract of employment but is a Contract to accomplish a specific result. Contractor is an independent Contractor performing services for the City. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to constitute any other relationship between the City and the Contractor.

Contractor certifies that it has no personal or financial interest in the project other than the compensation it is to receive under the Contract. Contractor certifies that it is not, and shall not become, overdue or in default to the City for any Contract, debt, or any other obligation to the City including real or personal property taxes. City shall have the right to set off any such debt against compensation awarded for services under this Contract.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Notice**

All notices given under this Contract shall be in writing, and shall be by personal delivery or by certified mail with return receipt requested to the parties at their respective addresses as specified in the Contract Documents or other address the Contractor may specify in writing. Notice will be deemed given on the date when one of the following first occur: (1) the date of actual receipt; or (2) three days after mailing certified U.S. mail.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Indemnification**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the City, its officers, employees and agents harmless from all suits, claims, judgments and expenses including attorney's fees resulting or alleged to result, in whole or in part, from any act or omission, which is in any way connected or associated with this Contract, by the Contractor or anyone acting on the Contractor's behalf under this Contract. Contractor shall not be responsible to indemnify the City for losses or damages caused by or resulting from the City's sole negligence. The provisions of this Article shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this contract for any reason.

#### **ARTICLE X - Entire Agreement**

This Contract represents the entire understanding between the City and the Contractor and it supersedes all prior representations, negotiations, agreements, or understandings whether written or oral. Neither party has relied on any prior representations in entering into this Contract. No terms or conditions of either party's invoice, purchase order or other administrative document shall modify the terms and conditions of this Contract, regardless of the other party's failure to object to such form. This Contract shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the parties to this Contract and their permitted successors and permitted assigns and nothing in this Contract, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer on any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Contract.

This Contract may be altered, amended or modified only by written amendment signed by the City and the Contractor.

**ARTICLE XI – Electronic Transactions**

The City and Contractor agree that signatures on this Contract may be delivered electronically in lieu of an original signature and agree to treat electronic signatures as original signatures that bind them to this Contract. This Contract may be executed and delivered by facsimile and upon such delivery, the facsimile signature will be deemed to have the same effect as if the original signature had been delivered to the other party.

**FOR CONTRACTOR**

By \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Taylor, Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

**Approved as to substance**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Services Area Administrator

**Approved as to form and content**

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Stephen K. Postema, City Attorney