CITY OF BURLINGTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Civil Engineering for City Hall Park Kiosk

Issued: August 28, 2023

Due: September 13, 2023

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

City Hall Park has been used as a public space dating back to the 18th Century. While its name and configuration have changed over time, it has remained a significant public open space in the core of Burlington's downtown. In 2020 the City completed a historic reconstruction of the Park that prioritizes a healthy, functioning urban park, accessibility for all users in all seasons, and the enhancement of this historic space to meet the modern needs of the community. Today the park is activated year-round with concert series, festivals, and a summer and winter food and makers market that bring residents and tourists of all ages to enjoy the City's cultural offerings. Learn more about the reconstruction of City Hall Park at: http://greatstreetsbtv.com/city-hall-park. The design for this reconstructed park included a food/beverage kiosk that was not included in the construction for the budgetary reasons. The City is now moving forward with this component.

The kiosk will be custom designed for the City to include engaging net zero energy education, an "information station" with upcoming events and information on how to access important resources and services. The kiosk will be connected to water, wastewater and electrical infrastructure already in the park.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION & SCHEDULE

CEDO, in collaboration with multiple city departments including, Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, Business & Workforce Development, Burlington City Arts and Department of Public Works, is developing a small kiosk in City Hall Park which will be able to accommodate a range of uses, including food, beverage and retail services. We are requesting proposals to provide engineering design services to make the required utility connections for the kiosk. Ideally the connections will take place before the end of the year or in early Spring 2024.

RFP Issue date:	8/28/2023			
Proposals due:	9/13/2023			
Proposal selection:	9/16/2023			
Contract signing, kickoff:	9/19/2023			
Design Work Completed:	10/20/2023			
Construction Bidding:	10/20-11/10/2023			
Construction Completed:	12/31/2023			

Anticipated Schedule

A site visit is available upon request.

Inquiries to: Samantha Dunn, Asst. Director for Community Works Community & Economic Development Office <u>sdunn@burlingtonvt.gov</u> (802) 829-6385

III. SCOPE OF WORK

This scope of work is for the design and permitting required to bring infrastructure connections from existing locations in the park to the kiosk location to allow for connection when the kiosk is delivered to the site.

Services included in RFP include:

- Coordination with Burlington Electric Department on best strategy for bringing electrical service to kiosk.
- Coordination with City of Burlington Water Resources Department on all aspects of water/wastewater infrastructure.
- A water resources design engineer shall provide a PE stamped design for the water service connection and sewer service connection at City Hall Park. Scope items at a minimum include:
 - Coordinate with the project team for the proposed city hall kiosk to complete water and sewer service design work.

- Coordinate with City Water Resources engineering team to ensure the project is in conformance with city standards and expectations.
- Coordinate with the City Department that will be operating the kiosk's water utilities to ensure design and maintenance needs meet their expectations (such as winterization).
- Water and sewer installation shall be in conformance with Burlington's standard details. See this link and the Exhibit C for reference: <u>https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Connection-Requirements</u>
- Review state Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit requirements and complete permit application process for the project if it is required. Design flows are to be calculated by the design engineer and the City can provide a capacity to serve letter when they are complete.
- The selected consultant shall confirm the existing water line in the park that is tapped for water service is adequate size and that the existing meter in the park is adequate size. Any changes to a water meter would need coordination with Metering Services.
- The selected consultant shall provide construction oversight during the installation of buried water resources infrastructure.
- The selected consultant shall provide record drawings at the end of construction.
- The attached City Hall Park drawing is an excerpt of utilities present in the park. Additional record drawing and/or design drawing information will be shared if it is available and pertinent to the design.
- Development of design documents for bringing water, wastewater and electrical connections to the site of the Kiosk as needed for coordination with Kiosk design team and permitting. Design to minimize disturbance to existing hardscape and plantings and to include repair/replacement of existing hardscape and plantings.
- Complete design and submission of State water/wastewater permit (if required).
- Development of construction documents and specifications for bidding of work.
- Construction Administration as needed.

IV. RESPONSE FORMAT

Proposals must be submitted electronically as a .pdf. by twelve noon on September 13, 2023. Applicants will receive a confirmation email once their proposal is received.

Responses must include the following:

- Cover Letter with the following information:
 - Applicant Organization
 - o Mailing Address
 - Physical Address
 - Contact Information
 - o EIN#
 - o DUNS#
- Qualifications & Approach
- Fee Proposal (including hourly rates with a not to exceed Fee amount).
- Schedule

V. CONSULTANT SELECTION

The selected consultant must have a proven track record with similar work.

The consultant will be selected based on the price, conformance with the requested specifications and schedule.

No proposal will be considered accepted until all necessary City authorizations, including those required by Board of Finance and City Council if necessary, have been received and an agreement is executed by both parties.

VI. <u>SUBMISSIONS</u>

Proposal must be submitted no later than 12 noon on September 13, 2023 in electronic form to CEDO Assistant Director for Community Works, Samantha Dunn at <u>sdunn@burlingtonvt.gov</u>.

VII. <u>EXHIBITS</u>

Exhibit A: City Hall Park As-Built Plan Exhibit B: Potential Connection Locations Sketch Exhibit C: City of Burlington Water/Sewer Checklist Exhibit D: Draft Contract Exhibit E: Burlington Standard Contract Conditions Exhibit F: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification Exhibit G: Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification

Bid documents include this main body of the request for proposals and all exhibits.

VIII. CONTRACTING

The consultant must qualify as an independent contractor and, prior to being awarded a contract, must apply for registration with the Vermont Secretary of State's Office to do business in the State of Vermont, if not already so registered. The registration form may be obtained from the Vermont Secretary of State, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101, PH: 802-828-2363, Toll-free: 800-439-8683; Vermont Relay Service – 711; web site: https://www.sec.state.vt.us/. The contract will not be executed until the consultant is registered with the Secretary of State's Office.

Prior to beginning any work, the consultant shall obtain Insurance Coverage in accordance with the Burlington Contract Conditions (Exhibit D in this RFP). The certificate of insurance coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the City.

IX. AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The selected consultant will be required to execute a contract with the City on the terms and conditions required by the City, including but not limited to those in the Burlington Contract Conditions (Exhibit D) and the attached Draft Agreement. No proposal will be considered accepted until all necessary City authorizations—including those required by Board of Finance and City Council if necessary—have been received and an agreement is executed by both parties.

X. <u>LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY</u>

The City assumes no responsibility or liability for the response to this Request for Proposals.

XI. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSAL

Any costs incurred by any person or entity in preparing, submitting, or presenting a proposal are the sole responsibility of that person or entity, including any requests for additional information or interviews. The City will not reimburse any person or entity for any costs incurred prior to the issuance of the contract.

XII. INDEMNIFICATION

Any party responding to this Request for Proposals is acting in an independent capacity and not as an officer or employee of the City. Any party responding to this Request for Proposals will be required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the

City, its officers, and employees from all liability and any claims, suits, expenses, losses, judgments, and damages arising as a result of the responding party's acts and/or omissions in or related to the response.

XIII. <u>REJECTION OF PROPOSALS</u>

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to negotiate with one or more parties, or to award the contract to the proposal the City deems will meet its best interests, even if that proposal is not the lowest bid. The City reserves the right to re-advertise for additional proposals and to extend the deadline for submission of the proposals. This Request for Proposals in no way obligates the City to award a contract.

XIV. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Any materials submitted to the City in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the City unless another arrangement is made by written agreement between the City and the responding party. The responding party may retain copies of the original documents.

XV. DUTY TO INFORM CITY OF BID DOCUMENT ERRORS

If a bidder knows, suspects, or has reasonable cause to believe, that an error or omission exists in any bid documents, including but not limited to unit prices and rate calculations, the bidder shall immediately give the City written notice thereof. Consultant shall not cause or permit any work to be conducted that may related to the error or omission without first receiving written acknowledgment from the City that City representatives understand the possible error or omission and have approved the requested modifications to the bid or contract documents or that the consultant may proceed without any modification being made to the bid or contract documents.

XVI. PUBLIC RECORDS

Any and all records submitted to the City, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise recorded, are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act. The determination of how those records must be handled is solely within the purview of City. All records the responding party considers to be trade secrets, as that term is defined by subsection 317(c)(9) of the Vermont Public Records Act, or that the responding party otherwise seeks to have the City consider as exempt must be identified clearly and specifically at the time of submission. It is not sufficient to merely state generally that a proposal is proprietary, contains a trade secret, or is otherwise exempt. Particular records, pages, and sections which are believed to be exempt must be specifically identified as such and must be separated from other records with a convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption from release consistent with Section 317 of Title 1 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

EXHIBIT A

City Hall Park As-Built Plan



EXHIBIT B

Potential Connection Locations Sketch



EXHIBIT C

City of Burlington Water/Sewer Checklist

BURLINGTON DPW - WATER SYSTEM REVIEW

PROJECT NAME: Click here to enter text.	LOCATION: Click here to enter text.
OWNER: Click here to enter text.	ENGINEER: Click here to enter text.
DATE REC'D: Click here to enter text.	DATE REV'D: Click here to enter text.
PLAN DATE/REV: Click here to enter text.	REV'D BY: Click here to enter text.

	Yes	No	N/A	Insuff. <u>Info</u>
1. Are the water mains located under/adjacent to the proposed street(s)?				
2. Are the public water mains C900 PVC pipe, 8" minimum with tracer				
wire and underground warning tape?				
3.Is the depth of all water mains between 6' and 9' below grade?				
4.Does the proposed design avoid 90 degree bends?				
5.Does the proposed design eliminate dead ends?				
6.Do new tee connections include valves on all three legs?				
7.If the mains are shown bending vertically or horizontally, do they				
conform to allowable pipe deflection radii or have fittings?				
8.Do all mains meet horizontal/vertical separation from sewers & storm,				
namely 10'/18"' from sewer and 5'/18" from storm?				
9. Do all mains have adequate horizontal separation from other utilities,	_	_	_	_
namely 10' edge to edge from water to new excavation and 18" vertical				
10. Are fire hydrants located every 500' residential and 300' commercial?				
11. Are new fire hydrants located within 100' of a sprinklered building?				
12. Are fire hydrants set back at least 3' from paved areas?				
13. Do fire hydrants meet City specifications?				
14. Are the fire hydrants connected to main with 6" pipe and valve?				
15. Are hydrants at high point(s) or air releases to aid in air removal?				
16. Are there mechanical thrust restraints and thrust blocks at all fittings?				
17. Do all valves meet City specifications (open right)?				
18. Are all valves and curbstops located within City right-of-way?				
19. Are there any special easement requirements on this project?				
20. Do valves include a valve box at grade w/covers marked "WATER"?				
21. Do the plans include a water system specifications drawing?				
22. Do the plans include water use estimates using the applicable table				
from the latest Vermont Environmental Standards?				
23. Is the project large enough to require Needed Fire Flow (NFF) and/or				
hydraulic analysis for domestic and fire flow demands, or to prove whet	her			
or not the project may have an adverse impact to existing customers?				
24. Is the project large enough to have a looped water system?				
25. Do multifamily dwellings have means for separate metering?				
26. Do the plans meet City standards for pressure testing and disinfection?				
27. Are fixture counts available for meter sizing?				

- 28. Are all services up to 2" using type K copper or CTS pipe w/tracer?
- 29. Do all services leave water mains and enter buildings at right angles?
- 30. Are service penetrations in a sleeve or core twice the pipe diameter?
- 31. Are service fittings upstream of the meter compression-type only?
- 32. If service entrance details are provided, does the meter have manufac-
- turer's recommended straight pipe diameters upstream/downstream? 33. Is freeze protection required for service(s)?

COMMENTS

Click here to enter text.

BURLINGTON DPW - SEWER SYSTEM REVIEW

Insuff.

PROJECT NAME: Click here to enter text.I**OWNER:** Click here to enter text.**E**

DATE REC'D: Click here to enter text.

PLAN DATE/REV: Click here to enter text.

LOCATION: Click here to enter text. ENGINEER: Click here to enter text. DATE REV'D: Click here to enter text. REV'D BY: Click here to enter text.

		Yes	No	N/A	Info
1.	Are the sewers located under the proposed street(s)?				
2.	Are the sewer pipes SDR 35 PVC or approved equal?				
3.	Are the pipe depth(s) between 4 ft and 8 ft, or approved?				
4.	Are sewer pipe penetrations sealed at the manholes?				
5.	Are the new lateral connections water-tight?				
6.	For laterals 8" diameter or greater or equal to sewer diameter, does it				
	terminate at a new manhole?				
7.	Are manholes located at changes in direction or grade?				
8.	Are manholes every 400 to 600 feet for maintenance access?				
9.	Are manholes precast w/plastic rungs and cover marked "SEWER"?				
10.	Do the manholes have adequate invert(s) and bench?				
11.	Does the project plans include ave. and peak estimated flows?				
12.	Does this project discharge sewage into a combined sewer system?				
	a. If yes, is the applicant taking stormwater flow off equal to twice				
	the calculated peak sewage discharge at 10 yr design storm?				
13.	Does this project discharge to a city pump station?				
	a. If yes, is a pump station capacity study warranted?				
	b. Does the station have adequate emergency storage for				
	this project?				
14.	Does the project require construction of a new pump station?				
	a. If yes, is it on a future public road for DPW to own?				
	b. If the developer wants DPW to own, does the station meet				
	State and DPW standards?				
	Station type: Click here to enter text. Capacity: Click here to enter text.				

COMMENTS

Consider adding items to review for the following:

- 1. Use of sealant between manhole sections
- 2. Minimum manhole cover diameter
- 3. Minimum manhole diameter (structure)
- 4. Riser/grade ring type donut or bricks
- 5. Use of underground warning tape (assuming City preference)
- 6. Types of manhole penetration seals (boot, link seal, etc.)
- 7. Use of exterior manhole coatings

EXHIBIT D

Draft Contract

CITY OF BURLINGTON DRAFT CONSULTANT CONTRACT

This Consultant Contract ("Contract") is entered into by and between the City of Burlington, Vermont ("the City"), and [_____] ("Consultant"), a Vermont corporation located at [____].

Consultant and the City agree to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms shall be construed and interpreted as follows:

- A. "Contract Documents" means all the documents identified in Section 4 (Scope of Work) of this Contract.
- **B.** "Effective Date" means the date on which this Contract is approved and signed by the City, as shown on the signature page.
- C. "Party" means the City or Consultant, and "Parties" means the City and Consultant.
- **D.** "**Project**" means the [_____].
- **E. "Work"** means the services described in Section 5 (Payment for Services) of this Contract, along with the specifications contained in the Contract Documents as defined in Section 4 (Scope of Work) below.

2. RECITALS

- **A.** Authority. Each Party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Contract and the performance of such Party's obligations have been duly authorized.
- **B.** Consideration. The Parties acknowledge that the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration are sufficient and adequate to support this Contract.
- C. Purpose. The City seeks to employ the Consultant to [_____].

3. EFFECTIVE DATE & TERM

A. Effective Date. This Contract shall not be valid or enforceable until the Effective Date. The City shall not be bound by any provision of this Contract before the Effective Date and shall have no obligation to pay Consultant for any performance or expense incurred before the Effective Date or after the expiration or termination of this Contract.

B. Term. This Contract and the Parties' respective performance shall commence on the Effective Date and expire on [____] or upon the satisfaction of the City, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant shall perform the services listed in Attachments A (Request for Proposals) and B (Consultant's Response to Request for Proposals).

5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

A. Amount. The City shall pay the Consultant for completion of the Work in accordance with Attachment B (Consultant's Response to Request for Proposals) [or as follows:

Consultant agrees to accept this payment as full compensation for performance of all services and expenses incurred under this Agreement.

- **B.** Payment Schedule. The City shall pay the Consultant in the manner and at such times as set forth in the Contract Documents [or as follows: _____]. The City seeks to make payment within thirty days of receipt of an invoice and any backup documentation requested under subsection D (Invoice) below.
- **C. Maximum Limiting Amount.** The total amount that may be paid to the Consultant for all services and expenses under this Contract shall not exceed the maximum limiting amount of \$[_____]. The City shall not be liable to Consultant for any amount exceeding the maximum limiting amount without duly authorized written approval.
- **D. Invoice.** Consultant shall submit one copy of each invoice, including rates and a detailed breakdown by task for each individual providing services, and backup documentation for any equipment or other expenses to the following:

[Name, address, phone, email]

The City reserves the right to request supplemental information prior to payment. Consultant shall not be entitled to payment under this Contract without providing sufficient backup documentation satisfactory to the City.

6. SECTION & ATTACHMENT HEADINGS

The article and attachment headings throughout this Contract are for the convenience of City and Consultant and are not intended nor shall they be used to construe the intent of this Contract or any part hereof, or to modify, amplify, or aid in the interpretation or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

7. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS & ORDER OF PRECEDENT

A. Contract Documents. The Contract Documents are hereby adopted, incorporated by reference, and made part of this Contract. The intention of the Contract Documents is to establish the necessary terms, conditions, labor, materials, equipment, and other items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work to ensure the intended results.

The following documents constitute the Contract Documents:

Attachment A: Request for Proposals dated [_____] Attachment B: Consultant's Response to Request for Proposals dated [____] Attachment C: Burlington Standard Contract Conditions for Consultants Attachment D: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification Attachment E: Burlington Outsourcing Ordinance Certification Attachment F: Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification Attachment G: Consultant's Certificate of Insurance

B. Order of Precedent. To the extent a conflict or inconsistency exists between the Contract Documents, or provisions therein, then the Contract takes precedent. Any Invitation for Bids, Additional Contract Provisions, and the City Ordinance Certifications shall prevail over any inconsistency with the Contractor's Scope of Work and Cost Proposal.

8. [Reserved]

- Signatures follow on the next page —

SIGNATURE

Persons signing for the Parties hereby swear and affirm that they are authorized to act on behalf of their respective Party and acknowledge that the other Party is relying on their representations to that effect.

Consultant [Name of Consultant] By: Date:
City of Burlington [Department] By: [Name] [Title] Date: [Department]

EXHIBIT E

Burlington Standard Contract Conditions

BURLINGTON STANDARD CONTRACT CONDITIONS FOR CONSULTANTS

1. **DEFINITIONS**:

- **A.** The "Contract" shall mean the Contract between Consultant and the City to which these conditions apply and includes this Attachment C.
- **B.** The "Consultant" shall mean _____
- **C.** The "City" shall mean the City of Burlington, Vermont or any of its departments.
- **D.** The "Effective Date" shall mean the date on which the Contract becomes effective according to its terms, or if no effective date is stated, the date that all parties to it have signed.
- E. The "Parties" shall mean the parties to this Contract.
- **F.** The "Work" shall mean the services being provided by the Consultant, as provided in the Contract.
- **2. REGISTRATION:** The Consultant agrees to be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State's office as a business entity doing business in the State of Vermont at all times this Contract is effective. This registration must be complete prior to Contract execution.
- **3. INSURANCE:** Prior to beginning any work, the Consultant shall obtain the following insurance coverage from an insurance company registered and licensed to do business in the State of Vermont and having an A.M. Best insurance rating of at least A-, financial size category VII or greater (www.ambest.com). The certificate of insurance coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the City. Compliance with minimum limits and coverage, evidenced by a certificate of insurance showing policies and carriers that are acceptable to the City, must be received prior to the Effective Date of the Contract. The insurance policies shall provide that insurance coverage cannot be canceled or revised without thirty (30) days prior notice to the City. If this Contract extends to more than one year, evidence of continuing coverage must be submitted to the City on an annual basis. Copies of any insurance policies may be required. Each policy (with the exception of professional liability and worker's compensation) shall name the City as an additional insured for the possible liabilities resulting from the Consultant's actions or omissions. The liability insurance furnished by the Consultant is primary and non-contributory for all the additional insured.

The Consultant is responsible to verify and confirm in writing to the City that: (i) all subconsultants must comply with the same insurance requirements as the Consultant; (ii) all coverage shall include adequate protection for activities involving hazardous materials; and (iii) all work activities related to the Contract shall meet minimum coverage and limits.

No warranty is made that the coverage and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Consultant for the Consultant's operations. These are solely minimums that have been developed and must be met to protect the interests of the City.

A. <u>General Liability And Property Damage</u>: With respect to all operations performed by the Consultant, sub-consultants, agents or workers, it is the Consultant's responsibility to

ensure that general liability insurance coverage, on an occurrence form, provides all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

- 1. Premises Operations
- 2. Independent Contractors'/Consultants' Protective
- 3. Products and Completed Operations
- 4. Personal Injury Liability
- 5. Medical Expenses

Coverage limits shall not be less than:

1.	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
2.	Products-Completed/Operations	\$2,000,000
3.	Personal & Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
4.	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
5.	Damage to Rented Premises	\$ 250,000
6.	Med. Expense (Any one person)	\$ 5,000

B. <u>Workers' Compensation</u>: With respect to all operations performed, the Consultant shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and ensure that all sub-consultants carry the same workers' compensation insurance for all work performed by them under this Contract. Minimum limits for Employer's Liability:

1.	Bodily Injury by Accident:	\$500,000 each accident
2.	Bodily Injury by Disease:	\$500,000 policy limit, \$500,000 each employee

C. Professional Liability Insurance:

- 1. <u>General:</u> The Consultant shall carry appropriate professional liability insurance covering errors and omissions made during their performance of contractual duties with the following minimum limits:
 - (a) \$3,000,000 Annual Aggregate
 - (b) \$2,000,000 Per Occurrence
- 2. <u>Deductibles:</u> The Consultant is responsible for any and all deductibles.
- 3. <u>Coverage:</u> Prior to performing any work, the Consultant shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance coverage defined under this section. In addition, the Consultant shall maintain continuous professional liability coverage for the period of the Contract and for a period of five years following substantial completion of construction.

- **D.** <u>Automobile Liability:</u> The Consultant shall carry commercial automobile liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including owned, non-owned and hired, used in connection with the Contract. Each policy shall provide coverage with a limit not less than: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit for each occurrence.
- **E.** <u>Valuable Papers And Records Insurance:</u> The Consultant shall carry valuable papers insurance in a form and amount sufficient to ensure the restoration or replacement of any plans, drawings, field notes, or other information or data relating to the work, whether supplied by the City or developed by the Consultant, sub-consultant, worker, or agent, in the event of loss, impairment, or destruction. Such coverage shall remain in force until the final plans as well as all related materials have been delivered by the consultant to, and accepted by, the City. Unless otherwise provided, Valuable Papers and Records Insurance shall provide coverage on an "individual occurrence" basis with limits in the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) when the insured items are in the Consultant's possession, and in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) regardless of the physical location of the insured items.
- **F.** <u>Umbrella Liability:</u>
 - 1. \$1,000,000 Each Event Limit
 - 2. \$1,000,000 General Aggregate Limit
- 4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The Consultant shall disclose in writing to the City any actual or potential conflicts of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest by the Consultant, its employees or agents, or its subconsultants, if any.
- **5. PLANS, RECORDS, AND AVAILABLE DATA:** The City agrees to make available, at no charge, for the Consultant's use all available data related to the Contract including any preliminary plans, maps, drawings, photographs, reports, traffic data, calculations, EDM, valuable papers, topographic survey, utility location plats, or any other pertinent public records.
- 6. **PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:** The Consultant shall employ only qualified personnel with appropriate and valid licensure, to the extent a license is required for the work performed. The City shall have the right to approve or disapprove key personnel assigned to administer activities related to the Contract.

Except with the approval of the City, during the life of the Contract, the Consultant shall not employ:

- 1. Any City employees who are directly involved with the awarding, administration, monitoring, or performance of the Contract or any project(s) that are the subjects of the Contract.
- 2. Any person so involved within one (1) year of termination of employment with the

City.

The Consultant warrants that no company or person has been employed or retained, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that no company or person has been paid or has a contract with the Consultant to be paid, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul the Contract, without liability to the City, and to regain all costs incurred by the City in the performance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to require removal of any person employed by a Consultant, from work related to the Contract, for misconduct, incompetence, or negligence as determined by the City, in the due and proper performance of Consultant's duties, or for neglecting or refusing to comply with the requirements of the Contract.

- 7. **PERFORMANCE:** Consultant warrants that performance of Work will conform to the requirements of this Contract. Consultant shall use that degree of ordinary care and reasonable diligence that an experienced and qualified provider of similar services would use acting in like circumstances and experience in such matters and in accordance with the standards, practices and procedures established by Consultant for its own business.
- 8. DESIGN STANDARDS: Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Contract, or directed in writing, Consultant services, studies or designs, that include or make reference to plans, specifications, special provisions, computations, estimates, or other data shall be in conformance with applicable City, state, and federal specifications, manuals, codes or regulations, including supplements to or revisions thereof, adopted prior to or during the duration of this Contract. In case of any conflict with the guidelines referenced, the Consultant is responsible to identify and follow any course of direction provided by the City.
- **9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION:** The Consultant shall assume primary responsibility for general supervision of Consultant employees and their sub-consultants for all work performed under the Contract and shall be solely responsible for all procedures, methods of analysis, interpretation, conclusions and contents of work performed under the Contract. The Consultant shall be responsible to the City for all acts or omissions of its subconsultants and any other person performing work under this Contract.
- **10. UTILITIES:** Whenever a facility or component of a private, public, or cooperatively-owned utility will be affected by any proposed construction, the Consultant will counsel with the City, plus achieve any necessary contacts and discussions with the affected owners, regarding any requirement necessary for revisions of facilities or existing installations, both above and below ground. Any such installations must be completely and accurately exhibited on any detail sheets or plans. The Consultant shall inform the City, in writing, of any such contacts and the results thereof.
- 11. INSPECTION OF WORK: The City shall, at all times, have access to the Consultant's work

for the purposes of inspection, accounting, and auditing, and the Consultant shall provide whatever access is considered necessary to accomplish such inspections. At any time, the Consultant shall permit the City or representative for the City the opportunity to inspect any plans, drawings, estimates, specifications, or other materials prepared or undertaken by the Consultant pursuant to the Contract, as well as any preparatory work, work-in-progress, or completed work at a field site, where applicable.

Conferences, visits to a site, or an inspection of the work, may be held at the request of any involved party or by representatives of the City.

12. REVIEWS AND ACCEPTANCES: All preliminary and detailed designs, plans, specifications, estimates or other documents prepared by the Consultant, shall be subject to review and endorsement by the City.

Approval for any inspections or sequences of progress of work shall be documented by letters, memoranda or other appropriate written means.

A frequency for formal reviews shall be set forth in the Contract. Informal reviews, conducted by the City will be performed as deemed necessary. The Consultant shall respond to all official comments regardless of their source. The Consultant shall supply the City with written copies of all correspondence relating to formal and informal reviews.

No acceptance shall relieve a Consultant of their professional obligation to correct any defects or errors in their work at their own expense.

- **13. PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Whenever it is necessary to perform work in the field, particularly with respect to reconnaissance, the Consultant will endeavor to maintain good relations with the public and any affected property owners. Personnel employed by or representing the Consultant shall conduct themselves with propriety. The Consultant agrees to inform property owners and/or tenants, in a timely manner, if there is need for entering upon private property as an agent of the City, in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 35 and §.503, to accomplish the work under the Contract. The Consultant agrees that any work will be done with minimum damage to the land and disturbance to the owner. Upon request of the Consultant, the City shall furnish a letter of introduction to property owners soliciting their cooperation and explaining that the Consultant is acting as an agent of the City.
- **14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Acknowledgment of the City's support must be included in any and all publications, renderings and project publicity, including audio/visual materials developed under this Contract.

15. APPEARANCES:

A. <u>Hearings and Conferences:</u> The Consultant shall provide services required by the City and necessary for furtherance of any work covered under the Contract. These services shall include appropriate representation at design conferences, public gatherings and hearings, and appearances before any legislative body, commission, board, or court, to justify,

explain and defend its contractual services covered under the Contract.

The Consultant shall perform any liaison that the City deems necessary for the furtherance of the work and participate in conferences with the City, at any reasonable time, concerning interpretation and evaluation of all aspects covered under the Contract.

The Consultant further agrees to participate in meetings with the City and any other interested or affected participant, for the purpose of review or resolution of any conflicts pertaining to the Contract.

The Consultant shall be equitably paid for such services and for any reasonable expenses incurred in relation thereto in accordance with the Contract.

- **B.** <u>Appearance as Witness:</u> If and when required by the City, the Consultant, or an appropriate representative, shall prepare and appear for any litigation concerning any relevant project or related contract, on behalf of the City. The Consultant shall be equitably paid, to the extent permitted by law, for such services and for any reasonable expenses incurred in relation thereto, in accordance with the Contract.
- **16. PAYMENT PROCEDURES:** The City shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Consultant or the Consultant's legal representative payments in accordance with the Contract. All payments will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Consultant, whether in invoices, progress reports, emails, or other proof of work. When applicable, for the type of payment specified in the Contract, the progress report shall summarize actual costs and any earned portion of fixed fee.

All invoices and correspondence shall indicate the applicable project name, project number and the Contract number. When relevant, the invoice shall further be broken down in detail between projects.

When applicable, for the type of payment specified in the Contract, expenses for meals and travel shall be limited to the current approved in-state rates, as determined by the State of Vermont's labor contract, and need not be receipted. All other expenses are subject to approval by the City and must be accompanied with documentation to substantiate their charges.

No approval given or payment made under the Contract, shall be conclusive evidence of the performance of the Contract, either wholly or in part thereof, and no payment shall be construed to be acceptance of defective work or improper materials.

The City agrees to pay the Consultant and the Consultant agrees to accept, as full compensation, for performance of all services rendered and expenses incurred, the fee specified in the Contract.

Upon completion of all services covered under the Contract and payment of the agreed upon fee, the Contract with its mutual obligations shall end.

- **17. DUTY TO INFORM CITY OF CONTRACT DOCUMENT ERRORS:** If Consultant knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that a clearly identifiable error or omission exists in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to unit prices and rate calculations, Consultant shall immediately give the City written notice thereof. Consultant shall not cause or permit any Work to be conducted which may relate to the error or omission without first receiving written notice by the City that City representatives understand the possible error or omission and have approved of modifications to the Contract Documents or that Consultant may proceed without any modification being made to Contract Documents.
- **18. NON-APPROPRIATION:** The obligations of the City under this Contract are subject to annual appropriation by the Burlington City Council. If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted to support continuation of payments due under this Contract, the Contract shall terminate automatically on the first day of the fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated. The Parties understand and agree that the obligations of the City to make payments under this Contract shall constitute a current expense of the City and shall not be construed to be a debt or a pledge of the credit of the City. The decision whether or not to budget and appropriate funds during each fiscal year of the City is within the discretion of the Mayor and City Council of the City. The City shall deliver written notice to Consultant as soon as practicable of any non-appropriation, and Contract Consultant shall not be entitled to any payment or compensation of any kind for work performed after the City has delivered written notice of non-appropriation.
- **19. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS:** No changes or amendments to the Work of the Contract shall be effective unless documented in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the City and the Consultant.
- **20. EXTENSION OF TIME:** The Consultant agrees to prosecute the work continuously and diligently and no charges or claims for damages shall be made by the Consultant for delays or hindrances, from any cause whatsoever, during the progress of any portion of services specified in the Contract. Such delays or hindrances, if any, may be compensated for by an extension of time for such reasonable period as the City may decide. Time extensions shall be granted by amendment, only for excusable delays, such as delays beyond the control of the Consultant and without the fault or negligence of the Consultant.

21. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:

- A. <u>Compliance with Mandates and Guidance:</u> The Consultant is advised that public health emergencies—meaning public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government—may introduce significant uncertainty into the project. The Consultant must comply with all local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, advisories during a public health emergencies as it develops project schedules and advances the Work.
- **B.** <u>Creation of Public Health Emergency Plan:</u> For any work performed on-site at a City location, the Consultant shall create a public health emergency plan acceptable to the City.

The Consultant shall be responsible for following this plan and ensuring that the project or site is stable and in a safe and maintainable condition.

- a. <u>Public Health Emergency Plan</u>: The Public Health Emergency Plan will contain:
 - i. Measures to manage risk and mitigate potential impacts to the health and safety of the public, the City and Consultant's workers;
 - ii. Explicit reference to any health and safety performance standards and mandates provided by the City, the State of Vermont, the Federal government, or other relevant governmental entities;
 - iii. A schedule for possible updates to the plan as standards and mandates change; and
 - iv. Means to adjust the schedule and sequence of work should the emergency change in nature or duration.
- b. <u>Review and Acceptance of Plan</u>:
 - i. Consultant must provide the plan to the City by the Effective Date of this Contract or by one (1) week prior to the commencement of on-site activities, whichever is later.
 - ii. The City shall have sole discretion to require changes to the plan.
 - iii. The City may revisit the plan at any time to verify compliance with obligations that arise under a state of emergency.
- C. Enforcement & Stoppage of Work: Consultant fails to comply with either 1) the approved public health emergency plan, or 2) any local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, or advisories during a public health emergency, the City may stop Work under the Contract until such failure is corrected. Such failure to comply shall constitute a breach of the Contract.

Upon stoppage of work, the City may allow Work to resume, at a time determined by the City, under this Contract if such failure to comply is adequately corrected. The City shall have sole discretion in determining if Consultant has adequately corrected its failure to comply with the above.

If Consultant's breach of Contract has not been cured within seven (7) days after notice to stop Work from the City, then City may terminate this Contract, at its discretion.

- **D.** <u>City Liability Relating to Potential Delays</u>: If a public health emergency is declared, the City will not be responsible for any delays related to the sequence of operations or any expenses or losses incurred as a result of any delays. Any delays related to a public health emergency will be excusable, but will not be compensable.
- **22. FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither Party to this Contract shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligation under this Contract to the extent the failure or delay is caused by acts of God, public health emergencies, epidemics, acts of the public enemy, acts of superior governmental authority, weather conditions, riots, rebellion, sabotage, or any other

circumstances for which it is not responsible or which is not under its control ("Force Majeure"). To assert Force Majeure, the nonperforming party must prove that a) it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate, or minimize the cause of delay or damage, b) diligently pursued performance of its obligations, c) substantially fulfilled all obligations that could be fulfilled, and d) timely notified the other part of the likelihood or actual occurrence of a Force Majeure event. If any such causes for delay are of such magnitude as to prevent the complete performance of the Contract within two (2) years of the originally scheduled completion date, either Party may by written notice request to amend or terminate the Contract. The suspension of any obligations under this section shall not cause the term of this Contract to be extended and shall not affect any rights accrued under this Contract prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure. The Party giving notice of the Force Majeure shall also give notice of its cessation.

23. PAYMENT FOR EXTRA WORK, ADDITIONAL SERVICES OR CHANGES: The City may, in writing, and without invalidating the Contract, require changes resulting from revision or abandonment of work already performed by the Consultant or changes in the scope of work.

The value of such changes, to the extent not reflected in other payments to the Consultant, shall be incorporated in an amendment and be determined by mutual agreement. Any adjustments of this nature shall be executed under the appropriate fee established in the Contract, based on the adjusted quantity of work.

No changes for which additional fee payment is claimed shall be made unless pursuant to a written order from the City, and no claim for payment shall be valid unless so ordered.

The Consultant agrees to maintain complete and accurate records, in a form satisfactory to the City for all time devoted directly to same by Consultant employees. The City reserves the right to audit the records of the Consultant related to any extra work or additional services. Any such services rendered shall be subject, in all other respects, to the terms of the Contract. When changes are so ordered, no additional work shall be performed by the Consultant until a Contract amendment has been fully executed, unless written notice to proceed is issued by the City. Any claim for extension of time that may be necessitated as a result of extra work or additional services and changes shall be given consideration and evaluated insofar as it directly relates to the change.

24. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TIME SCHEDULE: If the City is dissatisfied because of slow progress or incompetence in the performance of the Work in accordance with the schedule for completion of the various aspects of construction, the City shall give the Consultant written notice in which the City shall specify in detail the cause of dissatisfaction. Should the Consultant fail or refuse to remedy the matters complained of within five days after the written notice is received by the Consultant, the City shall have the right to take control of the Work and either make good the deficiencies of the Consultant itself or direct the activities of the Consultant in doing so, employing such additional help as the City deems advisable. In such events, the City shall be entitled to collect from the Consultant any expenses in completing the Work. In addition, the City may withhold from the amount payable to the Consultant an amount approximately equal to any interest lost or charges incurred by the City for each calendar day that the Consultant is in default after the time of completion stipulated in the Contract Documents.

- **25. RETURN OF MATERIALS:** Consultant agrees that at the expiration or termination of this Contract, it shall return to City all materials provided to it during its engagement on behalf of City.
- **26.** ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT; RELEASE: Consultant's acceptance of the final payment shall be a release in full of all claims against the City or its agents arising out of or by reason of the Work. Any payment, however, final or otherwise, shall not release the Consultant or their sureties from any obligations under the Contract Documents or any performance or payment bond.
- **27. OWNERSHIP OF THE WORK:** The Consultant agrees that the ownership of all studies, data sheets, survey notes, subsoil information, drawings, tracings, estimates, specifications, proposals, diagrams, calculations, EDM and other material prepared or collected by the Consultant, hereafter referred to as "instruments of professional service", shall become the property of the City as they are prepared and/or developed during execution of the Contract. The Consultant agrees to allow the City access to all "instruments of professional service" at any time. The Consultant shall not copyright any material originating under the Contract without prior written approval of the City. No publications or publicity of the work, in part or in total, shall be made without the express written agreement of the City, except that Consultant may in general terms use previously developed instruments of professional service to describe its abilities for a project in promotional materials.
- **28. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** The Parties under the Contract hereby mutually agree that, if patentable discoveries or inventions should result from work performed by the Consultants under the Contract, all rights accruing from such discoveries or inventions shall be the sole property of the Consultant. The Consultant, however, agrees to and does hereby grant to the City an irrevocable, nonexclusive, non-transferable, and royalty-free license to the manufacture, use, and disposition of any discovery or invention that may be developed as a part of the Work under the Contract.
- **29. PUBLIC RECORDS:** The Consultant understands that any and all records related to and acquired by the City, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise recorded, are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act and that the determination of how those records must be handled is solely within the purview of City. The Consultant shall identify all records that it considers to be trade secrets as that term is defined by subsection 317(c)(9) of the Vermont Public Records Act and shall also identify all other records it considers to be exempt under the Act. It is not sufficient to merely state generally that the record is proprietary or a trade secret or is otherwise exempt. Particular records, pages or section which are believed to be exempt must be specifically identified as such and must be separated from other records with a convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption from release consistent with Section 317 of Title 1 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
- **30. RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS:** The Consultant agrees to retain, in its files, and to produce to the City—within the time periods requested—all books, documents, Electronic Data Media (EDM), accounting records, and other records produced or acquired by the

Consultant in the performance of this Contract which are related to the City, at any time during this Contract and for a period of at least three (3) years after its completion or termination. In addition, if any audit, claim, or litigation is commenced before the expiration of that three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until all related audits, claims, or litigation are resolved. The Consultant further agrees that the City shall have access to all the above information for the purpose of review and audit during the Contract period and anytime within the aforementioned retention period. Copies of all of the above referenced information shall be provided to the City, if requested, in the format in which the records were obtained, created, or maintained, such that their original use and purpose can be achieved. Consultant, subconsultants, or their representatives performing work related to the Contract, are responsible to ensure that all data and information created or stored on EDM is secure and can be duplicated and used if the EDM mechanism is subjected to power outage, obsolescence, or damage.

- **31. CONTRACT DISPUTES:** In the event of a dispute between the parties to this Contract each party will continue to perform its obligations unless the Contract is terminated in accordance with these terms.
- **32. SETTLEMENTS OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS:** To avoid misunderstandings and litigation, it is mutually agreed by all Parties that the [Head of Department] shall act as referee on all questions arising under the terms of the Contract and that the decision of the [Head of Department] in such cases shall be binding upon both Parties.
- **33. CITY'S OPTION TO TERMINATE:** The Contract may be terminated in accordance with the following provisions, which are not exclusive:
 - A. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>: At any time prior to completion of services specified under the Contract, the City may terminate the Contract for any reason by submitting written notice via certified or registered mail to the Consultant, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the termination date, of its intention to do so. If the termination is for the City's convenience, payment to the Consultant will be made promptly for the amount of any fees earned to the date of the notice of termination and costs of materials obtained in preparation for Work but not yet installed or delivered, less any payments previously made. However, if a notice of termination is given to a Consultant prior to completion of twenty (20) percent of the estimated services, as set forth in the approved Work Schedule and Progress Report, the Consultant will be reimbursed for that portion of any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred to date of the notice of termination that are in excess of the amount earned under its approved fee to the date of said termination. Such requests for reimbursement shall be supported with factual data and shall be subject to the City's approval. The Consultant shall make no claim for additional compensation against the City by reason of such termination.
 - **B.** <u>Termination for Cause:</u>
 - i. <u>Breach:</u> Consultant shall be in default if Consultant fails in any manner to fully perform and carry out each and all conditions of this Contract, including, but not limited to, Consultant's failure to begin or to prosecute the Work in a timely manner

or to make progress as to endanger performance of this Contract; failure to supply a sufficient number of properly skilled employees or a sufficient quantity of materials of proper quality; failure to perform the Work unsatisfactorily as determined by the City; failure to neglect or refuse to remove materials; or in the event of a breach of warranty with respect to any materials, workmanship, or performance guaranty. Consultant will not be in default for any excusable delays as provided in Sections 19-21.

The City may give Consultant written notice of such default. If Consultant does not cure such default or provide a plan to cure such default which is acceptable to the City within the time permitted by the City, then the City may terminate this contract for cause.

- ii. <u>Proceedings for Relief of Debtors</u>: If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against Consultant, or if Consultant makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then the City may immediately terminate this contract.
- iii. <u>Dishonest Conduct:</u> If Consultant engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract then the City may immediately terminate this contract.
- iv. <u>Cover:</u> In the event the City terminates this contract as provided in this section, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the City may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and Consultant shall be liable to the City for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited to, any excess costs for such services, interest, or other charges the City incurs to cover.
- v. <u>Rights and Remedies Not Exclusive</u>: The rights and remedies of the City provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.
- **34. GENERAL COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS:** The Consultant and any subconsultant approved under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to the Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance, the Non-Outsourcing Ordinance, and the Union-Deterrence Ordinance and shall provide the required certifications attesting to compliance with these ordinances (see attached ordinances and certifications).

Provisions of the Contract shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with each other and using procedures that will achieve the intent of both Parties. If, for any reason, a provision in the Contract is unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract, and the remaining provisions shall be carried out with the same force and effect as if the severed provisions had never been a part of the Contract.

35. CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: During performance

of the Contract, the Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status, crime victim status, or genetic information. Consultant, and any subconsultants, shall comply with any Federal, State, or local law, statute, regulation, Executive Order, or rule that applies to it or the services to be provided under this contract concerning equal employment, fair employment practices, affirmative action, or prohibitions on discrimination or harassment in employment.

- **36. CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS:** By signing the Contract, the Consultant certifies, as of the date of signing the Contract, that the Consultant (a) is not under an obligation to pay child support; or (b) is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or (c) has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan. If the Consultant is a sole proprietorship, the Consultant's statement applies only to the proprietor. If the Consultant is a partnership, the Consultant's statement applies to all general partners with a permanent residence in Vermont. If the Consultant is a corporation, this provision does not apply.
- **37. TAX REQUIREMENTS:** By signing the Contract, the Consultant certifies, as required by law under 32 VSA, Section 3113, that under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the Consultant is in good standing with respect to payment, or in full compliance with a plan to pay, any and all taxes due the State of Vermont as of the date of signature on the Contract.

38. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. <u>Indemnification by Consultant:</u> Except for the active negligence or willful misconduct of the City, or any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest, consultant undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all suits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by the City, including but not limited to, costs of experts and consultants), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including Consultant's employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of the negligent acts, errors, omissions or willful misconduct incident to the performance of this Contract by Consultant or its subconsultants of any tier.
- **B.** <u>Notice of Claims & City's Right to Participate</u>: If the City, its officers, agents, or employees are notified of any claims asserted against it to which this indemnification provision may apply, the City shall immediately thereafter notify the Consultant in writing that a claim to which the indemnification provision may apply has been filed. Consultant shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The City retains the right to participate, at its own expense, in the defense of any claim, and to approve all proposed settlements of clams to which this provision applies.</u>

- **C.** <u>City's Rights and Remedies</u>: Rights and remedies available to the City under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Contract and those allowed under the laws of the United States and the State of Vermont.
- **D.** <u>No Indemnification by City:</u> Under no conditions shall the City be obligated to indemnify the Consultant or any third party, nor shall the City be otherwise liable for expenses or reimbursement including attorney's fees, collection costs, or other costs of the Consultant or any third party.
- **39. NO GIFTS OR GRATUITIES:** The Consultant shall not make any payment or gift or donation of substantial value to any elected official, officer, employee, or agent of the City during the term of this Contract.
- **40. ASSIGNMENT:** Consultant shall not sublet or assign this Work, or any part of it, without the written consent of the City. If any subconsultant is approved, Consultant shall be responsible and liable for all acts or omissions of that subconsultant for any Work performed. If any subconsultant is approved, Consultant shall be responsible to ensure that the subconsultant is paid as agreed and that no lien is placed on any City property.
- **41. TRANSFERS, SUBLETTING, ETC:** The Consultant shall not assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in the work, covered by this Contract, without prior written consent of the City, and further, if any sub-consultant participates in any work involving additional services, the estimated extent and cost of the contemplated work must receive prior written consent of the City. The approval or consent to assign or sublet any portion of the work, shall in no way relieve the Consultant of responsibility for the performance of that portion of the work so transferred. The form of the sub-consultant's contract shall be as developed by the Consultant and approved by the City. The Consultant shall ensure that insurance coverage exists for any operations to be performed by any sub-consultant as specified in the insurance requirements section of this Contract.

The services of the Consultant, to be performed under the Contract, shall not be transferred without written authorization of the City. Any authorized sub-contracts shall contain all of the same provisions contained in and attached to the original Contract with the City.

- **42. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS:** The Consultant agrees that if because of death, disability, or other occurrences, it becomes impossible to effectively perform its services in compliance with the Contract, neither the Consultant nor its surviving members shall be relieved of their obligations to complete the Contract unless the City agrees to terminate the Contract because it determines that the Consultant is unable to satisfactorily execute the Contract.
- **43. INTERPRETATION & IMPLEMENTATION:** Provisions of the Contract shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with each other and using procedures that will achieve the intent of both Parties.

- **44. ARM'S LENGTH:** This Contract has been negotiated at arm's length, and any ambiguity in any of its terms or provisions shall be interpreted in accordance with the intent of the Parties and not against or in favor of either the City or Consultant.
- **45. RELATIONSHIP:** The Consultant is an independent consultant and shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the City. To that end, the Consultant shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work, but will comply with all legal requirements in doing so. The Consultant shall provide its own tools, materials, or equipment. The Parties agree that neither the Consultant nor its principal(s) or employees are entitled to any employee benefits from the City. Consultant understands and agrees that it and its principal(s) or employees have no right to claim any benefits under the Burlington Employee Retirement System, the City's worker's compensation benefits, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, or any other employee benefit plan offered by the City. The Consultant agrees to execute any certifications or other documents and provide any certificates of insurance required by the City and understands that this Contract is conditioned on its doing so, if requested.

The Consultant understands and agrees that it is responsible for the payment of all taxes on the above sums and that the City will not withhold or pay for Social Security, Medicare, or other taxes or benefits or be responsible for any unemployment benefits.

- **46. CHOICE OF LAW:** Vermont law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Contract. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. Any provision rendered null and void by operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Contract to the extent capable of execution.
- **47. JURISDICTION:** All suits or actions related to this Contract shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Vermont.
- **48. BINDING EFFECT AND CONTINUITY:** This Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their' respective heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns. If a dispute arises between the Parties, each Party will continue to perform its obligations under this Contract during the resolution of the dispute, until the Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms.
- **49. SEVERABILITY:** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided that the Parties can continue to perform their obligations under this Contract in accordance with the intent of this Contract.
- **50. ENTIRE CONTRACT & AGREEMENT:** This Contract constitutes the entire Contract, agreement, and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. Prior or contemporaneous additions, deletions, or other changes to this Contract shall not have any force or effect whatsoever, unless embodied herein.
- 51. APPENDICES: The City may attach to these conditions appendices containing various forms

and typical sample sheets for guidance and assistance to the Consultant in the performance of the work. It is understood, however, that such forms and samples may be modified, altered, and augmented from time to time by the City as occasions may require. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that they have the latest versions applicable to the Contract.

- **52. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:** This Contract does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties. Enforcement of this Contract and all rights and obligations hereunder are reserved solely to the Parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Contract are incidental to this Contract, and do not create any rights for such third parties.
- **53. WAIVER:** A Party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Contract, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

EXHIBIT F

Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification

Certification of Agreement to Comply with the City of Burlington's Livable Wage Ordinance

I, _____, on behalf of _____ ("the Contractor"), in connection with a contract for _____

services to be provided to the City of Burlington ("the City"), hereby certify, under oath, that the Contractor (and any of its subcontractors or subgrantees under this contract) shall comply with the City's Livable Wage Ordinance ("LWO"), B.C.O. 21-80 et seq., and that:

- (1) The Contractor shall pay all "covered employees" as defined by the LWO (including covered employees of subcontractors or subgrantees) a livable wage (as determined, or adjusted, annually by the City's chief administrative officer), and shall provide required paid time off for the term of the contract (or the duration of the contracted project);
 - (a) Full-time employees are entitled to 12 days of paid time off per year; and
 - (b) Part-time employees are entitled to 12 days of paid time off per year on a prorated basis;
 - (c) For a covered employer that provides employer assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least \$17.44 per hour; and
 - (d) For a covered employer that does not provide employer assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least \$18.59 per hour.
- (2) The Contractor shall post a notice regarding the applicability of the LWO in the workplace or in other locations where covered employees normally work, and where such notice can be readily seen;
- (3) Upon request of the City's chief administrative officer, the Contractor, for itself and, as applicable, for any of its subcontractors or subgrantees, shall provide payroll records, health insurance enrollment records, and other relevant documentation, as deemed necessary by the chief administrative officer, within ten (10) business days from receipt of the City's request;
- (4) The Contractor shall cooperate in any investigation conducted pursuant to the LWO by the City's designated accountability monitors or the City's Office of City Attorney & Corporate Counsel;
- (5) The Contractor shall not retaliate, nor allow any of its subcontractors or subgrantees to retaliate, against an employee or other person because such employee or person has exercised rights or is planning to exercise rights protected under the LWO, or has cooperated in an investigation conducted pursuant to the LWO;
- (6) The Contractor is required to insert in all subcontracts the requirements of the LWO. The Contractor is liable for violations of the LWO committed by its covered subcontractors.

Date:	

Ву: ___

Contractor, or its duly authorized agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me:

Date: _____

Notary Public



Livable Wage Ordinance

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Are You Receiving A Livable Wage? The Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance requires that if you are working on a specific City of Burlington service contract or subcontract above a certain amount your employer must pay you at least \$17.44 an hour <u>if the employer provides</u> <u>health insurance</u>.

\$17.44

If you are working on a specific City of Burlington service contract or subcontract above a certain amount your employer must pay you at least \$18.59 an hour <u>if the</u> <u>employer does not provide health insurance.</u>

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What Are Your Rights Under the Livable Wage?

All employees who work directly on a City of Burlington service contract or a subcontract may be eligible. To find out if you are covered by the Livable Wage Ordinance, you may call the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer at (802) 865-7000, option 1.

Are You Eligible to Receive The Livable Wage? Covered employees are required to be paid at least the above amounts. If you are covered and your employer reduces your pay, your employer shall be considered in violation. You are protected by law if you assert your rights under the Livable Wage Ordinance. Any employee to whom the Livable Wage has been applied in the past shall not have their wage reduced in FY24 because of this annual adjustment.

Why Report A Livable Wage Violation?

If your employer is required to be paying you the Livable Wage and is not, they may be required to pay you back wages and be subject to any other appropriate action as outlined in the Ordinance.

Employee Earned Income Tax Credit Are you raising a family and making less than \$30,000? If so, you could be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC.) You may even be eligible if your income is so low that you do not owe any taxes. The EITC can reduce your taxes or provide a cash refund. There is a federal and state EITC, so ask about both. To find out if you qualify and how to get this benefit, speak to your employer's payroll clerk or call IRS at 1.800.TAX.1040.

EXHIBIT G

Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification

<u>Certification of Compliance with the City of Burlington's</u> <u>Union Deterrence Ordinance</u>

I,, on behalf of	
(Contractor) and in connection with	_(City
contract/project/grant), hereby certify under oath that	
(Contractor) has not advised the conduct of any illegal activity, and it does n	ot currently, nor will
it over the life of the contract advertise or provide union deterrence services	in violation of the
City's union deterrence ordinance.	
Dated at, Vermont this day of	, 20

By:___

Duly Authorized Agent

ARTICLE VIII. UNION DETERRENCE

21-100 Policy.

It is the policy of the City of Burlington to limit letting contracts to organizations that provide union deterrence services to other companies.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-101 Definitions.

(a) *Contractor or vendor.* A person or entity that has a contract with the City of Burlington primarily for the furnishing of services (as opposed to the purchasing of goods), including any subcontractors of such contractor or vendor.

(b) *Government funded project.* Any contract for services which involves any City funds and the total amount of the contract is fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) or more. Burlington School Department contracts shall not be considered government funded projects under this article.

(c) Union deterrence services. Services provided by a contractor, subcontractor or vendor that are not restricted to advice concerning what activities by an employer are prohibited and permitted by applicable laws and regulations, but extend beyond such legal advice to encouraging an employer to do any of the following:

1) Hold captive audience, (i.e., mandatory) meetings with employees encouraging employees to vote against the union;

2) Have supervisors force workers to meet individually with them to discuss the union;

3) Imply to employees, whether through written or oral communication, that their employer may have to shut down or lay people off if the union wins the election;

4) Discipline or fire workers for union activity;

5) Train managers on how to dissuade employees from supporting the union.

(d) *Substantial portion of income.* For the purposes of this article, substantial portion of income shall mean greater than ten (10) percent of annual gross revenues or one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), whichever is less.

21-102 Implementation.

(a) No contract for a government funded project shall be let to any contractor, subcontractor, or vendor who

1) Advises or has advised an employer to conduct any illegal activity in its dealings with a union.

2) Advertises union deterrence services as specialty services;

3) Earns a substantial portion of its income by providing union deterrence services to other companies in order to defeat union organizing efforts.

(b) Prior to the commencement of work on a government funded project a contractor, subcontractor or vendor shall provide written certification that it has not advised the conduct of any illegal activity, it does not currently, nor will it over the life of the contract provide union deterrence services in violation of this article.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-103 Enforcement.

(a) Any contractor, subcontractor or vendor who files false or materially misleading information in connection with an application, certification or request for information pursuant to the provisions of this article or provided union deterrence services during the life of a contract for a government funded project shall be deemed to be in violation of this article.

(b) The City of Burlington shall have the right to modify, terminate and or seek specific performance of any contract for a government funded project if the contractor, subcontractor or vendor has not complied with this article.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-104—21-110 Reserved.