



## Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

### On-Call Professional Environmental Services

Date of Issue: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

**Qualification Due Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

**City of Newark**  
Community Development  
37101 Newark Boulevard  
Newark, CA 94560

**Point of Contact:**  
Art Interiano  
Deputy Community Development Director  
(510) 578-4331  
[Art.interiano@newark.org](mailto:Art.interiano@newark.org)

### **Project Overview**

The City of Newark is seeking to establish agreements with consultants for on-call environmental review services in connection with moderate to large development projects or policy projects. From time-to-time, the Community Development Department requires additional professional and technical expertise in environmental review and analysis. It is anticipated that a portion of the services could be provided either by an individual person or a firm.

### **Qualifications**

The firm(s) chosen will be selected on the basis of professional qualifications, experience and demonstrated competence including the following:

1. Sufficient personnel, time, and other resources to deliver on-call services that may arise with short notice, for a period of up to two years.
2. Extensive knowledge of CEQA, including preparation of initial studies, addendums, mitigated negative declarations, and EIRs.
3. Up-to-date knowledge about recent CEQA case law and changes to requirements.
4. Experience with CEQA Streamlining Exemptions, particularly 15183, 15331 and 15332.
5. Knowledge and application of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) metric.

### **Eligibility**

The request is available to individuals and firms that possess relevant experience. Any



individual or firm may apply for consideration.

## **Submittal**

Statement of Qualifications must be delivered to the City no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. Proposers may be required to participate in an oral interview with a panel of City staff.

The Statement of Qualifications should describe the following:

1. The general and unique skills of the firm or individual;
2. The experience with regard to the requested services;
3. The project manager who will be actively involved in the services including:
  - a. Additional personnel who will be available and may become involved;
  - b. The professional qualifications of the person or personnel who will be involved;
4. A proposed rate sheet to include the hourly billing rates of all potential team members;
5. Statement of availability and anticipated staffing allocations;
6. References. A list of municipalities, inclusive of contacts, for which similar services are currently being provided;
7. Certificate of liability insurance;
8. City's Standard Contractual Services Agreement. A sample of the City's Standard Contractual Services Agreement (Agreement), including insurance requirements, is provided as **Attachment A**. If the interested firm would like to request amendments or exceptions to the Agreement and/or insurance requirements, these shall be specifically noted in the Statement of Qualifications. Otherwise, provide confirmation of your firm's ability to meet the City's Standard Contractual Services Agreement and insurance requirements. Requested amendments and exceptions will be taken into consideration in evaluating the Statement of Qualifications. Requests for amendments and/or exceptions to the Agreement will not be considered if not included in the submitted Statement of Qualifications; and
9. Any additional information that will assist in evaluating qualifications.

## **Timeline & Selection Process**

The City is looking for on-call availability as soon as November/December 2023.

Statements of Qualifications will be screened, and a selection committee may interview the top candidate(s). The qualifications for the top candidates will be verified and references will be checked. In reviewing the Statements of Qualifications, the City will carefully weigh:

1. Consultant's understanding of the City's desires and general approach to completing the work;
2. Consultant's experience with contracts of similar scope, complexity and magnitude;
3. Qualifications of the staff being assigned to this project;
4. Demonstrated ability of the Consultant to perform high quality work, to control costs and to meet time schedules;



5. Satisfaction of previous clients, and
6. Ability to work effectively with City staff.

The City retains sole discretion to evaluate proposals and may make an award to the Consultant(s) the City deems to have the most responsive Statement of Qualifications. Receipt of proposals in response to this RFQ does not obligate the City in any way to engage any Consultant and the City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, wholly or in part, at any time, without penalty. The City shall retain the right to abandon the proposal process at any time prior to the actual execution of a contract with a Consultant, and the City shall bear no financial or other responsibility in the event of such abandonment. The City reserves the right to negotiate all final terms and conditions of any agreements entered into. The City's target dates are as follows:

Release of RFQ:	October 17, 2023
Statement of Qualifications due:	October 31, 2023
Services Agreement scheduled for Council approval:	December 14, 2023 (tentative)

**Electronic copies** of the Statement of Qualifications are required. All copies shall be marked and sent via electronic mail to:

RFQ for On-Call Environmental Services  
Art Interiano  
Deputy Community Development Director  
City of Newark  
[Art.interiano@newark.org](mailto:Art.interiano@newark.org)

All inquiries regarding the RFQ should be directed to Art Interiano, Deputy Community Development Director by telephone at (510) 578-4331, or preferably by email at [Art.interiano@newark.org](mailto:Art.interiano@newark.org).

**Additional Submittal Information**

All costs incurred during proposal preparation or in any way associated with the Consultant's preparations, submission, presentation, or oral interview, if held, shall be the sole responsibility of the Consultant.

If awarded a contract, the Consultant shall maintain insurance coverage, including errors and omissions and worker's compensation, reflecting the minimum amounts and conditions specified by the City as outlined in the attached Contractual Services Agreement. Consultants are liable for all errors or omissions contained in their Statement of Qualifications. By submitting a Statement of Qualifications, interested firms represent that they: (1) have thoroughly examined and become familiar with the Work required under this RFQ; (2) comprehend all conditions that may impact the requested scope of services; (3) have reviewed of all addenda, if any; and (4) are capable of providing the equipment, goods and services necessary to perform the requested scope of services and/or meet the specifications outlined in this RFQ, in a manner that meets the City's objectives. Failure to examine the documents and inform itself shall be at the firms' own risk. A Proposer



shall have no claim against the City based upon ignorance of or misunderstanding of the RFQ documents. Once the award has been made, failure of a firm to have read all of the conditions and instructions of the RFQ and/or the Agreement shall not be cause to alter any term of the Agreement nor shall such failure provide valid grounds for a firm to withdraw its Statement of Qualifications or to seek additional compensation.

Additionally, if awarded a contract, the Consultant shall maintain a valid City of Newark business license at all times during the performance of work under the contract.

All Statements of Qualifications and rates set forth therein shall be deemed to include applicable taxes. Interested firms shall be appropriately licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California for the work to be performed. The cost for any required licenses or permits shall be the responsibility of the selected firm(s). The selected firm(s) is liable for any and all taxes due as a result of the agreement.

#### **Attachment A: Sample Professional Services Agreement**

**CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
CONSULTANTS**

This Service Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and between the **CITY OF NEWARK**, a municipal corporation ("City"), and \_\_\_\_\_, a [Enter business type here] ("Consultant"), collectively the "Parties".

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, City requested proposals to perform the services generally including: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, in response to City's request, Consultant submitted a proposal and, after negotiations, Consultant agreed to perform the Services more particularly described in Exhibit "A" ("Services"), in return for the compensation described in this Agreement and Exhibit "B".

**WHEREAS**, in reliance upon Consultant's documentation of its qualifications, as set forth in Exhibit "C", City finds that Consultant has demonstrated the requisite qualifications, experience, training, and expertise to perform the requested Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. CONSULTANT'S SERVICES.** Consultant shall perform Services described, and in the time, place, and manner specified in Exhibit "A" in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict in or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and Exhibit "A", the Agreement shall control.

**2. TIME FOR PERFORMANCE.** Time is of the essence in the performance of Services under this Agreement and Consultant shall generally adhere to the schedule set forth in Exhibit "A"; provided, that City shall grant reasonable extensions of time for the performance of such Services occasioned by governmental reviews of Consultant's work product or other unavoidable delays occasioned by circumstances, provided, further, that such unavoidable delays shall not include strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor disturbances conducted by, or on behalf of, Consultant's officers or employees. Any Services for which times for performance are not specified in this Agreement shall be commenced and completed by Consultant in a reasonably prompt and timely manner based upon the circumstances and direction communicated to Consultant.

Consultant acknowledges the importance to City of City's performance schedule and agrees to put forth its best professional efforts to perform its Services under this Agreement in a manner consistent with that schedule. City understands, however, that Consultant's performance must be governed by sound professional practices.

**3. COMPENSATION.**

A. **“Not to Exceed” Compensation.** City shall compensate Consultant for all Services performed by Consultant hereunder in an amount based upon Consultant’s hourly or other rates set forth in Exhibit “B”. The payments specified in Exhibit “B” shall be the only payments to be made to Consultant for Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the combined total of compensation and costs payable hereunder shall not exceed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_.00) unless the performance of services and/or reimbursement of costs and expenses in excess of said amounts have been approved in advance of performing such services or incurring such costs and expenses by City, evidenced in writing authorizing such additional amount.

B. **Method of Billing.** To request payment, Consultant shall submit monthly invoices to City identifying Services performed and the charges therefore (including an identification of personnel who performed Services, hours worked, hourly rates, and reimbursable expenses), based upon Consultant’s billing rates (set forth on Exhibit “B” hereto).

Consultant shall submit all billings for said Services to City in the manner specified in Exhibit “B”; or, if no manner is specified in Exhibit “B”, then according to the usual and customary procedures and practices which Consultant uses for billing clients similar to City.

Invoices shall be sent to:

City of Newark  
Attn: Finance Department  
37101 Newark Blvd.  
Newark, CA 94560

Upon completion of Services, City shall sign off and acknowledge that all terms and conditions have been satisfactorily met; upon which, unless waived by City in writing, Consultant shall prepare an itemized statement, briefly describing by task and/or labor category the items billed.

C. **Payment.** Upon receipt of an invoice, City shall make payments to Consultant on a monthly basis, or at such other times as may be specified in Exhibit “B”, for Services, which are performed in accordance with this Agreement to the satisfaction of City.

D. **Consultant’s Failure to Perform.** In the event that Consultant performs Services that do not comply with the requirements of this Agreement, Consultant shall, upon receipt of written notice from City, re-perform the services (without additional compensation to Consultant). If Consultant’s failure to perform in accordance with this Agreement causes damages to City, Consultant shall reimburse City for the damages incurred (which may be charged as an offset to Consultant’s payment).

4. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES.** In the event City desires the performance of additional services not otherwise included within Services, such services shall be authorized by written task order approved in advance of the performance thereof. Such task order shall include a description of the services to be performed thereunder, the maximum compensation and reimbursement of costs and expenses payable therefore, the time of performance thereof, and such

other matters as the Parties deem appropriate for the accomplishment of such services. Except to the extent modified by a task order, all other terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be deemed incorporated in each such task order.

**5. INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT.** At all times during the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall be, and is an independent consultant and shall not be an employee or agent of City. Consultant shall not be entitled to any benefit, right, or compensation other than that provided in this Agreement. City shall have the right to control Consultant only insofar as the results of Consultant's Services; however, City shall not have the right to control the means by which Consultant accomplishes Services rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

Except as City may specify in writing, Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of City in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind City to any obligation whatsoever.

**6. PERSONNEL.** Consultant understands that, in entering into this Agreement, City has relied upon Consultant's ability to perform in accordance with its representations regarding the qualifications of Consultant, including the qualifications of its Authorized Representative, its designated personnel, and its Subconsultants, if any, identified in Exhibit "C". Therefore, Consultant shall not replace its Authorized Representative, or any of the designated personnel or Subconsultants identified in Exhibit "C", without the prior written consent of City. All Services shall be performed by, or under, the direct supervision of Consultant's Authorized Representative.

Consultant agrees to include with all Subconsultants in their subcontract the same requirements and provisions of this Agreement including the indemnity and Insurance requirements to the extent they apply to the scope of the Subconsultant's work. Subconsultants hired by Consultant agree to be bound to Consultant and City in the same manner and to the same extent as Consultant is bound to City under this Agreement. Subconsultant further agrees to include these same provisions with any Sub-subconsultant. A copy of this Agreement's Indemnity and Insurance provisions will be furnished to the Subconsultant upon request. The Consultant shall require all Sub-subconsultants to provide a valid certificate of insurance and the required endorsements included in this Agreement prior to commencement of any Services and will provide proof of compliance to the City.

In the event that City, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, desires the removal of any of Consultant's designated personnel or Subconsultants, Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving notice from City of such desire of City, cause the removal of such person or persons.

**7. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.** Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities and equipment which may be required for furnishing Services.

**8. INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION.**

**A. Information from City.** City has made an effort to provide Consultant with all information necessary for Consultant's performance of Services. If Consultant believes

additional information is required, Consultant shall promptly notify City and City will provide to Consultant all relevant non-privileged information in City's possession.

**B. Consultant's Accounting Records.** Consultant shall maintain all accounting records related to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and state law requirements, and in no event for less than four (4) years. Consultant's accounting records shall include, at a minimum, all documents which support Consultant's costs and expenses related to this Agreement, including personnel, subconsultants' invoices and payments, and reimbursable expenses. Consultant's accounting records shall be made available to City within a reasonable time after City's request, during normal business hours.

**C. Ownership of Work Product.** All original documents prepared by Consultant (including its employees and subconsultants) for this Agreement ("Work Product"), whether complete or in progress, are the property of City and shall be given to City at the completion of Consultant's Services, or upon demand of City. Consultant shall have a right to make and keep copies of the Work Product except for any confidential information. Consultant shall not reveal the Work Product or the confidential information contained in the Work Product, or make it available, to any third party without the prior written consent of City.

**9. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST PROHIBITED.** Consultant (including its employees, agents, and subconsultants) shall not maintain or acquire any direct or indirect interest that conflicts with the performance of this Agreement. Consultant shall comply with all requirements of the Political Reform Act (California Government Code Section 81000, *et seq.*) and other laws relating to conflicts of interest, including: (a) Consultant shall not make or participate in a decision made by City if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision may have a material effect on Consultant's economic interest, and (b) if required by law, Consultant shall file financial disclosure forms with the City Clerk. If Consultant maintains or acquires a conflicting interest, any contract with City (including this Agreement) involving Consultant's conflicting interest may be terminated by City.

**10. NONDISCRIMINATION.** Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding nondiscriminatory employment practices, whether or not said laws are expressly stated in this Agreement. Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, age, or any other basis, as defined in California Civil Code Section 51.

**11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND STANDARD OF CARE.** Consultant shall comply with all applicable legal requirements including all federal, state, and local laws (including ordinances and resolutions), whether or not said laws are expressly stated in this Agreement. Consultant shall perform Services using a standard of care equal to, or greater than, the degree of skill and diligence ordinarily used by reputable professionals, with a level of experience and training similar to Consultant, performing under circumstances similar to those required by this Agreement.

**12. RESERVED.**

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**14. INSURANCE.** Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, his agents, representatives, subconsultants, or employees.

**A. Verification of Coverage.**

Consultant shall furnish City with original certificates of insurance and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by City before work commences.

Proof of Insurance shall be mailed to the following address or any subsequent address as may be directed in writing by the City Risk Manager:

CITY OF NEWARK  
Attn: Risk Manager  
37101 Newark Boulevard  
Newark, CA 94560

City reserves the right to require and obtain complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies and endorsements at any time. Failure to exercise this right at any time shall not constitute a waiver of right to exercise later. Consultant shall immediately furnish City with certificates of renewal for each policy that is renewed during the term of this Agreement.

**B. Minimum Scope of Insurance.**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. Insurance Services Office Form Number CG 00 01 covering Commercial General Liability on an occurrence basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal and advertising injury; and
2. Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 00 01 covering Code 1, (any auto), or Code 8 (hired) and Code 9 (non-owned) if consultant has no owned autos; and
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance; and
4. Errors and Omissions Liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession. Architects' and Engineers' coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

**C. Minimum Limits of Insurance.**

It shall be a requirement under this Agreement that any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum Insurance coverage requirements and/or limits shall be available to the Additional Insured. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement; or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of and Insurance policy or proceeds available to the named Insured; whichever is greater.

Consultant shall maintain limits no less than:

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| 1. General Liability:<br>(including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal and advertising injury) | <b>\$2,000,000</b> per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. |
| 2. Automobile Liability:  | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per accident for bodily injury and property damage.   |
| 3. Employer's Liability:  | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per accident for bodily injury or disease.  |
| 4. Errors and Omissions Liability:  | <b>\$1,000,000</b> per occurrence or claim; \$2,000,000 aggregate.   |

**D. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions.**

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City Risk Manager. At the option of City, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects to City, its officers, officials, directors, employees, contractors, agents, and volunteers, or (2) Consultant shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to City guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses in an amount specified by the City Risk Manager or designee.

**E. Claims Made Policies.**

For all "claims made" coverage, in the event that Consultant changes insurance carriers Consultant shall purchase "tail" coverage or otherwise provide for continuous coverage covering the Term of this Agreement and not less than five (5) years thereafter. Proof of such "tail" or other continuous coverage shall be required at any time that the Consultant changes to a new carrier.

**F. Wasting Policies.**

No policy required by this paragraph 14 shall include a “wasting” policy limit (ie. limit that is eroded by the cost of defense).

**G. Remedies.**

In addition to any other remedies City may have if Consultant fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, City may, at its sole option exercise any of the following remedies, which are alternatives to other remedies City may have and are not the exclusive remedy for Consultant’s breach:

1. Obtain such insurance and deduct and retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
2. Order Consultant to stop work under this Agreement or withhold any payment that becomes due to Consultant hereunder, or both stop work and withhold any payment, until Consultant demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; and/or
3. Terminate this Agreement.

**H. Acceptability of Insurers.**

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best’s rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the City Risk Manager. All insurance companies providing coverage to Consultant shall be insurance organizations authorized by the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California to transact the business of insurance in the State of California.

**I. Other Insurance Provisions.**

The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. Additional Insureds. City, its officers, officials, directors, employees and volunteers (“Additional Insureds”) are to be covered as insureds with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of Consultant; including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.
2. Primary Coverage. For any claims related to Services, Consultant’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects City, its officers, officials, directors, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, officials, directors, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of Consultant’s insurance and shall not be contribute with it. Consultant’s policy will not seek contribution from the City’s insurance or self-insurance.
3. Notice of Cancellation. Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled during the term of this Agreement without notice to City.

4. Civil Code § 2782. Coverage shall not extend to any indemnity coverage for the active negligence of the additional insured in any case where an agreement to indemnify the additional insured would be invalid under Subdivision (b) of Section 2782 of the California Civil Code.

5. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIR). All deductibles and self-insured retentions must be disclosed to the City Risk Manager for approval and shall not reduce the limits of liability. Policies containing any SIR provision shall provide or be endorsed to provide that the SIR may be satisfied by either the named Insured or the City.

6. Subconsultants. Consultant shall include all subconsultants as insureds under its policies or shall require and verify separate certificates and endorsements have been obtained for each subconsultant. All coverages for subconsultants shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

7. Waiver of Subrogation. With respect to Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage, the insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against City, its officers, officials, directors, employees, and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by Consultant for City.

8. Coverage is Material Element. Maintenance of proper insurance coverage in conformity with the provision of this paragraph 14 is a material element of this Agreement and failure to maintain or renew coverage or to provide evidence of coverage or renewal may be treated by City as a material breach of this Agreement.

9. Variation. The City Risk Manager may approve a variation in these insurance requirements upon a determination that the coverage, scope, limits, and form of such insurance are either not commercially available or that City's interests are otherwise fully protected. Any variation granted shall be done in writing and shall be made a part of this Agreement as Appendix "A".

**15. REPORTING DAMAGES.** If any damage (including but not limited to death, personal injury or property damage) occurs in connection with the performance of this Agreement, Consultant shall immediately notify the City Risk Manager's office by telephone at 510-578-4428, and Consultant shall promptly submit to the City's Risk Manager and the City's Administrator (see paragraph 19, herein below) a written report (in a form acceptable to City) with the following information: (a) name(s) and address(es) of the injured or deceased person(s), (b) name(s) and address(es) of witnesses, (c) name(s) and address(es) of Consultant's insurance company(ies), and (d) a detailed description of the damage(s) and whether any City property was involved.

**16. INDEMNIFICATION/SAVE HARMLESS.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant shall: (1) immediately defend, and (2) indemnify City, its, officers, officials, directors, employees, and volunteers from and against all liabilities regardless of nature or type arising out of or resulting from Consultant's performance of Services, or any negligent or wrongful act or omission of Consultant or Consultant's officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants. Liabilities subject to the duties to defend and indemnify include, without limitation all claims, losses, damages, penalties, fines, and judgments; associated investigation and administrative expenses; defense costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees; court costs; and

costs of alternative dispute resolution. Consultant's obligation to indemnify applies unless it is adjudicated that its liability was caused by the sole active negligence or sole willful misconduct of an indemnified party. If it is finally adjudicated that liability is caused by the comparative active negligence or willful misconduct of an indemnified party, Consultant's indemnification obligation shall be reduced in proportion to the established comparative liability of the indemnified party.

In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subconsultant of Consultant providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

The duty to defend is a separate and distinct obligation from Consultant's duty to indemnify. Consultant shall be obligated to defend, in all legal, equitable, administrative, or special proceedings, with counsel approved by City immediately upon tender to Consultant of the claim in any form or at any stage of an action or proceeding, whether or not liability is established. An allegation or determination of comparative active negligence or willful misconduct by an indemnified party does not relieve the Consultant from its separate and distinct obligation to defend City. The obligation to defend extends through final judgment, including exhaustion of any appeals. The defense obligation includes an obligation to provide independent defense counsel if Consultant asserts that liability is caused in whole or in part by the negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnified party. If it is finally adjudicated that liability was caused by the sole active negligence or sole willful misconduct of an indemnified party, Consultant may submit a claim to City for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs.

The review, acceptance or approval of Consultant's work or work product by any indemnified party shall not affect, relieve or reduce Consultant's indemnification or defense obligations. This paragraph survives completion of Services or the termination of this contract. The provisions of this paragraph are not limited by and do not affect the provisions of this contract relating to insurance.

Consultant/Subconsultant's responsibility for such defense and indemnity obligations shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement for the full period of time allowed by law. The defense and indemnification obligations of this Agreement are undertaken in addition to, and shall not in any way be limited by, the insurance obligations contained in this Agreement.

**17. LICENSES, PERMITS, ETC.** Consultant represents and warrants to City that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature that are legally required for Consultant to practice its profession. Consultant represents and warrants to City that Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Consultant to practice its profession. In addition to the foregoing, Consultant shall obtain and maintain during the term hereof a valid City of Newark Business License.

**18. TERM/TERMINATION.**

A. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the date first hereinabove written and shall expire upon completion of performance of Services hereunder by Consultant.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 18 Section A above, City may terminate this Agreement at any time and without cause upon written notification to Consultant. Consultant may cancel this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to City and shall include in such notice the reasons for cancellation. In the event of such termination, City shall compensate Consultant for Services rendered and reimburse Consultant for costs and expenses incurred, to the date of termination, calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3. In ascertaining the Services actually rendered to the date of termination, consideration shall be given both to completed work and work in process of completion. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation upon the right of City to terminate this Agreement for cause, or otherwise to exercise such rights or pursue such remedies as may accrue to City hereunder.

**19. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION.** This Agreement shall be administered by \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Newark ("Administrator"). All correspondence shall be directed to or through the Administrator or his/her designee.

**20. NOTICES.** Written notices required or convenient hereunder shall be delivered personally or by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service, first class (or equivalent) postage prepaid and addressed, in the case of Consultant, to:

_____  _____  <b>Consultant</b>  Address: _____ _____ _____ _____	<b>CITY OF NEWARK</b>  _____  <b>Administrator</b>  City of Newark Attn: _____ 37101 Newark Boulevard Newark, CA 94560
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**21. PARAGRAPH HEADINGS.** Paragraph headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be a part of such paragraphs and shall not be construed to change the meaning thereof.

**22. EXHIBITS.** All exhibits referred to herein are attached hereto and are by this reference incorporated herein.

**23. SEVERABILITY.** If any term of this Agreement (including any phrase, provision, covenant, or condition) is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the Agreement shall be construed as not containing that term, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; provided, however, this paragraph shall not be applied to the extent that it would result in a frustration of the Parties' intent under this Agreement.

**24. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE.** The interpretation, validity, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any suit, claim, or legal proceeding of any kind related to this Agreement shall be filed and heard in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Alameda.

**25. ATTORNEY'S FEES.** In the event any legal action is commenced to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses incurred.

**26. ASSIGNABILITY.** Neither Consultant nor City shall subconsult, assign, sell, mortgage, hypothecate, or otherwise transfer their respective interests or obligations in this Agreement without the express prior written consent of the non-transferring party.

**27. MODIFICATIONS.** This Agreement may not be modified orally or in any manner other than by an agreement in writing signed by both Parties.

**28. WAIVERS.** Waiver of breach or default under this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver of a subsequent breach of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

**29. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, comprises the entire integrated understanding between the Parties concerning the Services. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, agreements, and understandings regarding this matter, whether written or oral. The documents incorporated by reference into this Agreement are complementary; what is called for in one is binding as if called for in all.

**30. SIGNATURES.** The individuals executing this Agreement represent and warrant that they have the right, power, legal capacity, and authority to enter into and to execute this Agreement on behalf of the respective legal entities of Consultant and City. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

**31. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.** Consultant hereby warrants that Consultant has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a *bona fide* employee working for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and Consultant has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a *bona fide* employee, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or formation of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, at City's discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first hereinabove written.

CITY OF NEWARK,  
a municipal corporation

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By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

City of Newark

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Consultant

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**EXHIBIT A**  
***SCOPE OF SERVICES***

**EXHIBIT B**  
***PAYMENT***

**EXHIBIT C**  
***QUALIFICATIONS***