

# **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

# FOR

# **Consultant Services for**

# Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

# Bid File No. 12301676

Proposals Due: by March 31, 2023 by 5:00pm (PST)

PROPOSAL CONTACT: Lance Lippincott Economic Development Department lance.lippincott@fresno.gov

# PUBLIC NOTICE

# CITY OF FRESNO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

#### THE CITY OF FRESNO IS INVITING CONSULTANTS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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The City of Fresno Economic Development Department is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to develop a U.S. Economic Development Administration compliant Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the City of Fresno.

Qualified Consultants interested in submitting a proposal may download the RFQ package by visiting the City's PlanetBids website at <u>www.fresno.gov/finance/</u> under the "Bid Opportunities" subsection on the right side of the screen. For questions, contact Lance Lippincott via email at <u>lance.lippincott@fresno.gov</u>.

Submissions are due no later than 5:00 PM (PST) on Friday March 31, 2023, via Planet Bids on the City's website at <u>www.fresno.gov/finance/</u> via the "Bid Opportunities" link on the right side of the screen. The City of Fresno reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

No consideration will be given to submissions received after the above time and date.

# **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Fresno (City), California is seeking written proposals from qualified consultants with a successful history of conducting U.S. Economic Development Administration compliant Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies. Work will include, but not be limited to research, community meetings, and other activities necessary to the formation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

#### Location – City of Fresno

Fresno (pop. 538,300) is located on 114 square miles in the lush San Joaquin Valley in the heart of California, mid-way between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Fresno is the state's fifth largest city and the San Joaquin Valley's largest metropolitan city. The population of Fresno County is over one million residents and has access to a market draw of over 1.5 million people within a 30-minute drive. Fresno is a rapidly growing community within a world-renowned agricultural setting, featuring a culturally diverse population. Many consider Fresno to be the perfect sized city that offers both the best of urban amenities and opportunities with the unique appeal and environment of a small town. Fresno is located just 90 minutes from the famed Yosemite National Park as well as Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. Numerous lakes and two major rivers, including one of California's finest whitewater rafting rivers, are also in Fresno's backyard.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected consultant shall provide professional services to help the City of Fresno assemble a United States Economic Development Administration compliant CEDS. The City of Fresno will work with the selected consultant to develop a final, comprehensive scope of work and schedule for the project. All proposals should demonstrate the consultant's experience with the following services:

# Assessment, Benchmarking & Evaluation

The selected consultant will conduct an economic analysis of the City of Fresno and its economic relationships to the surrounding Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), County, and State. The purpose of this analysis is to better understand the City of Fresno economy in the context of the larger regional economy to identify both unique opportunities for the City, and regional synergies for economic growth and diversification.

During this phase of the study, the selected consultant will review previous economic studies (e.g. City/County CEDS), reports and other related information provided by the City of Fresno to ensure that developed strategies mesh with existing plans while remaining distinct and specific to the City of Fresno. To the degree possible, City of Fresno staff will provide requested local data to the selected consultant, with the understanding that the Consultant may have more accurate and convenient sources of data available. Selected consultant will inform City of Fresno staff of data gaps deemed necessary to the plan and will provide relevant solutions. City of Fresno staff will also provide information regarding its current economic development programs, staffing and budget, as well as a listing and general function of its local economic development partners.

The assessment, benchmarking and evaluation portion should include:

- Demographic Analysis The report should contain a detailed demographic profile of the City of Fresno. The demographic profile shall consider such factors as population, household income, wealth and credit levels, the impact of poverty, education levels, property values and trends in property ownership, skills gaps, joblessness and underemployment, among others, for up to the past ten years.
- 2. Local (City) Economic Assessment Produce a report containing a detailed analysis of the City of Fresno's economic base including:
  - a. First Tier: An overview of the City's economy and the drivers responsible for the majority of the economic activity in the City. The Local Economic Analysis shall include the following information, at minimum: the private employers with the largest number of employees in the City; largest government employers in the City; industries that are employing the most people within the City; employers that employ the most City residents; businesses that produce the most sales tax revenue for the City; businesses that produce the most earnings tax revenue for the City; and identifying sectors of the economy that produce the most employment and generate the most tax revenues to the City.
  - b. Second Tier: An Overview of the micro-enterprise, small business and gig economy components of the economic activity within the City.
  - c. Analyze current economic trends and determine their impact on the City's future economic composition.
  - d. Identify the City of Fresno's position within the greater area (State, Central Valley, MSA, etc.), how the shared economies interact, and how each business sector contributes to the local economy.
  - e. SWOT analysis to identify major strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in the market, particularly as they compare to similar, competitive (or emerging competitive) markets. SWOT analysis to include identification and evaluation of exposure to systemic risks or 'shocks,' and overall health of the local economy.

# Market & Industry Cluster Analysis

The Industry Cluster Analysis portion of this plan is intended to identify the economic sectors in which the City is currently, or with some effort, could be capable of becoming highly competitive at the national and global scale. Following identification of target industries, this portion of the plan should lay out action-oriented strategies for building upon and growing these sectors with the goal of creating a diverse, sustainable and resilient economy that is sufficient to support the needs of the City and its population. To address the resilience of these industries, risks associated with their stability and growth in the City shall be identified and factored into this part of the analysis.

In addition to identifying industry sectors at the global scale in which the City is competitive, another objective is to identify the local industry clusters that enable the City to stand out within the region and identify strategies for resiliency. Examples of these types of industries could stem from entertainment, tourism, healthcare, agriculture, manufacturing etc.

- 1. Identify industries by three-digit NAICS in the City that are:
  - a. Dominant and expected to grow;
  - b. Dominant but waning due to industry/economic/technological or other trends or lack of infrastructure;

- c. Emerging and a good match for the City of Fresno; expected to grow; and,
- d. Currently non-existent but for which a good match exists.
- 2. Analysis of global trends, drivers and risks affecting existing industry clusters
- 3. Workforce: Occupational cluster analysis. Identify the key occupations where the City has a competitive advantage against other parts of the country/state, and show how the City can leverage these strengths to grow our industry sub-clusters and/or create new ones. Concurrently developed WIOA strategic plans, and workforce development plans developed for the City of Fresno may be incorporated in this section in lieu of independent research.
- 4. Benchmark analysis of the top industry sub-clusters with opportunity for growth

# **Economic Resilience/Best Practices**

A strong and resilient economy requires a myriad of elements to be successful. These elements range from a vibrant entrepreneurial culture and small business growth, to a vibrant and dynamic workforce. In this section of the plan, the City of Fresno is seeking best practices in these and many other areas that are critical to our economic success.

Identify key best practices for City of Fresno to pursue as determined by the following priorities:

- 1. Identify talent development best practices, particularly around upskilling of current residents, and the City's role in this type of work.
  - a. Provide recommendations for maximizing the City's entrepreneurial & small business ecosystem including strategies for recruiting early-stage companies and entrepreneurs.
  - b. Recommend strategies for the City to best leverage the available incubator assets for growth.
  - c. Identify local, state, and national incentive programs that will help attract, retain, and facilitate expansion of businesses in the City of Fresno.
  - d. Provide the top ten opportunities that the City can pursue to grow its tax base as efficiently as possible to continue to provide a high quantity and quality of services to its residents.

# Identification and Prioritization of Infrastructure Projects

The selected consultant will provide a listing and description of City of Fresno infrastructure projects that would be eligible for EDA funding, and a ranking of prioritization based on total impact in the local area.

# **CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL**

# **Executive Summary**

A letter of introduction signed by an authorized representative of the consultant (limited to three pages) that provides an executive summary of the consultant's experience relevant to the scope of work described in this RFQ. This summary must also highlight why the consultant is best suited to provide the services desired by the City and description of at least three previous comparable projects the consultant has managed for organizations of similar size and complexity.

# Vendor Information

Consultant must provide a company profile. Information provided shall include:

- Name, address and telephone number of the organization's point of contact.
- Consultant's background/history and why they are qualified and the best choice to provide the services described in this RFQ.
- Length of time consultant has been providing services described in this RFQ to the public and/or private sector. Please provide a brief description.

#### Subcontractor Information

No subcontracts will be authorized for this project.

#### **Representative Resumes**

Consultant must submit a resume for each key member of the project team. Resumes should highlight staff members' experience as it relates to this project.

#### References

The consultant must supply a minimum of three prior references representative of organizations of similar size and similar work required by this project. References must include contact name and telephone number at the reference's place of business. Information to include:

- Client name
- Contact name and title
- Contact information
- Project description
- Project dates (starting and ending)
- Cost of the project

# **Cost Proposal**

Consultant must provide a complete cost proposal based on the scope of services set forth in this RFQ. Cost should include any travel expenses. Any costs for development or preparation of materials must be stated. Additional expenses will not be allowed unless specified in the proposal. The total cost shall be stated as a not-to-exceed price.

#### Response Requirements: (See above Components)

The City hereby notifies all consultants that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

#### Submissions are Final

No corrections or modifications to the proposal may be made after the due date.

#### **Confidentiality of Submissions**

While the City shall endeavor to keep any confidential information private, it reserves the right to release the name of all consultants, as well as a summary of their proposals, to the media, the public, or any party that requests it.

#### Inquiries

Questions pertaining to the RFQ should be directed to Lance Lippincott, via email at Lance.Lippincott@fresno.gov.

#### **Submission Instructions**

Responses are to be submitted electronically only via Planet Bids on the City's Website at <u>www.fresno.gov/finance/</u> via the "Bid Opportunities" link on the right side of the screen. All responses are due by March 31, 2023 before 5:00pm.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

The City of Fresno is attempting to avoid conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict of interest. Therefore, all consultants and their sub-contractors are required to provide a Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Exhibit C). Provide a statement of conflict you, your firm, and/or other key staff may have regarding these services. The statement should not only include actual conflicts, but also any working relationships that may be perceived by disinterested parties as a conflict. If there are no potential conflicts of interest identified, state such in your proposal. Complete and return Exhibit C – Disclosure of Conflict of Interest as part of the RFQ for the consultant and each subcontractor.

a. By submission of a proposal, the consultant acknowledges that it has read and thoroughly understands the Scope of Services; agrees to all terms and conditions stated herein in the attached Agreement form without exception, acknowledges the consultant can meet all the insurance requirements without exception; and acknowledges that it can perform all tasks, as required.

#### Local Preference

Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-109, LOCAL PREFERENCE IN CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES, provides for a local preference. Portions pertinent to this Contract are paraphrased as follows:

Except for those contracts funded by the federal or state government when such funding

would be jeopardized because of this preference, the City of Fresno shall, in contracting for consulting services, give a primary preference to local firms, when such firms have the necessary qualifications, experience and expertise to complete the project being proposed, as determined by the City. A secondary preference shall be given to non-local firms which form an association for pecuniary profit with local firms for the project, wherein the benefit to the local firm(s) is an amount greater than 15% of the total contract price. The consultant shall certify, under penalty of perjury, that the consultant qualifies as a local firm. The preference is waived if the certification does not appear on the proposal.

"Local firm" shall mean a firm with a fixed primary or branch office within a twenty-five mile radius of Fresno City Hall, located at 2600 Fresno Street in the City of Fresno, and a majority of the work on the project will be performed by employees who are permanently assigned to such office prior to the city requesting proposals for the project and whose regular duties would include local work on other than City projects.

Consultant shall submit the form CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE with their proposal if they seek the benefit of local preference.

# **CONSULTANT SELECTION**

Responses will be evaluated by a Review Committee (Committee). Following the evaluation of the responses, the Committee may elect to interview some or all of the consultants or may otherwise seek clarification or amplification of the material submitted or may reject all responses. The Committee reserves the right to hold interviews or select a preferred response without interviews. The recommendation for selection will be made based on criteria related to qualifications, project objectives, demonstrated experience, financial capacity, soundness, capacity to perform the proposed scope within the timeframe, and any other factors, whether quantifiable or not. The Committee reserves the right to reject all responses or to waive minor irregularities. The Committee will make its recommendation to the City. The City reserves the right to make the selection of a consultant based on any or all factors of value, whether quantitatively identifiable or not, including, but not limited to, the anticipated initiative and ability of the consultant to perform the services set forth herein. The City may enter into negotiations with one or more consultants concurrently. The City will select the consultant who the City determines provides the best value to the City, in its sole discretion. The City has no obligation to enter into an agreement with any party as a result of their response to this offering.

This RFQ does not commit the City of Fresno to enter into a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the RFQ. The City of Fresno reserves the right to accept or reject any RFQ's, and to negotiate with any qualified consultant, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this solicitation for RFQ's. The award of any agreement may be subject to Fresno City Council approval.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Regulated Communications

The Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance (Article 6,

Chapter 4 of the *Fresno Municipal Code*) became effective May 7, 2004. With certain specified exceptions, the Ordinance provides that no Respondent, Bidder, Agency (as the case may be) shall initiate, engage in, or continue any communication to or with any City elected official concerning or touching upon any matter which is the subject of this competitive procurement process.

Any Respondent, Bidder, Agency or elected official (as the case may be) who initiates, engages in, continues in, or receives any regulated communication shall file the written disclosure required by the Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance.

Any Respondent, Bidder, or Agency violating the Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance may be disqualified from participating in this procurement process and/or determined to be non-responsible. Additionally, the City may set aside the award of a contract, prior to its execution, to a party found to have violated the Ordinance.

Note: The full text of *Fresno Municipal Code*, Chapter 4, Article 6 may be read at the following website:

http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=14478&sid=5.

#### Debarment

A Bidder may be debarred from bidding or proposing upon or being awarded any contract with the City, or from being a subcontractor or supplier at any tier upon such contract, in accordance with the procedures in Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-104 adopted by Council on May 17, 2018. The initial period of any such debarment shall not be less than one year and may be permanent depending on the violation. A Bidder may request a hearing, in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-104, upon receipt of a notice of proposed debarment from the City Manager or designee. A copy of the ordinance may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721.

#### Professional and General Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance (errors and omissions) will be required for this project in accordance with Exhibit B. The City's standard contract will be used, which includes a conflict of interest statement and completion of a statement of economic interest.

# Approval by City Council

Any contract exceeding \$50,000 shall be subject to the approval of the City Council in accordance with the *Fresno Municipal Code*.

# **Consultant Agreement**

The City will be utilizing a Standard City Consultant Agreement (Appendix A). This agreement is provided as a sample. The City may modify the agreement or use another agreement at its own discretion. Copies of the City's Selection Policies provided upon request.

# Appendices

- Appendix A Standard Consultant Contract
  Appendix B Certification for Local Preference

Appendix A Standard Consultant Contract

#### AGREEMENT CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA CONSULTANT SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement) is made and entered into effective on , by and between the CITY OF FRESNO, a California municipal corporation (CITY), and [Consultant Name], [Legal Identity] (CONSULTANT).

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, CITY desires to obtain professional [Kind of Service] services for [Describe Project] (Project); and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT is engaged in the business of furnishing services as a [Consultant's Profession] and hereby represents that it desires to and is professionally and legally capable of performing the services called for by this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, CONSULTANT acknowledges that this Agreement is subject to the requirements of Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-107 and Administrative Order No. 6-19; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement will be administered for CITY by its (Administrator) or designee.

#### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the covenants, conditions, and premises hereinafter contained to be kept and performed by the respective parties, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. <u>Scope of Services</u>. CONSULTANT shall perform to the satisfaction of CITY the services described in **Exhibit A**, including all work incidental to, or necessary to perform, such services even though not specifically described in **Exhibit A**.

2. <u>Term of Agreement and Time for Performance</u>. This Agreement shall be effective from the date first set forth above (Effective Date) and shall continue in full force and effect through [End Date], subject to any earlier termination in accordance with this Agreement. The services of CONSULTANT as described in **Exhibit A** are to commence upon the Effective Date and shall be completed in a sequence assuring expeditious completion, but in any event, all such services shall be completed prior to expiration of this Agreement and in accordance with any performance schedule set forth in **Exhibit A**.

3. <u>Compensation</u>.

(a) CONSULTANT'S sole compensation for satisfactory performance of all services required or rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be a total fee not to exceed [Fee Amount: e.g. Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)], paid on the basis of the rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses contained in **Exhibit A**.

(b) Detailed statements shall be rendered monthly for services performed in the preceding month and will be payable in the normal course of CITY business. CITY shall not be obligated to reimburse any expense for which it has not received a detailed invoice with applicable copies of representative and identifiable receipts or records substantiating such expense.

(c) The parties may modify this Agreement to increase or decrease the scope of services or provide for the rendition of services not required by this Agreement, which modification shall include an adjustment to CONSULTANT'S compensation. Any change in the scope of services must be made by written amendment to the Agreement signed by an authorized representative for each party. CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to any additional compensation if services are performed prior to a signed written amendment.

### 4. <u>Termination, Remedies and Force Majeure</u>.

(a) This Agreement shall terminate without any liability of CITY to CONSULTANT upon the earlier of: (i) CONSULTANT'S filing for protection under the federal bankruptcy laws, or any bankruptcy petition or petition for receiver commenced by a third party against CONSULTANT; (ii) 7 calendar days prior written notice with or without cause by CITY to CONSULTANT; (iii) CITY'S non-appropriation of funds sufficient to meet its obligations hereunder during any CITY fiscal year of this Agreement, or insufficient funding for the Project; or (iv) expiration of this Agreement.

(b) Immediately upon any termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall (i) immediately stop all work hereunder; (ii) immediately cause any and all of its subcontractors to cease work; and (iii) return to CITY any and all unearned payments and all properties and materials in the possession of CONSULTANT that are owned by CITY. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall be paid compensation for services satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination. CONSULTANT shall not be paid for any work or services performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(c) In the event of termination due to failure of CONSULTANT to satisfactorily perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, CITY may withhold an amount that would otherwise be payable as an offset to, but not in excess of, CITY'S damages caused by such failure. In no event shall any payment by CITY pursuant to this Agreement constitute a waiver by CITY of any breach of this Agreement which may then exist on the part of CONSULTANT, nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to CITY with respect to the breach.

(d) Upon any breach of this Agreement by CONSULTANT, CITY may (i) exercise any right, remedy (in contract, law or equity), or privilege which may be available to it under applicable laws of the State of California or any other applicable law; (ii) proceed by appropriate court action to enforce the terms of the Agreement; and/or (iii) recover all direct, indirect, consequential, economic and incidental damages for the breach of the Agreement. If it is determined that CITY improperly terminated this Agreement for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(e) CONSULTANT shall provide CITY with adequate written assurances of future performance, upon Administrator's request, in the event CONSULTANT fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

(f) CONSULTANT shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of CONSULTANT and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of CITY in its contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. CONSULTANT shall notify Administrator

in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, and shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to Administrator of the cessation of such occurrence.

### 5. <u>Confidential Information and Ownership of Documents</u>.

(a) Any reports, information, or other data prepared or assembled by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement shall not be made available to any individual or organization by CONSULTANT without the prior written approval of the Administrator. During the term of this Agreement, and thereafter, CONSULTANT shall not, without the prior written consent of CITY, disclose to anyone any Confidential Information. The term Confidential Information for the purposes of this Agreement shall include all proprietary and confidential information of CITY, including but not limited to business plans, marketing plans, financial information, materials, compilations, documents, instruments, models, source or object codes and other information disclosed or submitted, orally, in writing, or by any other medium or media. All Confidential Information shall be and remain confidential and proprietary in CITY.

(b) Any and all writings and documents prepared or provided by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement are the property of CITY at the time of preparation and shall be turned over to CITY upon expiration or termination of the Agreement. CONSULTANT shall not permit the reproduction or use thereof by any other person except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

(c) If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall cause each subcontractor to also comply with the requirements of this Section 5.

(d) This Section 5 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

6. <u>Professional Skill</u>. It is further mutually understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that inasmuch as CONSULTANT represents to CITY that CONSULTANT and its subcontractors, if any, are skilled in the profession and shall perform in accordance with the standards of said profession necessary to perform the services agreed to be done by it under this Agreement, CITY relies upon the skill of CONSULTANT and any subcontractors to do and perform such services in a skillful manner and CONSULTANT agrees to thus perform the services and require the same of any subcontractors. Therefore, any acceptance of such services by CITY shall not operate as a release of CONSULTANT or any subcontractors from said professional standards.

7. <u>Indemnification</u>. To the furthest extent allowed by law, CONSULTANT shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend CITY and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage), and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including reasonable attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs to enforce this agreement) that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT, its principals, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers in the performance of this Agreement. If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall require each subcontractor to indemnify, hold harmless and defend CITY and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph.

This section shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

# 8. <u>Insurance</u>.

(a) Throughout the life of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall pay for and maintain in full force and effect all insurance as required in **Exhibit B**, which is incorporated into and part of this Agreement, with an insurance company(ies) either (i) admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and rated no less than "A-VII" in the Best's Insurance Rating Guide, or (ii) as may be authorized in writing by CITY'S Risk Manager or designee at any time and in its sole discretion. The required policies of insurance as stated in **Exhibit B** shall maintain limits of liability of not less than those amounts stated therein. However, the insurance limits available to CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insureds, shall be the greater of the minimum limits specified therein or the full limit of any insurance proceeds to the named insured.

(b) If at any time during the life of the Agreement or any extension, CONSULTANT or any of its subcontractors/sub-consultants fail to maintain any required insurance in full force and effect, all services and work under this Agreement shall be discontinued immediately, and all payments due or that become due to CONSULTANT shall be withheld until notice is received by CITY that the required insurance has been restored to full force and effect and that the premiums therefore have been paid for a period satisfactory to CITY. Any failure to maintain the required insurance shall be sufficient cause for CITY to terminate this Agreement. No action taken by CITY pursuant to this section shall in any way relieve CONSULTANT of its responsibilities under this Agreement. The phrase "fail to maintain any required insurance" shall include, without limitation, notification received by CITY that an insurer has commenced proceedings, or has had proceedings commenced against it, indicating that the insurer is insolvent.

(c) The fact that insurance is obtained by CONSULTANT shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of CONSULTANT, including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this Agreement. The duty to indemnify CITY shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by CONSULTANT. Approval or purchase of any insurance contracts or policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of CONSULTANT, its principals, officers, agents, employees, persons under the supervision of CONSULTANT, vendors, suppliers, invitees, consultants, sub- consultants, subcontractors, or anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them.

(d) If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall require each subcontractor/sub-consultant to provide insurance protection, as an additional insured, to the CITY and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers in accordance with the terms of this section, except that any required certificates and applicable endorsements shall be on file with CONSULTANT and CITY prior to the commencement of any services by the subcontractor. CONSULTANT and any subcontractor/sub-consultant shall establish additional insured status for CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers by using Insurance Service Office (ISO) form CG 20 10 11 85 or CG 20 26 04 13 or by an executed manuscript company endorsement providing additional insured status as broad as that contained in ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85.

### 9. <u>Conflict of Interest and Non-Solicitation</u>.

(a) Prior to CITY'S execution of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall complete a City of Fresno conflict of interest disclosure statement in the form as set forth in **Exhibit C**. During the term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall have the obligation and duty to immediately notify CITY in writing of any change to the information provided by CONSULTANT in such statement.

(b) CONSULTANT shall comply, and require its subcontractors to comply, with all applicable (i) professional canons and requirements governing avoidance of impermissible client conflicts; and (ii) federal, state and local conflict of interest laws and regulations including, without limitation, California Government Code Section 1090 et. seq., the California Political Reform Act (California Government Code Section 87100 et. seq.) and the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission concerning disclosure and disqualification (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18700 et. seq.). At any time, upon written request of CITY, CONSULTANT shall provide a written opinion of its legal counsel and that of any subcontractor that, after a due diligent inquiry, CONSULTANT and the respective subcontractor(s) are in full compliance with all laws and regulations. CONSULTANT shall take, and require its subcontractors to take, reasonable steps to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest. Upon discovery of any facts giving rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest, CONSULTANT shall immediately notify CITY of these facts in writing.

(c) In performing the work or services to be provided hereunder, CONSULTANT shall not employ or retain the services of any person while such person either is employed by CITY or is a member of any CITY council, commission, board, committee, or similar CITY body. This requirement may be waived in writing by the City Manager, if no actual or potential conflict is involved.

(d) CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it has not paid or agreed to pay any compensation, contingent or otherwise, direct or indirect, to solicit or procure this Agreement or any rights/benefits hereunder.

(e) Neither CONSULTANT, nor any of CONSULTANT'S subcontractors performing any services on this Project, shall bid for, assist anyone in the preparation of a bid for, or perform any services pursuant to, any other contract in connection with this Project unless fully disclosed to and approved by the City Manager, in advance and in writing. CONSULTANT and any of its subcontractors shall have no interest, direct or indirect, in any other contract with a third party in connection with this Project unless such interest is in accordance with all applicable law and fully disclosed to and approved by the City Manager, in advance and in writing. Notwithstanding any approval given by the City Manager under this provision, CONSULTANT shall remain responsible for complying with Section 9(b), above.

(f) If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the work to

be performed or services to be provided under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall include the provisions of this Section 9 in each subcontract and require its subcontractors to comply therewith.

(g) This Section 9 shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

10. <u>Recycling Program</u>. In the event CONSULTANT maintains an office or operates a facility(ies), or is required herein to maintain or operate same, within the incorporated limits of the City of Fresno, CONSULTANT at its sole cost and expense shall:

(a) Immediately establish and maintain a viable and ongoing recycling program, approved by CITY'S Solid Waste Management Division, for each office and facility. Literature describing CITY recycling programs is available from CITY'S Solid Waste Management Division and by calling City of Fresno Recycling Hotline at (559) 621-1111.

(b) Immediately contact CITY'S Solid Waste Management Division at (559) 621-1452 and schedule a free waste audit, and cooperate with such Division in their conduct of the audit for each office and facility.

(c) Cooperate with and demonstrate to the satisfaction of CITY'S Solid Waste Management Division the establishment of the recycling program in paragraph (a) above and the ongoing maintenance thereof.

11. <u>General Terms</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, all notices expressly required of CITY within the body of this Agreement, and not otherwise specifically provided for, shall be effective only if signed by the Administrator or designee.

(b) Records of CONSULTANT'S expenses pertaining to the Project shall be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis and shall be available to CITY or its authorized representatives upon request during regular business hours throughout the life of this Agreement and for a period of three years after final payment or, if longer, for any period required by law. In addition, all books, documents, papers, and records of CONSULTANT pertaining to the Project shall be available for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions for the same period of time. If any litigation, claim, negotiations, audit or other action is commenced before the expiration of said time period, all records shall be retained and made available to CITY until such action is resolved, or until the end of said time period whichever shall later occur. If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall cause each subcontractor to also comply with the requirements of this paragraph. This Section 11(b) shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

(c) Prior to execution of this Agreement by CITY, CONSULTANT shall have provided evidence to CITY that CONSULTANT is licensed to perform the services called for by this Agreement (or that no license is required). If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the work or services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall require each subcontractor to provide evidence to CITY that subcontractor is licensed to perform the services called for by this Agreement (or that no license is required) before beginning work.

12. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>. To the extent required by controlling federal, state and local law, CONSULTANT shall not employ discriminatory practices in the provision of services, employment of personnel, or in any other respect on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Subject to the foregoing and during the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees as follows:

(a) CONSULTANT will comply with all applicable laws and regulations providing that no person shall, on the grounds of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity made possible by or resulting from this Agreement.

(b) CONSULTANT will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. CONSULTANT shall ensure that applicants are employed, and the employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such requirement shall apply to CONSULTANT'S employment practices including, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. CONSULTANT agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provision of this nondiscrimination clause.

(c) CONSULTANT will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of CONSULTANT in pursuit hereof, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

(d) CONSULTANT will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising such labor union or workers' representatives of CONSULTANT'S commitment under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(e) If CONSULTANT should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall cause each subcontractor to also comply with the requirements of this Section 12.

13. <u>Independent Contractor</u>.

(a) In the furnishing of the services provided for herein, CONSULTANT is acting solely as an independent contractor. Neither CONSULTANT, nor any of its

officers, agents, or employees shall be deemed an officer, agent, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of CITY for any purpose. CITY shall have no right to control or supervise or direct the manner or method by which CONSULTANT shall perform its work and functions. However, CITY shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that CONSULTANT is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

(b) This Agreement does not evidence a partnership or joint venture between CONSULTANT and CITY. CONSULTANT shall have no authority to bind CITY absent CITY'S express written consent. Except to the extent otherwise provided in this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall bear its own costs and expenses in pursuit thereof.

(c) Because of its status as an independent contractor, CONSULTANT and its officers, agents, and employees shall have absolutely no right to employment rights and benefits available to CITY employees. CONSULTANT shall be solely liable and responsible for all payroll and tax withholding and for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all employee benefits including, without limitation, health, welfare and retirement benefits. In addition, together with its other obligations under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible, indemnify, defend and save CITY harmless from all matters relating to employment and tax withholding for and payment of CONSULTANT'S employees, including, without limitation, (i) compliance with Social Security and unemployment insurance withholding, payment of workers' compensation benefits, and all other laws and regulations governing matters of employee withholding, taxes and payment; and (ii) any claim of right or interest in CITY employment benefits, entitlements, programs and/or funds offered employees of CITY whether arising by reason of any common law, de facto, leased, or co-employee rights or other theory. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, CONSULTANT may be providing services to others unrelated to CITY or to this Agreement.

14. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required or intended to be given to either party under the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be duly given if delivered personally, transmitted by facsimile followed by telephone confirmation of receipt, or sent by United States registered or certified mail, with postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the party to which notice is to be given at the party's address set forth on the signature page of this Agreement or at such other address as the parties may from time to time designate by written notice. Notices served by United States mail in the manner above described shall be deemed sufficiently served or given at the time of the mailing thereof.

15. <u>Binding</u>. Subject to Section 16, below, once this Agreement is signed by all parties, it shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, all parties, and each parties' respective heirs, successors, assigns, transferees, agents, servants, employees, and representatives.

16. Assignment.

(a) This Agreement is personal to CONSULTANT and there shall be no assignment by CONSULTANT of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the City Manager or designee. Any attempted assignment by CONSULTANT, its successors or assigns, shall be null and void unless approved in writing by the City Manager or designee.

(b) CONSULTANT hereby agrees not to assign the payment of any monies due CONSULTANT from CITY under the terms of this Agreement to any other individual(s), corporation(s) or entity(ies). CITY retains the right to pay any and all monies due CONSULTANT directly to CONSULTANT.

17. <u>Compliance With Law</u>. In providing the services required under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall at all times comply with all applicable laws of the United States, the State of California and CITY, and with all applicable regulations promulgated by federal, state, regional, or local administrative and regulatory agencies, now in force and as they may be enacted, issued, or amended during the term of this Agreement.

18. <u>Waiver</u>. The waiver by either party of a breach by the other of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a continuing waiver or a waiver of any subsequent breach of either the same or a different provision of this Agreement. No provisions of this Agreement may be waived unless in writing and signed by all parties to this Agreement. Waiver of any one provision herein shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other provision herein.

19. <u>Governing Law and Venue</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, excluding, however, any conflict of laws rule which would apply the law of another jurisdiction. Venue for purposes of the filing of any action regarding the enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement and any rights and duties hereunder shall be Fresno County, California.

20. <u>Headings</u>. The section headings in this Agreement are for convenience and reference only and shall not be construed or held in any way to explain, modify or add to the interpretation or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

21. <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. The invalidity, or unenforceability of any one provision in this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions.

22. <u>Interpretation</u>. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement in its final form is the result of the combined efforts of the parties and that, should any provision of this Agreement be found to be ambiguous in any way, such ambiguity shall not be resolved by construing this Agreement in favor of or against either party, but rather by construing the terms in accordance with their generally accepted meaning.

23. <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. If either party is required to commence any proceeding or legal action to enforce or interpret any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such proceeding or action shall be entitled to recover from the other party its reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses.

24. <u>Exhibits</u>. Each exhibit and attachment referenced in this Agreement is, by the reference, incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement.

25. <u>Precedence of Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between the body of this Agreement and any exhibit or attachment hereto, the terms and conditions of the body of this Agreement shall control and take precedence over the terms and conditions expressed within the exhibit or attachment. Furthermore, any terms or conditions contained within any exhibit or attachment hereto which purport to modify the allocation of risk between the parties, provided for within the body of this Agreement, shall be null and void.

26. <u>Cumulative Remedies</u>. No remedy or election hereunder shall be deemed exclusive but shall, wherever possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.

27. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. The rights, interests, duties and obligations defined within this Agreement are intended for the specific parties hereto as identified in the preamble of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything stated to the contrary in this Agreement, it is not intended that any rights or interests in this Agreement benefit or flow to the interest of any third parties.

28. <u>Extent of Agreement</u>. Each party acknowledges that they have read and fully understand the contents of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be modified only by written instrument duly authorized and executed by both CITY and CONSULTANT.

29. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and implement this Agreement. The previous sentence is not intended to delegate any authority to the City Manager to administer the Agreement, any delegation of authority must be expressly included in the Agreement.

[Signatures follow on the next page.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement at Fresno, California, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF FRESNO, a California municipal corporation	[Consultant Name], [Legal Identity]
By: [Name], [Title]	By: Name:
APPROVED AS TO FORM: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	Title: (If corporation or LLC., Board Chair, Pres. or Vice Pres.)
By: [Name], [Title]	By: Name:
ATTEST: TODD STERMER, CMC City Clerk	Title: (If corporation or LLC., CFO, Treasurer Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
By: Deputy	Any Applicable Professional License: Number: Name: Date of Issuance:
Addresses:	
CITY: City of Fresno Attention: [Name], [Title] [Street Address] Fresno, CA [Zip] Phone: (559) [#] E-mail: [E-mail address]	CONSULTANT: [Consultant Name] Attention: [Name], [Title] [Street Address] [City, State Zip] Phone: [area code and #] E-mail: [E-mail address]

Attachments:

- 1. Exhibit A Scope of Services
- 2. Exhibit B Insurance Requirements
- 3. Exhibit C Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

# EXHIBIT A

# SCOPE OF SERVICES Consultant Service Agreement between City of Fresno (CITY) and [Consultant Name] (CONSULTANT) [Project Title]

[Describe Scope of Service]

# SCHEDULE OF FEES AND EXPENSES

[Schedule of Fees and Expenses]

#### EXHIBIT B

#### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS Consultant Service Agreement between City of Fresno (CITY) and [Consultant Name] (CONSULTANT) [Project Title]

#### MINIMUM SCOPE OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

- 1. The most current version of Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage Form CG 00 01, providing liability coverage arising out of your business operations. The Commercial General Liability policy shall be written on an occurrence form and shall provide coverage for "bodily injury," "property damage" and "personal and advertising injury" with coverage for premises and operations (including the use of owned and non-owned equipment), products and completed operations, and contractual liability (including, without limitation, indemnity obligations under the Agreement) with limits of liability not less than those set forth under "Minimum Limits of Insurance."
- 2. The most current version of ISO Commercial Auto Coverage Form CA 00 01, providing liability coverage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of automobiles in the course of your business operations. The Automobile Policy shall be written on an occurrence form and shall provide coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles or other licensed vehicles (Code 1- Any Auto).
- 3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.
- 4. Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) insurance appropriate to CONSULTANT's profession. Architect's and engineer's coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

#### MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE

CONSULTANT, or any party the CONSULTANT subcontracts with, shall maintain limits of liability of not less than those set forth below. However, insurance limits available to CITY, its officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insureds, shall be the greater of the minimum limits specified herein or the full limit of any insurance proceeds available to the named insured:

#### 1. <u>COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:</u>

- (i) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage;
- (ii) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal and advertising injury;
- (iii) \$2,000,000 aggregate for products and completed operations; and,

(iv) \$2,000,000 general aggregate applying separately to the work performed under the Agreement.

# 2. <u>COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</u>:

\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. <u>WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</u> as required by the State of California with statutory limits.

# 4. <u>EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY</u>:

- (i) \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury;
- (ii) \$1,000,000 disease each employee; and,
- (iii) \$1,000,000 disease policy limit.
- 5. **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY** (Errors and Omissions):
  - (i) \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence; and,
  - (ii) \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

# UMBRELLA OR EXCESS INSURANCE

In the event CONSULTANT purchases an Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) to meet the "Minimum Limits of Insurance," this insurance policy(ies) shall "follow form" and afford no less coverage than the primary insurance policy(ies). In addition, such Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) shall also apply on a primary and non- contributory basis for the benefit of the CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

# DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles contained in any insurance policy(ies) required herein and CONSULTANT shall also be responsible for payment of any self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to on the Certificate of Insurance, and approved by, the CITY's Risk Manager or designee. At the option of the CITY's Risk Manager or designee, either:

- (i) The insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or selfinsured retentions as respects CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers; or
- (ii) CONSULTANT shall provide a financial guarantee, satisfactory to CITY's Risk Manager or designee, guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. At no time shall CITY be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions.

# OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS/ENDORSEMENTS

<u>The General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance policies</u> are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds. CONSULTANT shall establish additional insured status for the City and for all ongoing and completed operations by use of ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85, CG 20 10 04 13 and CG 20 37 04 12, or by an executed manuscript insurance company endorsement providing additional insured

status as broad as that contained in ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85.

- 2. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits and coverage shall be available to the Additional Insured.
- 3. For any claims relating to this Agreement, CONSULTANT's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of CONSULTANT's insurance and shall not contribute with it. CONSULTANT shall establish primary and non-contributory status by using ISO Form CG 20 01 04 13 or by an executed manuscript insurance company endorsement that provides primary and non-contributory status as broad as that contained in ISO Form CG 20 01 04 13.

<u>The Workers' Compensation insurance policy</u> is to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provision: CONSULTANT and its insurer shall waive any right of subrogation against CITY, its officiens, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

If the *Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions) insurance policy* is written on a claimsmade form:

- 1. The retroactive date must be shown, and must be before the effective date of the Agreement or the commencement of work by CONSULTANT.
- 2. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the Agreement work or termination of the Agreement, whichever occurs first, or, in the alternative, the policy shall be endorsed to provide not less than a five (5) year discovery period.
- 3. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the effective date of the Agreement or the commencement of work by CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years completion of the Agreement work or termination of the Agreement, whichever occurs first.
- 4. A copy of the claims reporting requirements must be submitted to CITY for review.
- 5. These requirements shall survive expiration or termination of the Agreement.

<u>All policies of insurance</u> required herein shall be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be cancelled, non-renewed, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) calendar days written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to CITY. CONSULTANT is also responsible for providing written notice to the CITY under the same terms and conditions. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agent of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, CONSULTANT shall furnish CITY with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies).

In the event any policy is due to expire during the work to be performed for CITY, CONSULTANT shall provide a new certificate, and applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

Should any of the required policies provide that the defense costs are paid within the Limits of Liability, thereby reducing the available limits by any defense costs, then the requirement for the Limits of Liability of these polices will be twice the above stated limits.

The fact that insurance is obtained by CONSULTANT shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of CONSULTANT, including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this Agreement. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by CONSULTANT. Approval or purchase of any insurance contracts or policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of CONSULTANT, its principals, officers, agents, employees, persons under the supervision of CONSULTANT, vendors, suppliers, invitees, consultants, sub- consultants, subcontractors, or anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them.

**SUBCONTRACTORS** - If CONSULTANT subcontracts any or all of the services to be performed under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall require, at the discretion of the CITY Risk Manager or designee, subcontractor(s) to enter into a separate Side Agreement with the City to provide required indemnification and insurance protection. Any required Side Agreement(s) and associated insurance documents for the subcontractor must be reviewed and preapproved by CITY Risk Manager or designee. If no Side Agreement is required, CONSULTANT will be solely responsible for ensuring that its subcontractors maintain insurance coverage at levels no less than those required by applicable law and is customary in the relevant industry.

# VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE

CONSULTANT shall furnish CITY with all certificate(s) and **applicable endorsements** effecting coverage required hereunder. All certificates and **applicable endorsements** are to be received and approved by the CITY'S Risk Manager or designee prior to CITY'S execution of the Agreement and before work commences. All non-ISO endorsements amending policy coverage shall be executed by a licensed and authorized agent or broker. Upon request of CITY, CONSULTANT shall immediately furnish City with a complete copy of any insurance policy required under this Agreement, including all endorsements, with said copy certified by the underwriter to be a true and correct copy of the original policy. This requirement shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### EXHIBIT C

# DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

# [Project Title]

		YES*	NO
1	Are you currently in litigation with the City of Fresno or any of its agents?		
2	Do you represent any firm, organization, or person who is in litigation with the City of Fresno?		
3	Do you currently represent or perform work for any clients who do business with the City of Fresno?		
4	Are you or any of your principals, managers, or professionals, owners or investors in a business which does business with the City of Fresno, or in a business which is in litigation with the City of Fresno?		
5	Are you or any of your principals, managers, or professionals, related by blood or marriage to any City of Fresno employee who has any significant role in the subject matter of this service?		
6	Do you or any of your subcontractors have, or expect to have, any interest, direct or indirect, in any other contract in connection with this Project?		
* If the answer to any question is yes, please explain in full below.			

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

(Name)

(Company)

(Address)

Additional Page(s) Attached.

(City State Zip)

**Appendix B** 

(Submit with Proposal, if applicable)

Proposer's Name

#### CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR:

We certify that we qualify as a local business pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-109.

Location of Business: (Please provide street address, no PO Box) Primary Office Branch Office (Please mark as applicable)

Address:

Phone:

The undersigned Proposer hereby declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained on this CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE is correct and complete.

The above Statement is part of the proposal. Signing this proposal on the signature page thereof shall also constitute signature of this Certification.

Proposers are cautioned that making a false certification may subject the certifier to criminal prosecution.