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**AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
SEV1TECH, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GEOCENT, L.L.C.)**

THIS ELEVENTH AMENDMENT (the "Amendment") is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the "City"), and Sev1Tech, LLC (formerly known as Geocent, L.L.C.), represented by Leslie Collins Esq., General Counsel (the "Contractor"). The City and the Contractor are sometimes each referred to as a "Party," and collectively as the "Parties." The Amendment is effective as of January 1, 2023 (the "Effective Date").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on and effective August 28, 2013, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into a Professional Services Agreement for service to include Joint Resource Project Management Office ("PMO") Services and Staff Augmentation (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Agreement provided for an initial term of one (1) year from the Effective Date with the ability to extend the term for no more than five (5) one (1) year periods;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2014, effective August 28, 2014, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate amount payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 1");

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2015, effective August 28, 2015, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year and increased the maximum annual amount and the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 2");

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2016, effective August 28, 2016, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 3");

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2017, effective August 28, 2017, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 4");

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2018, effective August 28, 2018, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 5");

WHEREAS, effective August 28, 2019, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 6");

WHEREAS, effective August 28, 2020, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year to maintain continuity of operations during COVID-19 to support compliance with the NOPD Consent Decree, reaffirmed the maximum annual amount payable by the City, and increased the maximum aggregate payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 7");

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021, and effective as of August 28, 2021, the City and Geocent, L.L.C. entered into an amendment to said Agreement, which extended the term of the Agreement for one (1) year to maintain continuity of operations during COVID-19 to support compliance with the NOPD Consent Decree, reaffirmed the maximum annual and aggregate amount payable by the City thereunder ("Amendment No. 8");

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2021, Geocent, L.L.C. entered into a business transaction with Sev1Tech, LLC, whereby 100% of Geocent, L.L.C. stock was purchased by Sev1Tech, LLC, and as a result of this stock purchase, Geocent, L.L.C. has been merged into Sev1Tech, LLC;

WHEREAS, by letter dated December 27, 2021, requested the City's written consent via countersigned letter to assign the Agreement to Sev1Tech, LLC pursuant to Article X Section I of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, and effective October 15, 2021, the City and Sev1Tech, LLC entered into a ninth amendment to memorialize the assignment of the Agreement, including the assignment of all Geocent LLC's rights and obligations thereunder to Sev1Tech, LLC ("Amendment No. 9");

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, and effective August 28, 2022, the City and Sev1Tech, LLC entered into a tenth amendment to extend the term from August 28, 2022, through December 31, 2022; to maintain continuity of operations during the Covid-19 pandemic; to support the implementation of the NOPD Hexagon RMS project while ITI releases a new solicitation for project; to reaffirm the rate of compensation; to increase the maximum amount of compensation; and to modify and/or reaffirm certain terms and conditions ("Amendment No. 10");

WHEREAS, the City and Sev1Tech, LLC, each having the authority to do so, desire to enter this Amendment to extend the term from January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023; to reaffirm the rate of compensation; to increase the maximum amount of compensation; and to modify and/or reaffirm certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment will allow the City to maintain continuity relative to the NOPD Hexagon RMS project, while also allowing ITI and the Law Department to negotiate the newly awarded contract and transition to the new contractor.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the City and the Contractor amend the Agreement as follows:

1. **Extension.** Article V is amended to extend the term through **June 30, 2023.**
2. **Rate of Compensation.** The City and the Contractor reaffirm the rate of compensation described in Article IV Section A of the Agreement.
3. **Annual Maximum Amount.** In accordance with Article IV Section B of the Agreement, as amended, the Annual Maximum Amount is amended in order that it is decreased to \$683,490.00, provided, however, that the Parties mutually agree and understand that this Amendment only extends for six (6) months, and the maximum amount payable over said six (6) month period will be \$341,745.00.

4. **Maximum Aggregate Amount.** The Maximum Aggregate Amount of compensation pursuant to Article IV Section C of the Agreement is increased by \$341,745.00 from \$25,000,000.00 to a new total maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,341,745.00. By signing this Amendment, the Parties acknowledge and agree that the Contractor is not automatically entitled to the aforesaid maximum aggregate amount of compensation, as the City will make payments to the Contractor in accordance with the monthly invoices submitted by the Contractor.

5. **Additional Miscellaneous Provisions.** The following terms and conditions are added to and/or reaffirmed in the Agreement:

ASSIGNMENT

Pursuant to Article X Section I of the Agreement and Sev1Tech, LLC's letter dated December 27, 2021, which was attached to Amendment No. 9 as Exhibit "A" and fully incorporated therein, the Agreement and all of Geocent, L.L.C.'s rights and obligations thereunder, were assigned to Sev1Tech, LLC.

LIVING WAGES

A. **Definitions.** Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, Capitalized terms used but not defined herein, shall have the definition attributed to them in Article VIII, Section 70-802 of the City Code.

B. **Compliance.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor agrees to abide by City Code Sections 70-801, *et seq.*, which requires, in pertinent part, the following:

1. Payment of an hourly wage to Covered Employees equal to the amounts defined in the City Code ("Living Wage");
2. Receipt of at least seven (7) days per year of compensated leave for Covered Employees, as required by Section 70-807 of the City Code; and
3. Post notice in a prominent place regarding the applicability of the Living Wage Ordinance in every workplace in which Covered Employees are working that is within the Covered Employer's custody and control, as required by Section 70-810 of the City Code.

C. **Living Wage.** In accordance with the Living Wage Ordinance, Living Wage shall be as follows:

1. \$11.19 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2021;
2. \$13.25 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2022;
3. \$15.00 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2023; and
4. \$15.00 per hour plus any adjustment provided in subsection D below for any work performed during calendar year 2024 or thereafter.

D. **Adjusted Living Wage.** In accordance with Section 70-806(2) of the City Code, the Living Wage shall be annually adjusted for inflation, as defined by the Consumer Price Index calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as applied to the South Region, except that in no instance shall the Living Wage be adjusted downward. The first adjustment shall become effective on January 1, 2024 using the Consumer Price Index figures provided for the preceding year, and thereafter on an annual basis.

E. **Subcontract Requirements.** As required by Section 70-804 of the City Code, the Contractor, beneficiary, or other Covered Employer, prior to entering into a subcontract, shall notify subcontractors in writing of the requirements and applicability of Article VIII – The Living Wage Ordinance (“Article”). City contractors and beneficiaries shall be deemed responsible for violations of this Article by their subcontractors.

F. **Reporting.** On or before January 31st and upon request by the City, the Contractor shall identify (a) the hourly wage earned by the lowest paid Covered Employee and (b) the number of days of compensated leave received by Covered Employees earning less than 130% of the then-prevailing wage during the current term of the Agreement, and provide the identified information to the following:

Office of Workforce Development
Living Wage - Compliance
1340 Poydras Street – Suite 1800
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

G. **Compliance Monitoring.** Covered Employers under this Agreement are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements by the Office of Workforce Development (the “OWD”) and/or the Chief Administrative Office (“CAO”). Covered Employers will cooperate fully with the OWD and/or the CAO and other City employees and agents authorized to assist in the administration and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements. Steps and actions include, but are not limited to, requirements that: (i) the Contractor will cooperate fully with the OWD and the CAO and other City employees and agents authorized to assist in the administration and enforcement of the Living Wage requirements; (ii) the Contractor agrees that the OWD and the CAO and their designees, in the performance of their duties, shall have the right to engage in random inspections of job sites and to have access to the employees of the Contractor, payroll records and employee paychecks; and (iii) that the City may audit such records of the Contractor as he or she reasonably deems necessary to determine compliance with the Living Wage standards.

H. **Remedies.** If the Contractor fails to comply with the Living Wage requirements during the term of the Agreement, said failure may result in termination of the Agreement or the pursuit of other remedies by the City, including, but not limited to, the penalties and enforcement mechanisms set forth in Section 70-811 of the City Code.

DECLARED DISASTER

A. **Declaration.** During the declaration of an emergency by federal, state, and/or local government, the Contractor shall provide support to the City on an as-needed and task-order-driven basis. Because of the uncertainty of the scale and/or type of emergency, the services to be provided by the Contractor will vary and may need to be adjusted as needs are identified. The Contractor may be requested to provide a range of services. Said services may need to be rendered on a continual basis (24 hours / 7 days per week) during the declaration of an emergency.

B. **Task Order. Notification and Personnel.** Prior or during the declaration of an emergency, the City will notify the Contractor via task order if the City requires the Contractor's support. Upon activation by task order, the Contractor will provide the City with contact information of personnel assigned to the task order; and coordinate with the City to identify any personnel available to meet the City's needs.

C. **Purchase Order.** Once services are identified, the City will issue a purchase order to the Contractor. The City will issue a subsequent purchase order in case of additional needs for services, or may issue a modified purchase order if changes are made to the initial purchase order.

D. The Contractor will ensure that the City is provided with timely and accurate reports and other documentation, as requested.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. **Factors.** The City will measure the performance of the Contractor according to the following non-exhaustive factors: work performed in compliance with the terms of the Agreement; staff availability; staff training; staff professionalism; staff experience; customer service; communication and accessibility; prompt and effective correction of situations and conditions; timeliness and completeness of submission of requested documentation (such as records, receipts, invoices, insurance certificates, and computer-generated reports).

B. **Failure to Perform.** If the Contractor fails to perform according to the Agreement, the City will notify the Contractor. If there is a continued lack of performance after notification, the City may declare the Contractor in default and may pursue any appropriate remedies available under the Agreement and/or any applicable law. In the event of a notification of default, the City will invoice the defaulting contractor for any increase in costs and other damages sustained by the City. Further, the City will seek full recovery from the defaulting contractor.

ARTICLE VII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. **Equal Employment Opportunity.** In all hiring or employment made possible by, or resulting from this Agreement, the Contractor (1) will not be discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry, and (2) where applicable, will take affirmative action to ensure that the Contractor's employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry. This requirement shall apply to, 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. All solicitations or advertisements for employees shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry.

B. **Non-Discrimination.** In the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor will not discriminate on the basis, whether in fact or perception, of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, physical or mental disability, or AIDS- or HIV-status against (1) any employee of the City working with the Contractor in any of Contractor's operations within Orleans Parish or (2) any person seeking accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, services, or membership in all business, social, or other establishments or organizations operated by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to comply with and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws relating to non-discrimination, including, without limitation, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

C. **Incorporation into Subcontracts.** The Contractor will incorporate the terms and conditions of this Article into all subcontracts, by reference or otherwise, and will require all subcontractors to comply with those provisions.

D. The City may terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor fails to comply with any obligation in this Article, which failure is a material breach of this Agreement.

6. **Compliance with the City's Hiring Requirements – Ban the Box.** (i) The Contractor agrees to adhere to the City's hiring requirements contained in City Code Sections 2-8(d) and 2-13(a)-(f). Prior to executing this Agreement, Contractor must provide a sworn statement attesting to its compliance with the City's hiring requirements or stating why deviation from the hiring requirements is necessary. (ii) Failure to maintain compliance with the City's hiring requirements throughout the term of the Agreement, or to provide sufficient written reasons for deviation, is a material breach of this Agreement. Upon learning of any such breach, the City will provide the Contractor notice of noncompliance and allow Contractor thirty (30) days to come into compliance. If, after providing notice and thirty (30) days to cure, the Contractor remains noncompliant, the City may move to suspend payments to Contractor, void the Agreement, or take any such legal action permitted by law or this Agreement. (iii) This section will not apply to any agreements excluded from the City's hiring requirements by City Code Sections 2-8(d) or (g). Should a court of competent jurisdiction find any part of this section to be unenforceable, the section should be reformed, if possible, so that it is enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law, or if reformation is not possible, the section should be fully severable and the remaining provisions of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect. (iv) The Contractor will incorporate the terms and conditions of this Article into all subcontracts, by reference or otherwise, and will require all subcontractors to comply with those provisions.

7. **Convicted Felon Statement.** The Contractor swears that it complies with City Code § 2-8(c). No Contractor principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

8. **Cost Recovery.** In accordance with Section 2-8.1 of the Municipal Code entitled "Cost recovery in contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and grants," to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall reimburse the City or disgorge anything of value or economic benefit received from the City if the Contractor fails to meet its contractual obligations."

9. **Non-Solicitation Statement.** The Contractor swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.

10. **Prior Terms Binding.** Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

11. **Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy of this Amendment, but all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

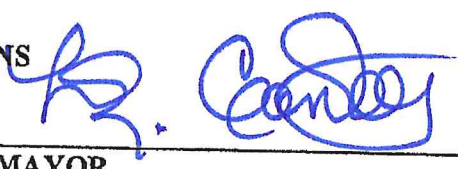
12. **Electronic Signature and Delivery.** The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Amendment and any other document(s) attached to this Amendment delivered by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Amendment. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a party until such party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Amendment.

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[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Contractor, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment, to be effective as of the Effective Date.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: 

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

Executed on this 2nd of May, 2023.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, CITY COUNCIL

BY: [Signature]
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: [Signature]

Printed Name: Andrew Gregorian

SEV1TECH, LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS GEOCENT, L.L.C.)

BY: [Signature]
LESLIE COLLINS, ESQ., GENERAL COUNSEL

TAX ID. [Redacted]

[END OF AMENDMENT]