

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and Med Sharp Disposal, represented by Therese Pouncey, Office manager (the “**Contractor**” or “**MED SHARP DISPOSAL**”). The City and the Contractor may sometimes each be referred to as a “**Party**,” and collectively, as the “**Parties**.” The Agreement is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City seeks to hire a firm or individual to perform biomedical waste services;

WHEREAS, the Contractor has the requisite expertise, qualifications, and certifications in place, and is available for the performance of those professional services.

NOW THEREFORE, the City and the Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

A. **Services**. The Contractor will, in accordance with the schedule approved by the City:

1. Provide site services, transportation, waste management and transfer for disposal processing of Biomedical Waste. The Contractor will dispose of medical waste such as: (1) used needles, (2) blood-soiled materials, and/or (3) any other material soiled with any type of body fluids.

2. Provide containers for the storage of regulated medical waste.

3. The Contractor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to periodically inspect, sample, analyze or test any tendered Biomedical Waste before accepting such or otherwise inspect any load to determine the character of any material tendered to the Contractor. Any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any of the Contractor's rights under this Agreement shall not operate to relieve the City of its responsibility or liability under this Agreement or under all applicable federal, state

7. Cooperate with the City and any person performing work for the City.

The City's officers and employees are not authorized to request or instruct the Contractor to perform any work beyond the scope or duration of this Agreement in the absence of an executed amendment to this Agreement.

B. Standards. The Contractor, and any person performing work on its behalf, will perform all work under this Agreement in accordance with all professional standards applicable to these services and shall exercise standards of reasonable care to the medical waste disposal industry in performance of this agreement.

C. Compliance with Laws. The Contractor, and any person performing work on its behalf, will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

D. Schedule.

1. The Contractor will perform all work under this Agreement according to the following schedule:

SERVICE SCHEDULE:	<u>Every other week</u> per location.	Pickup every <u>14</u> days.
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The Contractor will submit a proposed progress schedule to the City within 14 calendar days of receiving written authorization to proceed from the City.

2. The City has the sole right to approve, reject, or require changes to all schedules relating to the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any proposed progress schedule and any requests for modifications.

3. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

E. Invoices. The Contractor must submit invoices monthly (unless agreed otherwise between the parties to this Agreement) to the City electronically, via its supplier portal, for goods or services provided under this Agreement.

4. The City may require changes to the form of the invoice and may require additional supporting documentation to be submitted with invoices.

F. Records and Reporting.

1. The Contractor will maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, invoices, materials records, payrolls, work papers, personnel records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of services under this Agreement, including, without limitation, of costs incurred through the later of three (3) years from: (a) the completion of this Agreement (including any renewal or extension periods); or (b) from the resolution of any dispute relating to the Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the Contractor will deliver to the City all plans and records of work compiled through the date of termination.

2. The Contractor will identify any reporting requirements, including the frequency, method and contents.

3. The Contractor is solely responsible for the relevance and accuracy of all items and details included in any reports relating to the work performed under this Agreement, regardless of any review by the City.

G. Audit and Inspection.

1. The Contractor will submit to any City audit, inspection, and review and, at the City's request, will make available all documents relating or pertaining to this Agreement maintained by or under the control of the Contractor, its employees, agents, assigns, successors and subcontractors, during normal business hours at the Contractor's office or place of business in Louisiana. If no such location is available, the Contractor will make the documents available at a time and location that is convenient for the City.

2. The Contractor will abide by all provisions of City Code § 2-1120, including but not limited to City Code § 2-1120(12), which requires the Contractor to provide the Office of Inspector General with documents and information as requested. Failure to comply with such

Workers' Compensation Act(s). Statutory and Employers Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000.

Commercial General Liability Insurance including contractual liability insurance, products and completed operations, personal & advertising injury, bodily injury, property damage, and any other type of liability for which this Agreement applies with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence / \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

Automobile Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Insurance shall include all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.

Pollution Liability - Contractor shall maintain Pollution Liability Insurance (or equivalent coverage) applicable to the work being performed to include collection, transit and disposal, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim / \$2,000,000 policy aggregate.

a. Insurance shall apply to bodily injury, property damage, including loss of use of damaged property that has not been physical impacted and defense, including cost and expenses incurred in the investigation, defense or settlement of claims.

Contractors shall be able to meet the above referenced specific policy limits of liability through a combination of primary and umbrella /excess coverage.

Important: The obligations for the Contractor to procure and maintain insurance shall not be constructed to waive or restrict other obligations. It is understood that neither failure to comply nor full compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall limit or relieve the Contractor from its obligations.

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The Additional Insured box shall be marked "Y" or Commercial General Liability coverage. The Subrogation Waiver Box must be marked "Y" for Workers Compensation/Employers Liability and Property.

Primary Coverage: For any claims related to this agreement, the Contractors insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its departments, political subdivisions, officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City shall be non-contributing to the Contractors coverage.

Claims Made Policies: If applicable, the retroactive date must be shown and must be before the date of the agreement or the beginning of work. If the coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy, Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for minimum of 3 years after the termination of this agreement.

Waiver of Subrogation: The Contractor and its insurers agree to waive any right of subrogation which any insurer may acquire against the City by virtue of the payment of any loss under insurance required by this agreement.

Notice of Cancellation: Each insurance policy required above shall not be canceled, expire or altered except without prior notice to the City of no less than 30 days.

Acceptability of Insurers: Insurance is to be placed with insurers licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the City.

Notice: The City of New Orleans

1. In General. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its agents, employees, officials, insurers, self-insurance funds, and assigns (collectively, the “**Indemnified Parties**”) from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, and judgments of sums of money accruing against the Indemnified Parties: for loss of life or injury or damage to persons or property arising from or relating to any act or omission or the operation of the Contractor, its agents, subcontractors, or employees while engaged in or in connection with the discharge or performance of any work under this Agreement; and for any and all claims and/or liens for labor, services, or materials furnished to the Contractor in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement.

2. Limitation. The Contractor’s indemnity does not extend to any loss arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties, provided that neither the Contractor nor any of its agents, subcontractors, or employees contributed to such gross negligence or willful misconduct.

3. Independent Duty. The Contractor has an immediate and independent obligation to, at the City’s option: (a) defend the City from or (b) reimburse the City for its costs incurred in the defense of any claim that actually or potentially falls within this indemnity, even if: (a) the allegations are or may be groundless, false, or fraudulent; or (b) the Contractor is ultimately absolved from liability.

4. Expenses. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Contractor shall bear the expenses including, but not limited to, the City’s reasonable attorneys’ fees, lay and expert witness fees, court costs, and any similar expenses, incurred by the City in enforcing this indemnity.

J. Invoicing. The Contractor must submit invoices monthly (unless agreed otherwise between the parties to this Agreement) to the City electronically, via its supplier portal, for goods or services provided under this Agreement no later than 10 calendar days following the end of the period covered by the invoice. Untimely invoices may result in delayed payment for which the City is not liable. At a minimum, each invoice must include the following information: contract

performance of this Agreement; that could prevent, limit, or impair the Contractor's performance of this Agreement;

5. The Contractor has no knowledge of any facts that could prevent, limit, or impair the performance of this Agreement, except as otherwise disclosed to the City and incorporated into this Agreement;

6. The Contractor is not in breach of any federal, state, or local statute, regulation, or code applicable to the Contractor or its operations;

7. Any rate of compensation charged for the performance of services under this Agreement are no higher than those charged to the Contractor's most favored customer for the same or substantially similar services;

8. The Contractor has read and fully understands this Agreement and is executing this Agreement willingly and voluntarily; and

9. All of the representations and warranties in this Article and elsewhere in this Agreement are true and correct as of the date of execution of this Agreement by the Contractor and the execution of this Agreement by the Contractor's representative constitutes a sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, by the Contractor as to the truth of the foregoing representations and warranties.

B. Convicted Felon Statement. The Contractor complies with City Code Section 2-8(c) and no principal, member, or officer of the Contractor has, within the preceding 5 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.

C. Non-Solicitation Statement. The Contractor has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Agreement. 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 Agreement.

- City Approval by the City.

ARTICLE III - THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. Administration. The City will:

1. Administer this Agreement through New Orleans EMS ("EMS" or the "Department");
2. Provide the Contractor any relevant documents necessary for the Contractor's performance of any work required under this Agreement;
3. Provide reasonable access to Department personnel to discuss the required services during normal working hours, as requested by the Contractor; and
4. Package regulated medical waste as outlined per the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, OSHA, or as defined by any other federal, state, county, or local laws and regulations.
5. Store regulated medical waste in the containers provided by Contractor. Contractor reserves the right to decline to accept for collection, transportation, treatment and/or disposal any regulated medical waste which, In MED SHARP DISPOSAL sole judgment, cannot be transported in a lawful manner without a risk of harm to the public health and environment, Improperly-packaged, wet, leaking, overweight, or damaged containers are subject to rejection or possible overage and/or repackaging fees. The City shall hold title to any non-conforming waste at all times, whether refused for collection or returned to the City for proper disposal after collection. company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to periodically Inspect, sample, analyze or test any tendered Biomedical Waste before accepting such or otherwise Inspect any load to determine the character of any material tendered to company Any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any of Company's rights under this Agreement shall not operate to relieve the Client of its responsibility or liability under this Agreement or under all applicable federal, state or local laws, approvers, permits and ordinances.

B. Payment. The City will make payments to the Contractor at the rate of compensation established in this Agreement based upon the Contractor's certified invoices, amount

of the Contractor or its subcontractors; or the City is not expressly obligated to pay under this Agreement.

6. Unless otherwise agreed by the City, payment terms are NET 30 days upon providing that goods and/or services described under this Agreement have been delivered, installed (if required), rendered, and/or accepted and upon receipt by the City of properly submitted invoice via the City's supplier portal.

7. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the City will pay the Contractor only for the work requested by the City and satisfactorily performed by the Contractor through the date of termination, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV - COMPENSATION

A. Rate of Compensation.

1. The City will pay the Contractor in accordance with the following rate: \$100.00 per 96 Gallon Container. A surcharge of \$1.75 per pound will be charged for any container (30 gal) weighing over 30 pounds.

2. This Agreement does not guarantee any amount of work or compensation except as specifically authorized by the City in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3. The stated compensation is inclusive, and includes no additional amounts for, the Contractor's costs, including without limitation all expenses relating to overhead, administration, subcontractors, employees, bid preparation, bonds, scheduling, invoicing, insurance, record retention, reporting, inspections, audits, the correction of errors and omissions, or minor changes within the scope of this Agreement. The City will not consider or be obligated to pay or reimburse the Contractor any other charges or fees and the Contractor will not be entitled to any additional compensation or reimbursement, except otherwise specifically provided in the Agreement

4. The Contractor will immediately provide written notification to the City of any reduction to the rate of compensation for its most favored customer, and the rate of compensation established by this Agreement will automatically be adjusted to the rate of compensation

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and encumbered for this Agreement.

D. Termination for Cause. The City may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by sending written notice to the Contractor. "Cause" includes without limitation any failure to perform any obligation or abide by any condition of this Agreement or the failure of any representation or warranty in this Agreement, including without limitation any failure to comply with the requirements of the City's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program and any failure to comply with any provision of City Code § 2-1120 or requests of the Office of Inspector General. If a termination for cause is subsequently challenged in a court of law and the challenging Party prevails, the termination will be deemed to be a termination for convenience effective 30 days from the date of the original written notice of termination for cause was sent to the challenging Party; no further notice will be required.

E. Med-Sharp Disposal Termination. MED SHARP DISPOSAL reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time by giving Customer 60 days' written notice. In the event that It is unable to continue performing Its obligation under this agreement due to the suspension, revocation, cancellation or termination of any permit required to perform this Agreement or In the event that a change in any law or regulation makes It impractical or uneconomical.

F. Missed Pick-up. The parties agree that a missed pick up shall not be a breach of this agreement; should such event occur; Med Sharp Disposal shall have 15 business days to resolve the event. Med Sharp Disposal shall not be responsible If its performance is delayed or Interrupted by acts or contingencies beyond Its control.

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H. Suspension. Notwithstanding the article on Force Majeure...

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

ARTICLE VII - 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 VIII - 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, color, religion, sex, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, 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, color, religion, sex, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, 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

D. **Termination for Breach.** 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.

ARTICLE IX - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A. **Independent Contractor Status.** The Contractor is an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee, servant, agent, partner, or joint venture of the City and will not hold itself or any of its employees, subcontractors or agents to be an employee, partner, or agent of the City.

B. **Exclusion of Worker's Compensation Coverage.** The City will not be liable to the Contractor, as an independent contractor as defined in La. R.S. 23:1021(6), for any benefits or coverage as provided by the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State of Louisiana. Under the provisions of La. R.S. 23:1034, any person employed by the Contractor will not be considered an employee of the City for the purpose of Worker's Compensation coverage.

C. **Exclusion of Unemployment Compensation Coverage.** The Contractor, as an independent contractor, is being hired by the City under this Agreement for hire and defined in La. R.S. 23:1472(12)(E) and neither the Contractor nor anyone employed by it will be considered an employee of the City for the purpose of unemployment compensation coverage, which coverage same being hereby expressly waived and excluded by the parties, because: (a) the Contractor has been and will be free from any control or direction by the City over the performance of the services covered by this contract; (b) the services to be performed by the Contractor are outside the normal course and scope of the City's usual business; and (c) the Contractor has been independently engaged in performing the services required under this Agreement prior to the date of this Agreement.

D. **Waiver of Benefits.** The Contractor, as an independent contractor, will not receive from the City any sick and annual leave benefits, medical insurance, life insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays, sick leave, pension, or Social Security for any services rendered to the City.

c. **Effect.**

1. Upon the occurrence of a Force Majeure event, for which the City has provided required notice, the City may, at its sole discretion:
 - a. Suspend this Agreement for a duration to be set by the City, not to exceed 90 days. During such time of suspension, the Parties will not be liable or responsible for performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement, and there will be excluded from the computation of such period of time any delays directly due to the occurrence of the Force Majeure event. During any such period of suspension, the Contractor must take all commercially reasonable actions to mitigate against the effects of the Force Majeure event and to ensure the prompt resumption of performance when so instructed by the City; or
 - b. Terminate this Agreement, either immediately or after one or more periods of suspension, effective on notice to Contractor and without any further compensation due.
2. Notwithstanding Section C(1) above, the obligations relating to making payments when due (for services or materials already provided) and those obligations specified to survive in the Agreement will be unaffected by any suspension or termination.

ARTICLE XI - NOTICE

A. **In General.** Except for any routine communication, any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted under this Agreement will be given in writing and delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested as follows:

1. To the City:

C. **Notification of Change.** Each Party is responsible for notifying the other in writing that references this Agreement of any changes in its address(es) set forth above.

ARTICLE XII - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. **Amendment.** No amendment of or modification to this Agreement shall be valid unless and until executed in writing by the duly authorized representatives of both parties to this Agreement.

B. **Assignment.** This Agreement and any part of the Contractor's interest in it are not assignable or transferable without the City's prior written consent.

C. **Choice of Law.** This Agreement will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

D. Compliance with City's Hiring Requirements – Ban the Box.

1. The Contractor agrees to adhere to the City's hiring requirements contained in City Code Section 2-8(d) and 2-13(a)-(f). Prior to executing this Agreement, the Contractor must provide a sworn statement attesting to its compliance with the City's hiring requirements or stating why deviation from the hiring requirement is necessary.
2. Failure to maintain compliance with the City's hiring requirements through 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 the 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 the Contractor, void the Agreement, or take any such legal action permitted by law or this Agreement.
3. This section will not apply to any agreements excluded from the scope of the Agreement.

Agreement. This Agreement has been reviewed by all parties and shall be construed and interpreted according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to fairly accomplish the purposes and intentions of all parties. No term of this Agreement shall be construed or resolved in favor of or against the City or the Contractor on the basis of which Party drafted the uncertain or ambiguous language. The headings and captions of this Agreement are provided for convenience only and are not intended to have effect in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. Where appropriate, the singular includes the plural and neutral words and words of any gender shall include the neutral and other gender.

G. 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.

H. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all incorporated documents, constitutes the final and complete agreement and understanding between the parties. All prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, are superseded by this Agreement and are without effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

I. Exhibits. The following exhibits will be and are incorporated into this Agreement: *Exhibit A – Med Sharp Disposal "Service and Price" Sheet.*

J. Jurisdiction. The Contractor consents and yields to the jurisdiction of the State Civil Courts of the Parish of Orleans and formally waives any pleas or exceptions of jurisdiction on account of the residence of the Contractor.

K. Limitations of the City's Obligations. The City has no obligations not explicitly set forth in this Agreement or any incorporated documents or expressly imposed by law.

L. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is entered into for the exclusive benefit of the parties and the parties expressly disclaim any intent to benefit anyone not a party to this Agreement.

of the City. Any willful violation of this provision, with the expressed or implied knowledge of Contractor, shall render this Agreement voidable by the City and shall entitle the City to recover, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to the City, all monies paid by the City to Contractor pursuant to this Agreement without regard to Contractor's otherwise satisfactory performance of the Agreement.

Q. Prohibition on Political Activity. None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under the terms of this Agreement shall be used in the performance of this Agreement for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

R. Remedies Cumulative. No remedy set forth in the Agreement or otherwise conferred upon or reserved to any Party shall be considered exclusive of any other remedy available to a Party. Rather, each remedy shall be deemed distinct, separate and cumulative and each may be exercised from time to time as often as the occasion may arise or as may be deemed expedient.

S. Severability. Should a court of competent jurisdiction find any provision of this Agreement to be unenforceable as written, the unenforceable provision should be reformed, if possible, so that it is enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law or, if reformation is not possible, the unenforceable provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if the unenforceable provision was never a part the Agreement.

T. Survival of Certain Provisions. All representations and warranties and all obligations concerning record retention, inspections, audits, ownership, indemnification, payment, remedies, jurisdiction, and choice of law, shall survive the expiration, suspension, or termination of this Agreement and continue in full force and effect.

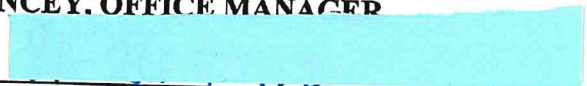
U. Terms Binding. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding on any heirs, successors, transferees, and assigns.

Executed on this 25th of August, 2021

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
Law Department

By: 
Printed Name: Tracy Tyler

SHARPS MD OF ALABAMA, LLC d/b/a MED SHARP DISPOSAL

BY: 
THERESE POUNCEY, OFFICE MANAGER

FEDERAL TAX I.D

[EXHIBIT(S) A - ATTACHED SEPARATELY