

K21-1189

Bond No. SSB0421872

CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
BATTCO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, INC.
BID PROPOSAL NO.: 1282
ALMA PETERS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS (RE-BID)

THIS CONTRACT (the “**Contract**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and Battco Construction and Maintenance, Inc., represented by Joseph Battaglia, President (the “**Contractor**”). The City and Contractor are each sometimes referred to as a “**Party**,” and collectively, as the “**Parties**.” The Contract is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, the City issued an Invitation to Bid No. 1282, Addendum No. 1 dated June 2, 2021, and Addendum No. 2 dated June 17, 2021, seeking a contractor to provide construction services for the Alma Peters Playground Improvements (Re-Bid) Project (the “**ITB**”);

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid in response to the ITB; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to award the Contract to the Contractor;

NOW THEREFORE, the City grants and confirms to the Contractor the Contract to provide construction services for the Alma Peters Playground Improvements (Re-Bid) Project to the City under the ITB, and the City and the Contractor, for good and valuable consideration, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor will perform all obligations of the Contractor and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract and in the following documents that are incorporated fully into this Contract: the ITB and the Contractor's Bid dated June 24, 2021 (the “**Bid**”).

ARTICLE II - THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS

The City will pay the Contractor at the rates set forth in the Contractor's Bid for the satisfactory performance of this Contract and will perform all obligations of the City, and be subject to all terms and conditions set forth, in this Contract and any incorporated documents.

A. Base Bid	\$127,500.00
B. (Accepted) Alternate No. 1 – [ADD]	13,000.00
C. (Not Accepted) Alternate No. 2	0
D. (Not Accepted) Alternate No. 3	0
a. Total Bid	<u>\$140,500.00</u>

ARTICLE III - THE SURETY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. **Performance and Payment Bonds.** RLI Insurance Company (the "Surety") intervenes in this Contract and binds itself as surety for:

1. The faithful performance of all work required of the Contractor by this Contract in the full sum of \$140,500.00; and
2. The full payment by the Contractor of all payments to be made by the Contractor under this Contract in the full sum of \$140,500.00.

Each of these bonds is to be considered separate and distinct, and no payment made by the Surety under either bond shall in any way reduce the obligations of the Surety under the other.

B. **Acknowledgement of Contract.** The Surety represents and warrants that it has fully read and understands the terms of this Contract, including all incorporated documents.

C. **Survival and Validity of Bonds.** The Surety's bonds shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive the termination of this Contract, but shall become null and void if the Contractor: (1) well and faithfully performs all and singular the obligations assumed by the Contractor in this Contract; (2) promptly pays all wages of laborers, workmen, and mechanics to be employed by the Contractor for all work done or labor performed by the Contractor or by any subcontractors; or furnished to subcontractors, and used in the construction, erection, alteration, performance, or repairs of the work required by the Contract; (3) promptly pays for all materials or supplies furnished to the Contractor, or by any subcontractor, or to any subcontractor, and used in, or for use in machines used in, the construction, erection, alteration, performance, or repair of the work required by the Contract; (4) fully secures and protects the City, its legal successors and representatives, from all loss or expense of any kind, including premises, including all costs of Court and attorneys' fees, made necessary or arising from the failure, refusal, or neglect of the Contractor to comply with all of the obligations assumed by it; and (5) promptly delivers all the work required by the Contract to the City, free from any and all claims, liens, and expenses. The obligations of the Surety will not be affected in any way by any modifications, omissions, or additions in or to the terms of this Contract, the plans or specifications, or in the manner and mode of payment.

ARTICLE IV – 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.

A. 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.

B. 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

C. 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 (ii) 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.

D. 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.

ARTICLE V – FORCE MAJEURE

A. Event. An event of Force Majeure will include any event or occurrence not reasonably foreseeable by the City at the execution of this Agreement, which will include, but not be limited to, abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions or other acts of God (including tropical weather events, tornados, hurricanes, and flooding); declarations of emergency; shortages of labor or materials (not caused by City); riots; terrorism; acts of public enemy; war; sabotage; cyber-attacks, threats, or incidents; epidemics or pandemics; court or governmental order; or any other cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control of City, provided such event was not caused by the negligence or misconduct of City, by the failure of City to comply with applicable laws, or by the breach of this Agreement.

B. Notice. To seek the benefit of this Article, the City must provide notice in writing to the Contractor stating: (1) an event triggering this Article has occurred; (2) the anticipated effect of the Force Majeure event on performance; and (3) the expected duration of the delay, if the Agreement is being suspended.

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 VI - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. **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.

B. **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 Contract. 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 Contract.

C. **Non-Waiver.** The failure of either Party to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Contract, to enforce any right, or to seek any remedy upon discovery of any default or breach of the other Party at such time as the initial discovery of the existence of such noncompliance, right, default, or breach shall not affect or constitute a waiver of either Party's right to insist upon such compliance, exercise such right, or seek such remedy with respect to that default or breach, or any prior, contemporaneous, or subsequent default or breach.

D. **Entire Agreement.** This Contract, 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 Contract and are without effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Contract.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

RLI Insurance Company

Know All Men by These Presents:

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired.

That **RLI Insurance Company**, a(n) Illinois corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint:
Joseph A. O'Connor, III, Steve Wulff, jointly or severally.

in the City of Metairie, State of Louisiana, its true and lawful Agent and Attorney in Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, the following described bond.

Any and all bonds, undertakings, and recognizances in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for any single obligation.

The acknowledgment and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon this Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of this Company.

The **RLI Insurance Company** further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of **RLI Insurance Company**, and now in force to-wit:

"All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **RLI Insurance Company** has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 30th day of July, 2012.



State of Illinois
County of Peoria

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RLI Insurance Company

Roy C. Die

Vice President

On this 30th day of July, 2012, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Roy C. Die, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the **RLI Insurance Company** and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

Jacqueline M. Bockler
Notary Public



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned officer of **RLI Insurance Company**, a stock corporation of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the **RLI Insurance Company** this _____ day of _____.

RLI Insurance Company

Roy C. Die

Vice President

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, the Contractor, and the Surety, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Contract.

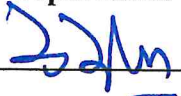
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: 
LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

Executed on this 29th of October, 2021

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:

Law Department

By: 

Printed Name: Tracy Tyler

BATTCO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, INC.

BY: 
JOSEPH BATTAGLIA, PRESIDENT

FEDERAL TAX I.D. 

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: 
STEVE WULFF, AGENT OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

**[ORIGINAL POWER OF ATTORNEY
MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS CONTRACT.]**