

AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
AND
ROYAL ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS, L.L.C.
STREET LIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

THIS SEVENTH AMENDMENT (the “**Amendment**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”) and Royal Engineers & Consultants, L.L.C., represented by Michael L. Pugh, Jr., agent/officer (the “**Engineer**”). The City and the Engineer are sometimes collectively referred to as the “**Parties**.” This Amendment is effective as of the date of execution by the City (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City and the Engineer are parties to a professional services agreement dated May 23, 2016 (the “**Agreement**”) for the Engineer to provide street light management services to the City (the “**Services**”);

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the first time to extend its duration for continuity of services;

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2018, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the second time to extend its term for continuity of services;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2018, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the third time to increase the maximum compensation amount to accommodate for the additional work needed;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2019, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the fourth time to increase the maximum compensation amount to accommodate for the additional work needed and to extend its term for continuity of services;

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the fifth time to extend its term for continuity of services;

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the City and the Engineer amended the Agreement for the sixth time to extend its term for continuity of services; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Engineer, each having the authority to do so, desire to enter this Amendment to add additional funding for services rendered;

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

A. MAXIMUM COMPENSATION. The Engineer's maximum compensation is increased by \$1,412,000.00. The total aggregate maximum cap payable by the City is increased from \$3,749,250.00 to a not to exceed amount of \$5,161,250.00.

B. LIVING WAGES.

1. ***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.

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

- Payment of an hourly wage to Covered Employees equal to the amounts defined in the City Code ("**Living Wage**");
- 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
- 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.

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

\$11.19 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2021;

\$13.25 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2022;

\$15.00 per hour for any work performed on or before December 31, 2023; and

\$15.00 per hour plus any adjustment provided in subsection D below for any work performed during calendar year 2024 or thereafter.

4. ***Adjusted Living Wage.*** In accordance with Section 70-806(2) of the City Code, the Engineer acknowledges and agrees that the Living Wage may be increased during the term of the Agreement. Any City contract or City financial assistance agreement (a) extending from one calendar year into the next or (b) with a term of longer than one year, inclusive of any renewal terms or extensions, shall require the Covered Employer to pay the Covered Employee an Adjusted Living Wage, accounting for the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment. The indexing adjustment shall occur each year on July 1st using the Consumer Price Index figures provided for the calendar year ended December 31st of the preceding year, and thereafter on an annual basis.

5. **Subcontract Requirements.** As required by Section 70-804 of the City Code, the Engineer, 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.

6. **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 1
340 Poydras Street – Suite 1800
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

7. **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 Engineer 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 Engineer 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 Engineer, payroll records and employee paychecks; and (ii) that the City may audit such records of the Engineer as he or she reasonably deems necessary to determine compliance with the Living Wage standards.

8. **Remedies.** If the Engineer 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.

C. **CONVICTED FELON STATEMENT.** The Engineer swears that it complies with City Code § 2-8(c). No Engineer 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.

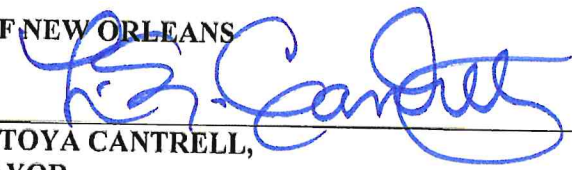
D. **NON – SOLICITATION STATEMENT.** The Engineer swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Engineer has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.

E. **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.

F. **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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and the Engineer, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: 

LATOYA CANTRELL,
MAYOR

Executed on this 3rd day of May, 2022.

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:

Law Department

By: 

Printed Name: Tracy Taylor

ROYAL ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS, L.L.C.

BY: 

MICHAEL L. PUGH, JR.,
AGENT/OFFICER

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