

K23-495

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

AND

MCDERMOTT ASSOCIATES

RFP No. 2790

LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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 McDermott Associates, represented by Dr. William V. McDermott, Ph.D. (the “**Contractor**”). 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 March 8, 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, the City issued Request for Proposals No. 2790, seeking a licensed clinical psychologist for the New Orleans Police Department (the “**RFP**”); and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted a proposal dated February 26, 2023, and the City has selected the Contractor to perform the professional services described in the RFP; and

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 clinical psychological services to police officers and civilians in accordance with the New Orleans Police Department’s Administrative Standard Operating Procedures.

2. Conduct critical incident debriefings for officers, including post-shooting interviews, care, and evaluations.

3. Conduct grief sessions as needed.

4. Conduct fitness for duty interviews for officers injured in the line of duty.

5. Serve as a liaison between the New Orleans Police Department and Mental Health Professionals, when officers are hospitalized as a result of psychological or emotional problems including alcoholism.

6. Consult with current members of the New Orleans Police Department’s Administration regarding policies and procedures that may affect police officers.

7. Consult with Commanders of the New Orleans Police Department’s Special Weapons and Tactical Team during hostage and barricaded suspect situations.

8. Provide mandatory psychological evaluations that involve mental status evaluations, clinical diagnostic interviews, the administration of standardized psychological tests, and a written report to follow.

9. Coordinate with the Officer Assistance Program, Peer Support Program, treatment facilities, and other providers.

10. Provide twenty-four hours of on call services for crisis intervention.

11. Schedule office visits, virtual meetings, and mobile on-site interventions for individuals and for groups.

12. Perform all other services and obligations as set forth in any of the following documents that are incorporated fully into this Agreement: the RFP; the Contractor's proposal dated February 26, 2023.

13. Submit a monthly report and complete and accurate invoices, maintain records, submit to audits and inspections, maintain insurance, and perform all other obligations of the Contractor as set forth in this Agreement.

14. Promptly correct any errors or omissions and any work deemed unsatisfactory or unacceptable by the City, all at no additional compensation.

15. Monitor, supervise, and otherwise control and be solely responsible for all persons performing work on its behalf.

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

B. Standards. The Contractor, and any person performing work on its behalf, will perform all work under this Agreement in accordance with standards by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, guidelines in Rostow's Handbook for Psychological Fitness for Duty Evaluations in Law Enforcement, the Louisiana Code of Ethics, contained in La. R.S. 42:1101, *et seq* and standards applicable to the Contractor's profession/licensure.

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

D. Schedule.

1. Schedule to Complete and Progress Schedule.

a. The Contractor will submit a proposed progress schedule to the City within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving written authorization from the City to proceed. At a minimum, the proposed progress schedule must be arranged so the actual progress can be shown as work is completed.

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.

1. The Contractor must submit invoices monthly (unless agreed otherwise between the Parties to this Agreement) to the City electronically, via its supplier portal, for services provided under this Agreement no later than ten (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:

- a. Name of Contractor
- b. Date of Invoice
- c. Invoice Number
- d. Contract or BRASS Number issued by the City (*i.e.*, K23-495)
- e. Name of the City Department to be invoiced (*i.e.*, New Orleans Police Dept.)
- f. Description of the Services completed

2. Invoices will be processed in accordance with Article III, Section (B) of the Agreement.

3. All invoices must be signed by an authorized representative of the Contractor under penalty of perjury attesting to the validity and accuracy of the invoice.

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 disputes 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, methods, 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 in Louisiana, 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 Section 2-1120, including, but not limited to, City Code Section 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 requests shall constitute a material breach of the contract. The Contractor agrees that it is subject to the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish Civil District Court for purposes of challenging a subpoena.

H. Insurance.

1. Except as otherwise noted, at all times during this Agreement or the performance of work required by this Agreement, the Contractor will maintain the following insurance in full force and effect for the duration of the work under this Agreement. Evidence of coverage shall be provided prior to the start of any activities/work, in conjunction with the Contractor's scope of work under the Agreement.

2. If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown below, the City requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the City:

3. Minimum Requirements:

- i. 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 \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence / \$2,000,000.00 policy aggregate.
- ii. Automobile Liability Insurance with a combined single limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Insurance shall include all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.
- iii. Professional (Errors & Omission) Liability - As professional services are required under the contract, insurance appropriate to the contractor's profession, with limits of liability of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence or claim / \$2,000,000.00 policy aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations undertaken by the Contractor in this Agreement.
- iv. Policies shall be kept in force and uninterrupted for a period of three (3) years beyond policy expiration. If coverage is discontinued for any reason during this three (3) year term, the Contractor must procure and evidence full extended reporting period (ERP) coverage.
- v. The Contractor shall be able to meet the above referenced specific policy limits of liability through a combination of primary and umbrella /excess coverage.

4. The obligations for the Contractor to procure and maintain insurance shall not be construed to waive nor 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 any liability incurred as a result of their activities/operations in conjunction with the Contractor's obligations and/or Scope of Work.

5. **Additional Insured Status:** The Contractor will provide, and maintain current, a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of New Orleans, its departments, political subdivisions, officers, officials, employees, and volunteers as "Additional Insureds" on the CGL policy with

respect to liability arising out of the performance of this Agreement. General liability insurance coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions are used).

6. The Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance and coverage limits meeting all the requirements stated herein or the sub-contractor liability shall be covered by the Contractor.

7. The Certificate of Insurance, as evidence of all required coverage, should name the City of New Orleans Risk Manager as Certificate Holder and be delivered via U.S. Mail to the Chief Administrative Office, with a copy forwarded to Risk Management Division, 1300 Perdido Street, 9E06 – City Hall, New Orleans LA 70112.

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

9. **Primary Coverage:** For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to 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 Contractor's coverage.

10. **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, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for minimum of three (3) years after the termination of this agreement.

11. **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.

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

13. **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.

14. **Notice:** The Contractor will provide the following documents to the City's Risk Manager within ten (10) calendar days of the City's request (at City of New Orleans Attn: Risk Manager, 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 9E06, New Orleans, LA 70112- Ref.: McDermott Associates):

- i. Copies of all policies of insurance, including all policies, forms, and endorsements.
- ii. Substitute insurance coverage acceptable to the City within thirty (30) calendar days if any insurance company providing any insurance with respect to this Agreement is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, loses the right to do business in Louisiana, or ceases to meet the requirements of this Agreement.

15. Special Risks or Circumstances: The City of New Orleans shall reserve the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer coverage, or other circumstances.

I. Indemnity.

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, injury, or damage to persons or property arising from or relating to any act, omission, or the operations 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: (i) the allegations are or may be groundless, false, or fraudulent; or (ii) 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.

ARTICLE II - REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

A. The Contractor represents and warrants to the City that:

1. The Contractor, through its duly authorized representative, has the full power and authority to enter into and execute this Agreement.

2. The Contractor has and will maintain the requisite expertise, qualifications, staff, materials, equipment, licenses, permits, consents, registrations, and certifications in place and available for the performance of all work required under this Agreement.

3. The Contractor is bonded, if required by law, and fully and adequately insured for any injury or loss to its employees and any other person resulting from the actions or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, or its subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement.

4. The Contractor is not under any obligation to any other person that is inconsistent with or in conflict with this Agreement, or 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.

9. All 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 five (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 nor 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 nor 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.

D. The Contractor acknowledges that the City is relying on these representations, warranties, expertise, skill, and knowledge, and that the Contractor's obligations and liabilities will not be diminished by reason of any approval by the City.

ARTICLE III - THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS

A. Administration. The City will:

1. Administer this Agreement through the New Orleans Police Department (the "Department");

2. Provide the Contractor with all documents necessary for the Contractor's performance of any work required under this Agreement; and

3. Provide reasonable access to Department personnel to discuss the required services during normal working hours, as requested by the Contractor; and

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, except:

1. The City's obligation to pay is contingent upon the Contractor's: (a) submission of complete and accurate invoices; and (b) satisfactory performance of the services and conditions required by this Agreement.

2. The City, in its discretion, may withhold payment of any disputed amounts, and no interest shall accrue on any amount withheld pending the resolution of the dispute.

3. The City may set off any amounts due to the Contractor with any amounts deemed by the City to be owed to the City by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

4. All compensation owed to the Contractor under this Agreement is contingent upon the appropriation and allocation of funds for work under this Agreement by the City.

5. The City is not obligated, under any circumstances, to pay for any work performed or costs incurred by the Contractor that: exceed the maximum aggregate amount payable established by this Agreement; are beyond the scope or duration of this Agreement; arise from or relate to any unauthorized change order within the scope of the Agreement; are for services performed on days on which services were suspended due to circumstances beyond the control of the City, and no work has taken place; arise from or relate to the correction of errors or omissions 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 from the rendition of services described under this Agreement, and upon receipt by the City of a 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: \$10,000.00 per month; \$120,000.00 per year.

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, records retention, reporting, inspections, audits, the correction of errors and omissions, or minor changes within the scope of this Agreement. The City will not consider nor 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 as 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 adjust to the reduced rate effective as of the effective date of the reduction for the most favored customer.

B. Maximum Amount. The maximum aggregate amount payable by the City under this Agreement is one hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00).

ARTICLE V - DURATION AND TERMINATION

A. Initial Term. The term of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year, beginning on the Effective Date, provided there is an encumbrance of funds by the requesting department made from the funds allotted by the Chief Administrative Officer, which are derived from appropriations made by the City Council. This Agreement shall automatically terminate with respect to any period of time for which funds are not so encumbered.

B. Extension. This Agreement may be extended at the option of the City, provided that funds are allocated by the City Council and the extension of the Agreement facilitates the continuity of services provided herein. This Agreement may be extended by the City for four (4) additional one-year terms.

C. Termination for Convenience. The City may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the Contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days written notice of the termination.

D. Termination for Non-Appropriation. This Agreement will terminate immediately in the event of non-appropriation of funds sufficient to maintain this Agreement without the requirement of notice; and the City will not be liable for any amounts beyond the funds appropriated and encumbered for this Agreement.

E. 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, 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 Section 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 thirty (30) days from the date the original written notice of termination for cause was sent to the challenging Party; no further notice will be required.

F. Suspension. Notwithstanding the article on Force Majeure, the City may suspend this Agreement at any time and for any reason by giving two (2) business days' written notice to the Contractor. The Contractor will resume work upon five (5) business days' written notice from the City.

ARTICLE VI – 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 during the declaration of an emergency.

B. Task Order. Notification and Personnel. Prior to 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 need for services or may issue a modified purchase order if changes are made to the initial purchase order.

D. Timely Documentation. 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 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 discriminate against any employee nor 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 apprenticeship. All solicitations or advertisements for employees shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, 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 the 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 these provisions.

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, nor joint venture of the City and will not hold itself nor 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 Worker'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 is 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 Agreement; (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 or annual leave benefits, medical insurance, life insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays, sick leave, pension, or Social Security for any services rendered to the City under this Agreement.

ARTICLE X – 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 the 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 the City, provided such event was not caused by the negligence nor misconduct of the City, by the failure of the 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 ninety (90) days. During such time of suspension, the Parties will not be liable nor 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 the 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:

Superintendent Michelle M. Woodfork
Chief of Police
New Orleans Police Department
715 South Broad Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

&

Donesia D. Turner
City Attorney
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street, Suite 5E03
New Orleans, LA 70112

2. To the Contractor:

Mailing Address:

McDermott Associates
Dr. William V. McDermott, Ph.D.
1000 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, LA 70116

Office Address:

McDermott Associates
Dr. William V. McDermott, Ph.D.
2115 Carondelet Street, 2nd Floor
New Orleans, LA 70130

B. Effectiveness. Notices are effective when received, except any notice that is not received due to the intended recipient's refusal or avoidance of delivery. If the intended recipient refuses or avoids delivery, then the date of the first attempted delivery will be deemed the date of receipt.

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. 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. 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. The Contractor may not assign nor transfer its rights, duties, or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the City.

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. Conflicting Employment. To ensure that the Contractor's efforts do not conflict with the City's interests, and in recognition of the Contractor's obligations to the City, the Contractor will decline any offer of other employment if its performance of this Agreement is likely to be adversely affected by the acceptance of the other employment. The Contractor will promptly notify the City in writing of its intention to accept the other employment and will disclose all possible effects of the other employment on the Contractor's performance of this Agreement. The City will make the final determination whether the Contractor may accept the other employment.

E. Construction of Agreement. Neither Party will be deemed to have drafted this 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.

F. **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.

G. **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.

H. **Exhibits.** The following exhibits will be and are incorporated into this Agreement: **Exhibit A:** the RFP; **Exhibit B:** the Contractor’s Proposal.

I. **Order of Documents.** In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any incorporated documents, the terms and conditions of the documents will apply in this order: the Agreement; RFP; Contractor’s Proposal.

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, 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.

M. **Non-Exclusivity.** This Agreement is non-exclusive, and the Contractor may provide services to other clients, subject to the City’s approval of any potential conflicts with the performance of this Agreement, and the City may engage the services of others for the provision of some or all of the work to be performed under this Agreement.

N. **Non-Waiver.** The failure of either Party to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement, 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 nor 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.

O. **Ownership of Records.** Upon final payment, all data collected and all products of work prepared, created, or modified by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement, including without limitation any and all notes, tables, graphs, reports, files, computer programs, source code, documents, records, disks, original drawings, or other such material, regardless of form and whether finished or unfinished, but excluding the Contractor’s personnel and administrative records and any tools, systems, and information used by the Contractor to perform the services under this Agreement, including computer software (object code and source code), know-how, methodologies, equipment, and processes and any related intellectual property (collectively,

“Work Product”) will be the exclusive property of the City and the City will have all right, title, and interest in any Work Product, including, without limitation, the right to secure and maintain any copyright, trademark, or patent of Work Product in the City’s name. No Work Product may be reproduced in any form without the City’s express written consent. The City may use and distribute any Work Product for any purpose the City deems appropriate without the Contractor’s consent and for no additional consideration to the Contractor.

P. Prohibition of Financial Interest in Agreement. No elected official or employee of the City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. For purposes of this provision, a financial interest held by the spouse, child, or parent of any elected official or employee of the City shall be deemed to be a financial interest of such elected official or employee 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 the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement without regard to the 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. If reformation is not possible, the unenforceable provision shall be fully severable. The remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if the unenforceable provision was never a part of the Agreement.

T. Survival of Certain Provisions. All representations, warranties, and obligations concerning records retention, inspections, audits, ownership, insurance, indemnification, payments, 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.

ARTICLE XIII – COUNTERPARTS

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

ARTICLE XIV - ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND DELIVERY

The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Agreement and any other document(s) attached to this Agreement delivered by email shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as

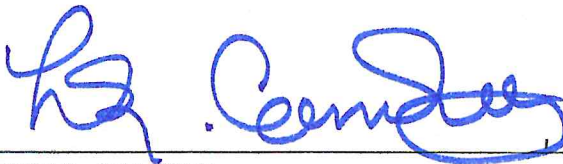
delivery of an originally signed copy of this Agreement. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a Party until such Party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON THE NEXT PAGE]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and McDermott Associates, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Agreement.

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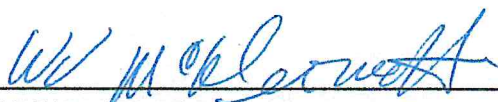
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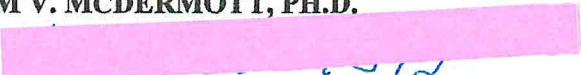
Executed on this 12th of June, 2023.

**FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:
LAW DEPARTMENT**

BY: 
PRINTED NAME: Tracy M. [unclear]

MCDERMOTT ASSOCIATES

BY: 
DR. WILLIAM V. MCDERMOTT, PH.D.


SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

[EXHIBITS FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]