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## CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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### TITLE

A CONTRACT BETWEEN

**THE CITY OF NASHUA, 229 MAIN STREET, CITY HALL, NASHUA, NH 03060**  
AND

**and its successors, transferees and assignees (together "Independent Contractor")**

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NAME AND TITLE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

WHEREAS, the City of Nashua, a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, from time to time requires the services of an Independent Contractor ; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the services of an Independent Contractor herein specified are both necessary and desirable and in the best interests of the City of Nashua; and

WHEREAS, Independent Contractor represents they are duly qualified, equipped, staffed, ready, willing and able to perform and render the services hereinafter described;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements herein made, the parties mutually agree as follows:

**1. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED.** The following exhibits are by this reference incorporated herein and are made part of this contract:

Exhibit A--General Conditions for Contracts  
Exhibit B--Scope of Services, Contract Time, Fee Schedule

The Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes prior negotiations, proposals, representations or agreements, either written or oral. Any other documents which are not listed in this Article are not part of the Contract.

In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Proposal and the terms of this Agreement, a written change order and/or fully executed City of Nashua Purchase Order, the terms of this Agreement, the written change order or the fully executed City of Nashua Purchase Order shall control over the terms of the Proposal.

**2. WORK TO BE PERFORMED** Except as otherwise provided in this contract, Independent Contractor shall furnish all services, equipment, and materials and shall perform all operations necessary and required to carry out and perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract the work described.

**3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.** Independent Contractor shall perform and complete all work within the time periods set forth and may only be altered by the parties by a written agreement to extend the period of performance or by termination in accordance with the terms of the contract. Independent Contractor shall begin performance upon receipt of an Executed Contract **and** a valid Purchase Order issued from the City of Nashua.

The term of the contract will be for **three (3) years** with first year commencing on or about **July 1, 2018 and terminating on June 30, 2021**. Each year is subject to annual budget appropriations and at the City of Nashua's sole discretion. A separate/amended purchase order shall be issued for each year of the contract.

**4. COMPENSATION.** Independent Contractor agrees to perform the work for a total cost not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ **Dollars (\$ )**

The Contract Sum shall include all items and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work.

Unless Independent Contractor has received a written exemption from the City of Nashua, Independent Contractor shall submit an itemized Application for Payment for operations completed in accordance with the values stated in the Agreement. Such applications shall be supported by such data substantiating the Independent Contractor's right to payment as the City of Nashua may reasonably require. Independent Contractor shall submit monthly requests for payment for services performed under this agreement directly to:

- Electronically via email to [VendorAPInvoices@NashuaNH.gov](mailto:VendorAPInvoices@NashuaNH.gov)

**OR**

- Paper Copies via US Mail to:

**City of Nashua, City Hall  
Accounts Payable  
229 Main Street  
Nashua, NH 03060**

***Please do not submit invoices both electronically and paper copy.***

In addition, and to facilitate the proper and timely payment of applications, the City of Nashua requires that all submitted invoices contain a valid **PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER**.

Applications for Payment shall be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each month. The City of Nashua will pay for work satisfactorily completed and accurately invoiced by Independent Contractor within thirty (30) days from the time of approval by the City of Nashua.

**5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CONTRACT.** This contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by the City of Nashua.

**6. NOTICES.** All notices, requests, or approvals required or permitted to be given under this contract shall be in writing, shall be sent by hand delivery, overnight carrier, or by United States mail, postage prepaid, and registered or certified, and shall be addressed to:

CITY OF NASHUA REPRESENTATIVE:

REPRESENTATIVE:

Division of Public Works, Engineering  
9 Riverside Street  
Nashua, NH 03062

Any notice required or permitted under this contract, if sent by United States mail, shall be deemed to be given to and received by the addressee thereof on the third business day after being deposited in the mail. The City of Nashua or Independent Contractor may change the address or representative by giving written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be signed and intend to be legally bound thereby.

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*City of Nashua, NH (signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*James Donchess, Mayor*  
*(Printed Name and Title)*

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*(Printed Name and Title)*

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*Date*

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*Date*

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## *General Terms and Conditions*

1. **DEFINITIONS** Unless otherwise required by the context, "Independent Contractor", and its successors, transferees and assignees (together "Independent Contractor") includes any of the Independent Contractor's consultants, sub consultants, contractors, and subcontractors
2. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS** The parties agree that Independent Contractor shall have the status of and shall perform all work under this contract as a Independent Contractor, maintaining control over all its consultants, sub consultants, contractors, or subcontractors. The only contractual relationship created by this contract is between the City of Nashua and Independent Contractor, and nothing in this contract shall create any contractual relationship between the City of Nashua and Independent Contractor's consultants, sub consultants, contractors, or subcontractors. The parties also agree that Independent Contractor is not a City of Nashua employee and that there shall be no:
  - (1) Withholding of income taxes by the City of Nashua;
  - (2) Industrial insurance coverage provided by the City of Nashua;
  - (3) Participation in group insurance plans which may be available to employees of the City of Nashua;
  - (4) Participation or contributions by either the Independent Contractor or the City of Nashua to the public employee's retirement system;
  - (5) Accumulation of vacation leave or sick leave provided by the City of Nashua;
  - (6) Unemployment compensation coverage provided by the City of Nashua.
3. **STANDARD OF CARE** Independent Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and coordination of all work performed under this contract. Independent Contractor warrants that all work shall be performed with the degree of professional skill, care, diligence, and sound practices and judgment that are normally exercised by recognized professional firms with respect to services of a similar nature. It shall be the duty of Independent Contractor to assure at its own expense that all work is technically sound and in conformance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, orders, or other requirements. In addition to all other rights which the City of Nashua may have, Independent Contractor shall, at its own expense and without additional compensation, re-perform work to correct or revise any deficiencies, omissions, or errors in the work or the product of the work or which result from Independent Contractor's failure to perform in accordance with this standard of care. Any approval by the City of Nashua of any products or services furnished or used by Independent Contractor shall not in any way relieve Independent Contractor of the responsibility for professional and technical accuracy and adequacy of its work. City of Nashua review, approval, or acceptance of, or payment for any of Independent Contractor's work under this contract shall not operate as a waiver of any of the City of Nashua's rights or causes of action under this contract, and Independent Contractor shall be and remain liable in accordance with the terms of the contract and applicable law.

Independent Contractor shall furnish competent and skilled personnel to perform the work under this contract. The City of Nashua reserves the right to approve key personnel assigned by Independent Contractor to perform work under this contract. Approved key personnel shall not be taken off of the project by Independent Contractor without the prior written approval of the City of Nashua, except in the event of termination of employment. Independent Contractor shall, if requested to do so by the City of Nashua, remove from the job any personnel whom the City of Nashua determines to be incompetent, dishonest, or uncooperative.

4. **CITY OF NASHUA REPRESENTATIVE** The City of Nashua may designate a City of Nashua representative for this contract. If designated, all notices, project materials, requests by Independent Contractor, and any other communication about the contract shall be addressed or be delivered to the City of Nashua Representative.
5. **CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK** The City of Nashua may, at any time, by written order, make changes to the general scope, character, or cost of this contract and in the services or work to be performed, either increasing or decreasing the scope, character, or cost of Independent Contractor's performance under the contract. Independent Contractor shall provide to the City of Nashua within 10 calendar days, a written proposal for accomplishing the change. The proposal for a change shall provide enough detail, including personnel hours for each sub-task and cost breakdowns of tasks, for the City of Nashua to be able to adequately analyze the proposal. The City of Nashua will then determine in writing if Independent Contractor should proceed with any or all of the proposed change. If the change causes an increase or a decrease in Independent Contractor's cost or time required for performance of the contract as a whole, an equitable adjustment shall be made and the contract accordingly modified in writing. Any claim of Independent Contractor for adjustment under this clause shall be asserted in writing within 30 days of the date the City of Nashua notified Independent Contractor of the change.

When Independent Contractor seeks changes, Independent Contractor shall, before any work commences, estimate their effect on the cost of the contract and on its schedule and notify the City of Nashua in writing of the estimate. The proposal for a change shall provide enough detail, including personnel hours for each sub-task and cost breakdowns of tasks, for the City of Nashua to be able to adequately analyze the proposal. The City of Nashua will then determine in writing if Independent Contractor should proceed with any or all of the proposed change.

Except as provided in this paragraph, Independent Contractor shall implement no change unless the City of Nashua in writing approves the change. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the provisions of this contract shall apply to all changes. The City of Nashua may provide verbal approval of a change when the City of Nashua, in its sole discretion, determines that time is critical or public health and safety are of concern. Any verbal approval shall be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable. Any change undertaken without prior City of Nashua approval shall not be compensated and is, at the City of Nashua's election, sufficient reason for contract termination.

6. **CITY OF NASHUA COOPERATION** The City of Nashua agrees that its personnel will cooperate with Independent Contractor in the performance of its work under this contract and that such personnel will be available to Independent Contractor for consultation at reasonable times and after being given sufficient advance notice that will prevent conflict with their other responsibilities. The City of Nashua also agrees to provide Independent Contractor with access to City of Nashua records in a reasonable time and manner and to schedule items that require action by the Board of Public Works and Finance Committee in a timely manner. The City of Nashua and Independent Contractor also agree to attend all meetings called by the City of Nashua or Independent Contractor to discuss the work under the Contract, and that Independent Contractor may elect to conduct and record such meetings and shall later distribute prepared minutes of the meeting to the City of Nashua.
7. **DISCOVERY OF CONFLICTS, ERRORS, OMISSIONS, AMBIGUITIES, OR DISCREPANCIES** Independent Contractor warrants that it has examined all contract documents, has brought all conflicts, errors, discrepancies, and ambiguities to the attention of the City of Nashua in writing, and has concluded that the City of Nashua's resolution of each matter is satisfactory to Independent Contractor. All future questions Independent Contractor may have concerning interpretation or clarification of this contract shall be submitted in writing to the City of Nashua within 10 calendar days of their arising. The writing shall state clearly and in full detail the basis for Independent Contractor's question or position. The City of Nashua representative shall render

a decision within 15 calendar days. The City of Nashua's decision on the matter is final. Any work affected by a conflict, error, omission, or discrepancy which has been performed by Independent Contractor prior to having received the City of Nashua's resolution shall be at Independent Contractor's risk and expense. At all times, Independent Contractor shall carry on the work under this contract and maintain and complete work in accordance with the requirements of the contract or determination of the City of Nashua. Independent Contractor is responsible for requesting clarification or interpretation and is solely liable for any cost or expense arising from its failure to do so.

## 8. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

**A. TERMINATION, ABANDONMENT, OR SUSPENSION AT WILL.** The City of Nashua, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to terminate, abandon, or suspend all or part of the project and contract at will. If the City of Nashua chooses to terminate, abandon, or suspend all or part of the project, it shall provide Independent Contractor 10 day's written notice of its intent to do so.

If all or part of the project is suspended for more than 90 days, the suspension shall be treated as a termination at will of all or part of the project and contract.

Upon receipt of notice of termination, abandonment, or suspension at will, Independent Contractor shall:

1. Immediately discontinue work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice.
2. Place no further orders or subcontracts for materials, services, or facilities, other than as may be necessary or required for completion of such portion of work under the contract that is not terminated.
3. Immediately make every reasonable effort to obtain cancellation upon terms satisfactory to the City of Nashua of all orders or subcontracts to the extent they relate to the performance of work terminated, abandoned, or suspended under the notice, assign to the City of Nashua any orders or subcontracts specified in the notice, and revoke agreements specified in the notice.
4. Not resume work after the effective date of a notice of suspension until receipt of a written notice from the City of Nashua to resume performance.

In the event of a termination, abandonment, or suspension at will, Independent Contractor shall receive all amounts due and not previously paid to Independent Contractor for work satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract prior to the date of the notice and compensation for work thereafter completed as specified in the notice. No amount shall be allowed or paid for anticipated profit on unperformed services or other unperformed work.

**B. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE** This agreement may be terminated by the City of Nashua on 10 calendar day's written notice to Independent Contractor in the event of a failure by Independent Contractor to adhere to any or all the terms and conditions of the contract or for failure to satisfactorily, in the sole opinion of the City of Nashua, to complete or make sufficient progress on the work in a timely and professional manner. Independent Contractor shall be given an opportunity for consultation with the City of Nashua prior to the effective date of the termination. Independent Contractor may terminate the contract on 10 calendar days written notice if, through no fault of Independent Contractor, the City of Nashua fails to pay Independent Contractor for 45 days after the date of approval by the City of Nashua of any Application for Payment.

Upon receipt of notice of termination for cause, Independent Contractor shall:

1. Immediately discontinue work on the date and to the extent specified in the notice.
2. Provide the City of Nashua with a list of all unperformed services.

3. Place no further orders or sub-contracts for materials, services, or facilities, other than as may be necessary or required for completion of such portion of work under the contract that is not terminated.
4. Immediately make every reasonable effort to obtain cancellation upon terms satisfactory to the City of Nashua of all orders or sub contracts to the extent they relate to the performance of work terminated, abandoned, or suspended under the notice, assign to the City of Nashua any orders or sub contracts specified in the notice, and revoke agreements specified in the notice.
5. Not resume work after the effective date of a notice of termination unless and until receipt of a written notice from the City of Nashua to resume performance.

In the event of a termination for cause, Independent Contractor shall receive all amounts due and not previously paid to Independent Contractor for work satisfactorily completed in accordance with the contract prior to the date of the notice, less all previous payments. No amount shall be allowed or paid for anticipated profit on unperformed services or other unperformed work. Any such payment may be adjusted to the extent of any additional costs occasioned to the City of Nashua by reasons of Independent Contractor's failure. Independent Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the City of Nashua for damages sustained from the failure, and the City of Nashua may withhold any payment to the Independent Contractor until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the City of Nashua is determined. All claims for payment by the Independent Contractor must be submitted to the City of Nashua within 30 days of the effective date of the notice of termination.

If after termination for the failure of Independent Contractor to adhere to any of the terms and conditions of the contract or for failure to satisfactorily, in the sole opinion of the City of Nashua, to complete or make sufficient progress on the work in a timely and professional manner, it is determined that Independent Contractor had not so failed, the termination shall be deemed to have been a termination at will. In that event, the City of Nashua shall, if necessary, make an adjustment in the compensation paid to Independent Contractor such that Independent Contractor receives total compensation in the same amount as it would have received in the event of a termination-at-will.

**C. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TERMINATION** Upon termination of the contract, the City of Nashua may take over the work and prosecute it to completion by agreement with another party or otherwise. In the event Independent Contractor shall cease conducting business, the City of Nashua shall have the right to solicit applications for employment from any employee of the Independent Contractor assigned to the performance of the contract.

Neither party shall be considered in default of the performance of its obligations hereunder to the extent that performance of such obligations is prevented or delayed by any cause, existing or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of such party. Delays arising from the actions or inactions of one or more of Independent Contractor's principals, officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, consultants, vendors, or suppliers are expressly recognized to be within Independent Contractor's control.

9. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION** The parties shall attempt to resolve any dispute related to this contract as follows. Either party shall provide to the other party, in writing and with full documentation to verify and substantiate its decision, its stated position concerning the dispute. No dispute shall be considered submitted and no dispute shall be valid under this provision unless and until the submitting party has delivered the written statement of its position and full documentation to the other party. The parties shall then attempt to resolve the dispute through good faith efforts and negotiation between the City of Nashua Representative and a Independent Contractor Representative. At all times, Independent Contractor shall carry on the work under this contract and maintain and complete work in accordance with the requirements of the contract or determination or direction of the City of Nashua. If the parties are unable to resolve their dispute



as described above within 30 days, the parties may request that the dispute be submitted to the Board of Public Works for resolution. If the parties are dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Public Works, the parties' reserve the right to pursue any available legal and/or equitable remedies for any breaches of this contract except as that right may be limited by the terms of this contract.

10. **NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY** Apart from a written extension of time, no payment, compensation, or adjustment of any kind shall be made to Independent Contractor for damages because of hindrances or delays in the progress of the work from any cause, and Independent Contractor agrees to accept in full satisfaction of such hindrances and delays any extension of time that the City of Nashua may provide.

11. **INSURANCE** Independent Contractor shall carry and maintain in effect during the performance of services under this contract:

- General Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 aggregate;
- \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Automobile Liability;  
**\*Coverage must include all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles.**
- and Workers' Compensation Coverage in compliance with the State of New Hampshire statutes, \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000.

Independent Contractor shall maintain in effect at all times during the performance under this contract all specified insurance coverage with insurers. None of the requirements as to types and limits to be maintained by Independent Contractor are intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by Independent Contractor under this contract. The City of Nashua shall not maintain any insurance on behalf of Independent Contractor. Subcontractors are subject to the same insurance requirements as Independent Contractor and it shall be the Independent Contractor's responsibility to ensure compliance of this requirement.

Independent Contractor will provide the City of Nashua with certificates of insurance for coverage as listed below and endorsements affecting coverage required by the contract within ten calendar days after the City of Nashua issues the notice of award. The City of Nashua requires thirty days written notice of cancellation or material change in coverage. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer and who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. **General Liability and Auto Liability policies must name the City of Nashua as an additional insured** and reflect on the certificate of insurance. Independent Contractor is responsible for filing updated certificates of insurance with the City of Nashua's Risk Management Department during the life of the contract.

- All deductibles and self-insured retentions shall be fully disclosed in the certificate(s) of insurance.
- If aggregate limits of less than \$2,000,000 are imposed on bodily injury and property damage, Independent Contractor must maintain umbrella liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000. All aggregates must be fully disclosed on the required certificate of insurance.
- The specified insurance requirements do not relieve Independent Contractor of its responsibilities or limit the amount of its liability to the City of Nashua or other persons, and Independent Contractor is encouraged to purchase such additional insurance, as it deems necessary.
- The insurance provided herein is primary, and no insurance held or owned by the City of Nashua shall be called upon to contribute to a loss.

- Independent Contractor is responsible for and required to remedy all damage or loss to any property, including property of the City of Nashua, caused in whole or part by Independent Contractor or anyone employed, directed, or supervised by Independent Contractor



12. **INDEMNIFICATION** Regardless of any coverage provided by any insurance, Independent Contractor agrees to indemnify and shall defend and hold harmless the City of Nashua, its agents, officials, employees and authorized representatives and their employees from and against any and all suits, causes of action, legal or administrative proceedings, arbitrations, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, interest, attorney's fees, costs and expenses of any kind or nature in any manner caused, occasioned, or contributed to in whole or in part by reason of any negligent act, omission, or fault or willful misconduct, whether active or passive, of Independent Contractor or of anyone acting under its direction or control or on its behalf in connection with or incidental to the performance of this contract. Independent Contractor's indemnity, defense and hold harmless obligations, or portions thereof, shall not apply to liability caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the party indemnified or held harmless.

13. **FISCAL CONTINGENCY** All payments under this contract are contingent upon the availability to the City of Nashua of the necessary funds. This contract shall terminate and the City of Nashua's obligations under it shall be extinguished at the end of any fiscal year in which the City of Nashua fails to appropriate monies for the ensuing fiscal year sufficient for the performance of this contract.

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to provide Independent Contractor with a right of payment over any other entity. Any funds obligated by the City of Nashua under this contract that are not paid to Independent Contractor shall automatically revert to the City of Nashua's discretionary control upon the completion, termination, or cancellation of the agreement. The City of Nashua shall not have any obligation to re-award or to provide, in any manner, the unexpended funds to Independent Contractor. Independent Contractor shall have no claim of any sort to the unexpended funds.

14. **COMPENSATION** Review by the City of Nashua of Independent Contractor's submitted monthly invoice forms and progress reports for payment will be promptly accomplished by the City of Nashua. If there is insufficient information, the City of Nashua may require Independent Contractor to submit additional information. Unless the City of Nashua, in its sole discretion, decides otherwise, the City of Nashua shall pay Independent Contractor in full within **30 days of approval** of the submitted monthly invoice forms and progress reports.

15. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS** Independent Contractor, at all times, shall fully and completely comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, orders, or requirements of any sort in carrying out the obligations of this contract, including, but not limited to, all federal, state, and local accounting procedures and requirements, all immigration and naturalization laws, and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Independent Contractor shall, throughout the period services are to be performed under this contract, monitor for any changes to the applicable laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, orders, or requirements, shall promptly notify the City of Nashua in writing of any changes to the same relating to or affecting this contract, and shall submit detailed documentation of any effect of the change in terms of both time and cost of performing the contract.

16. **NONDISCRIMINATION** If applicable or required under any federal or state law, statute, regulation, order, or other requirement, Independent Contractor agrees to the following terms. Independent Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. Independent Contractor agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, or to otherwise treat qualified, handicapped individuals without

discrimination based upon physical or mental handicap in all employment practices, including but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Without limitation of the foregoing, Independent Contractor's attention is directed to Title 41 "Public Contracts and Property Management" C.F.R. Subtitle B "Other Provisions Relating to Public Contracts" Section 60 "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment, Department of Labor" which, by this reference, is incorporated in this contract.

Independent Contractor agrees to assist disadvantaged business enterprises in obtaining business opportunities by identifying and encouraging disadvantaged suppliers, consultants, and sub consultants to participate to the extent possible, consistent with their qualification, quality of work, and obligation of Independent Contractor under this contract.

In connection with the performance of work under this contract, Independent Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, or sexual orientation. This agreement includes, but is not 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.

Independent Contractor agrees, if applicable, to insert these provisions in all subcontracts, except for subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. Any violation of any applicable provision by Independent Contractor shall constitute a material breach of the contract.

17. **ENDORSEMENT** Independent Contractor shall seal and/or stamp and sign professional documents including drawings, plans, maps, reports, specifications, and other instruments of service prepared by Independent Contractor or under its direction as required under the laws of the State of New Hampshire.
18. **ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, DELEGATION, OR SUBCONTRACTING** Independent Contractor shall not assign, transfer, delegate, or subcontract any rights, obligations, or duties under this contract without the prior written consent of the City of Nashua. Any such assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontracting without the prior written consent of the City of Nashua is void. Any consent of the City of Nashua to any assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontracting shall only apply to the incidents expressed and provided for in the written consent and shall not be deemed to be a consent to any subsequent assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontracting. Any such assignment, transfer, delegation, or subcontract shall require compliance with or shall incorporate all terms and conditions set forth in this agreement, including all incorporated Exhibits and written amendments or modifications. Subject to the foregoing provisions, the contract inures to the benefit of, and is binding upon, the successors and assigns of the parties.
19. **CITY INSPECTION OF CONTRACT MATERIALS** The books, records, documents and accounting procedures and practices of Independent Contractor related to this contract shall be subject to inspection, examination and audit by the City of Nashua, including, but not limited to, the contracting agency, the Board of Public Works, Corporation Counsel, and, if applicable, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any authorized representative of those entities.
20. **DISPOSITION OF CONTRACT MATERIALS** Any books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials, including but not limited to those contained in media of any sort (e.g., electronic, magnetic, digital) prepared by or supplied to Independent Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this contract shall be the exclusive property of the City of Nashua and all such materials shall be remitted and delivered, at Independent

Contractor's expense, by Independent Contractor to the City of Nashua upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this contract. Alternatively, if the City of Nashua provides its written approval to Independent Contractor, any books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials including but not limited to those contained in media of any sort (e.g., electronic, magnetic, digital) prepared by or supplied to Independent Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this contract must be retained by Independent Contractor for a minimum of four years after final payment is made and all other pending matters are closed. If, at any time during the retention period, the City of Nashua, in writing, requests any or all of the materials, then Independent Contractor shall promptly remit and deliver the materials, at Independent Contractor's expense, to the City of Nashua. Independent Contractor shall not use, willingly allow or cause to have such materials used for any purpose other than the performance of Independent Contractor's obligations under this contract without the prior written consent of the City of Nashua.

21. **PUBLIC RECORDS LAW, COPYRIGHTS, AND PATENTS** Independent Contractor expressly agrees that all documents ever submitted, filed, or deposited with the City of Nashua by Independent Contractor (including those remitted to the City of Nashua by Independent Contractor pursuant to paragraph 20), unless designated as confidential by a specific statute of the State of New Hampshire, shall be treated as public records and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person, or any governmental entity.

No books, reports, studies, photographs, negatives or other documents, data, drawings or other materials including but not limited to those contained in media of any sort (e.g., electronic, magnetic, digital) prepared by or supplied to Independent Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this contract shall be the subject of any application for a copyright or patent by or on behalf of Independent Contractor. The City of Nashua shall have the right to reproduce any such materials.

Independent Contractor expressly and indefinitely waives all of its rights to bring, including but not limited to, by way of complaint, interpleader, intervention, or any third party practice, any claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, or executions, for damages or any other relief, in any administrative or judicial forum, against the City of Nashua or any of its officers or employees, in either their official or individual capacity of the City of Nashua, for violations of or infringement of the copyright or patent laws of the United States or of any other nation. Independent Contractor agrees to indemnify, to defend, and to hold harmless the City of Nashua, its representatives, and employees from any claim or action seeking to impose liability, costs, and attorney fees incurred as a result of or in connection with any claim, whether rightful or otherwise, that any material prepared by or supplied to Independent Contractor infringes any copyright or that any equipment, material, or process (or any part thereof) specified by Independent Contractor infringes any patent.

Independent Contractor shall have the right, in order to avoid such claims or actions, to substitute at its expense non-infringing materials, concepts, products, or processes, or to modify such infringing materials, concepts, products, or processes so they become non-infringing, or to obtain the necessary licenses to use the infringing materials, concepts, products, or processes, provided that such substituted or modified materials, concepts, products, or processes shall meet all the requirements and be subject to all the terms and conditions of this contract.

22. **FINAL ACCEPTANCE** Upon completion of all work under the contract, Independent Contractor shall notify the City of Nashua in writing of the date of the completion of the work and request confirmation of the completion from the City of Nashua. Upon receipt of the notice, the City of Nashua shall confirm to Independent Contractor in writing that the whole of the work was completed on the date indicated in the notice or provide Independent Contractor with a written

list of work not completed. With respect to work listed by the City of Nashua as incomplete, Independent Contractor shall promptly complete the work and the final acceptance procedure shall be repeated. The date of final acceptance of a project by the City of Nashua shall be the date upon which the Board of Public Works or other designated official accepts and approves the notice of completion.

23. **TAXES** Independent Contractor shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work performed under the contract and make any and all payroll deductions required by law. The contract sum and agreed variations to it shall include all taxes imposed by law. Independent Contractor hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the City of Nashua from any liability on account of any and all such taxes, levies, duties, assessments, and deductions.
24. **NON-WAIVER OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS** None of the terms and conditions of this contract shall be considered waived by the City of Nashua. There shall be no waiver of any past or future default, breach, or modification of any of the terms and conditions of the contract unless expressly stipulated to by the City of Nashua in a written waiver.
25. **RIGHTS AND REMEDIES** The duties and obligations imposed by the contract and the rights and remedies available under the contract shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights, and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law.
26. **PROHIBITED INTERESTS** Independent Contractor shall not allow any officer or employee of the City of Nashua to have any indirect or direct interest in this contract or the proceeds of this contract. Independent Contractor warrants that no officer or employee of the City of Nashua has any direct or indirect interest, whether contractual, noncontractual, financial or otherwise, in this contract or in the business of Independent Contractor. If any such interest comes to the attention of Independent Contractor at any time, a full and complete disclosure of the interest shall be immediately made in writing to the City of Nashua. Independent Contractor also warrants that it presently has no interest and that it will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this contract. Independent Contractor further warrants that no person having such an interest shall be employed in the performance of this contract. If City of Nashua determines that a conflict exists and was not disclosed to the City of Nashua, it may terminate the contract at will or for cause in accordance with paragraph 8.

In the event Independent Contractor (or any of its officers, partners, principals, or employees acting with its authority) is convicted of a crime involving a public official arising out or in connection with the procurement of work to be done or payments to be made under this contract, City of Nashua may terminate the contract at will or for cause in accordance with paragraph 8. Upon termination, Independent Contractor shall refund to the City of Nashua any profits realized under this contract, and Independent Contractor shall be liable to the City of Nashua for any costs incurred by the City of Nashua in completing the work described in this contract. At the discretion of the City of Nashua, these sanctions shall also be applicable to any such conviction obtained after the expiration or completion of the contract.

Independent Contractor warrants that no gratuities (including, but not limited to, entertainment or gifts) were offered or given by Independent Contractor to any officer or employee of the City of Nashua with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this contract. If City of Nashua determines that such gratuities were or offered or given, it may terminate the contract at will or for cause in accordance with paragraph 8.

The rights and remedies of this section shall in no way be considered for be construed as a waiver of any other rights or remedies available to the City of Nashua under this contract or at law.

27. **THIRD PARTY INTERESTS AND LIABILITIES** The City of Nashua and Independent Contractor, including any of their respective agents or employees, shall not be liable to third parties for any act or omission of the other party. This contract is not intended to create any rights, powers, or interest in any third party and this agreement is entered into for the exclusive benefit of the City of Nashua and Independent Contractor.
28. **SURVIVAL OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS** The rights and obligations of the parties that by their nature survive termination or completion of this contract shall remain in full force and effect.
29. **SEVERABILITY** In the event that any provision of this contract is rendered invalid or unenforceable by any valid act of Congress or of the New Hampshire legislature or any court of competent jurisdiction, or is found to be in violation of state statutes or regulations, the invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this contract shall not affect any other provision, the contract shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions were omitted, and the parties may renegotiate the invalid or unenforceable provisions for sole purpose of rectifying the invalidity or unenforceability.
30. **MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT** This contract constitutes the entire contract between the City of Nashua and Independent Contractor. The parties shall not be bound by or be liable for any statement, representation, promise, inducement, or understanding of any kind or nature not set forth in this contract. No changes, amendments, or modifications of any terms or conditions of the contract shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
31. **CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE** This contract shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of New Hampshire and any claim or action brought relating to this contract, the work performed or contracted to be performed thereunder, or referable in anyway thereto shall be brought in Hillsborough County (New Hampshire) Superior Court Southern Judicial District or in the New Hampshire 9th Circuit Court—Nashua and not elsewhere.