

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
URBAN TREE FOUNDATION, INC.**

This Agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 2023, by and between the City of Visalia, hereinafter referred to as the "CITY", and Urban Tree Foundation, Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "CONSULTANT".

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the CITY is authorized and empowered to employ consultants and specialists in the performance of its duties and functions; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has the desire to secure certain technical and professional services to assist in the preparation and completion of the items of work described as "Scope of Work" in Exhibit "A", and hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT"; and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT represents it is licensed, qualified and willing to provide such services pursuant to terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, CITY and CONSULTANT agree as follows:

I. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CONSULTANT

- A. Authorized Scope of Work: The CONSULTANT agrees to perform all work necessary to complete in a manner satisfactory to the CITY those tasks described in Exhibit "A" - Scope of Work, for the cost identified in Exhibit "B" – Schedule of Fees for Professional Services.
- B. Additional Services: Incidental work related to the PROJECT and not provided for in Exhibit "A" may be needed during the performance of this Agreement. The CONSULTANT agrees to provide any and all additional services at the rates identified in attached Exhibit "B" – Consultant Schedule of Fees for Professional Services. Such additional services shall not be performed by CONSULTANT without the written consent of CITY.

II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

The CONSULTANT shall commence performance of this Agreement within ten (10) days of the effective date on the Consultant's written Notice to Proceed and shall complete the work within the timeframes outlined in Exhibit "A", unless otherwise extended in writing by CITY, in its sole discretion. The term of this agreement is two years from the date of execution. There shall be three extensions available of one (1) year at the City's and Consultants mutual agreement for a maximum of five (5) years.

If the CONSULTANT fails to complete the PROJECT within the time specified, plus any extensions of time which may be granted, the CITY shall determine the percent of each work item completed and shall pay the CONSULTANT on that basis.

CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for delays which are due to causes beyond the CONSULTANT's reasonable control. In the case of any such delay, the time of completion shall be extended accordingly in a writing signed by both parties.

III. COMPENSATION

- A. Total Compensation: For services performed pursuant to this Agreement, the CITY agrees to pay and the CONSULTANT agrees to accept, 90.00per hour for time actually worked. This amount shall constitute complete compensation, including document production and out-of-pocket expenses for all services for the work and PROJECT identified in Exhibits "A" and "B". The maximum payment under this agreement shall not exceed \$150,000 per year without the prior written approval of the CITY.
- B. Payment of Compensation: The CONSULTANT shall be compensated no more than monthly basis. Said billing shall include the percentage of each task completed to date and since the date of the preceding billing, if any. Project Managers must sign off on monthly time.

IV. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

- A. CITY: The CIP Engineering Division shall represent the CITY in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered under this Agreement, except where approval of the City Council of the City of Visalia is specifically required.
- B. CONSULTANT: Urban Tree Foundation Inc. shall represent and act as principle for CONSULTANT in all matters pertaining to the services to be rendered by it under this Agreement.

V. TERMINATION

The right to terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, may be exercised without prejudice to any other right or remedy to which the terminating party may be entitled at law or under this Agreement.

- A. Termination By Either Party Without Cause: The CITY or CONSULTANT may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination.
- B. Termination of Agreement for Cause: The CITY may by written notice to the CONSULTANT specifying the effective date thereof, at least fifteen (15) days before the effective date of such termination, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement in any of the following circumstances:
 - 1. If the CONSULTANT fails to perform the services called for by this Agreement within time(s) specified herein or any extension thereof; or
 - 2. If the CONSULTANT fails to make progress under this Agreement as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and does not correct such failure within a period of fifteen (15) days (or longer period as the CITY may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from the CITY specifying such failure.

C. Post-Termination:

1. In the event the CITY terminates this Agreement with or without cause, the CITY may procure, upon such terms and such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.
2. Except with respect to defaults of sub-consultants, the CONSULTANT shall not be liable for any excess costs if the failure to perform this Agreement arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the CONSULTANT. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of the public enemy, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, and unusually severe weather; but in the event the failure to perform is caused by the default of a sub-consultant, the CONSULTANT shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the services to be furnished by the sub-consultant were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time and within budgeted resources to permit the CONSULTANT to meet the required delivery schedule or other performance requirements.
3. Should the Agreement be terminated with or without cause, the CONSULTANT shall provide the CITY with all finished and unfinished documents, data, studies, services, drawings, maps, models, photographs, reports, etc., prepared by the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement.
4. Upon termination, with or without cause, CONSULTANT will be compensated for the services satisfactorily completed to the date of termination according to compensation provisions contained herein. In no event, shall the total compensation paid CONSULTANT exceed the total compensation agreed to herein.
5. If, after notice of termination of this Agreement, as provided for in this article, it is determined for any reason that the CONSULTANT was not in default under the provisions of this article, then the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the Agreement was terminated without cause.
6. Termination of this Agreement shall not terminate any obligation to indemnify, to maintain and make available any records pertaining to the Agreement, to cooperate with any audit, to be subject to offset, or to make any reports of pre-termination activities.

VI. INTEREST OF OFFICIALS AND THE CONSULTANT

- A. No officer, member, or employee of the CITY who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of this Agreement shall:
1. Participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which effects his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he has, directly or indirectly, any interest; or
 2. Have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof during his tenure or for one year thereafter.

- B. The CONSULTANT hereby covenants that he has, at the time of the execution of this Agreement, no interest, and that he shall not acquire any interest in the future, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. The CONSULTANT further covenants that in the performance of this work, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

IX NO PERSONNEL, AGENCY OR COMMISSION

The CONSULTANT warrants, by execution of this Agreement, that no personnel agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the CONSULTANT for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the CITY shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from this Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or contingent fee.

X. SUBCONTRACTING

- A. The CONSULTANT shall not subcontract or otherwise assign any portion of the work to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the CITY.
- B. In no event shall the CONSULTANT subcontract work in excess of 50% of the contract amount, excluding specialized services. Specialized services are those items not ordinarily furnished by a consultant performing the particular type of project.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

In the performance of the services herein provided for, the CONSULTANT shall be, and is, an independent contractor and is not an agent or employee of the CITY. The CONSULTANT has and shall retain the right to exercise full control and supervision of all persons assisting the CONSULTANT in the performance of said services hereunder. The CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for all matters relating to the payment of its employees including compliance with social security and income tax withholding and all other regulations governing such matters.

XII. SPECIFICATIONS

All specifications, manuals, standards, etc., either attached to this Agreement or incorporated by reference, are binding as to the performance of the work specified in this Agreement unless they are changed by written amendment to this Agreement modified in writing to incorporate such changes.

XIII. DOCUMENTS/DATA

- A. Ownership of Documents: All original papers and documents, produced as a result of this Agreement, shall become the property of the CITY. In addition, CITY shall be provided with access and use of any other papers and documents consistent with the purpose and scope of services covered by this Agreement. Any additional copies, not otherwise provided for herein, shall be the responsibility of the CITY.

Documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement, are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by CITY or

others on extensions of the PROJECT or on any other project. Any use of the completed documents for other projects and any use of incomplete documents without the specific written authorization from CONSULTANT will be at CITY's sole risk and without liability to CONSULTANT. Further, any and all liability arising out of changes made to CONSULTANT's deliverables under this Agreement by CITY or persons other than CONSULTANT is waived as against CONSULTANT, and the CITY assumes full responsibility for such changes unless the CITY has given CONSULTANT prior notice and has received from CONSULTANT written consent for such changes.

- B. Publication: No report, information, or other data given or prepared or assembled by the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement, shall be made available to any individual or organization by the CONSULTANT without the prior written approval of the CITY. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the CONSULTANT shall not be required to protect or hold in confidence and confidential information which (1) is or becomes available to the public with the prior written consent of the CITY; (2) must be disclosed to comply with law; or (3) must be disclosed in connection with any legal proceedings.
- C. Copyrights: The CONSULTANT shall be free to copyright material developed under this Agreement with the provision that the CITY be given a nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the material for government or public purposes. Should CONSULTANT place a copyright notice on documents it must state, "City of Visalia holds a nonexclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use the material for government or public purposes."

XIV. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

As respects acts, errors, or omissions in the performance of services, CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CITY, its elected and appointed officers, and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, reasonable defense costs, or liability, whether actual, alleged, or threatened, that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONSULTANT in the performance of his/her services under the terms of this Agreement, except to the extent those arise out of the negligence of CITY.

- A. CITY agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, and designated volunteers from and against any and all losses, defense costs, or liability to the extent arising out of CITY'S negligent acts, errors or omissions in the performance of this Agreement.
- B. As respects all acts or omissions which do not arise directly out of the performance of services, including but not limited to those acts or omissions normally covered by general and automobile liability insurance, CONSULTANT agrees to indemnify, defend (at CITY's option), and hold harmless CITY, its elected and appointed officers, agents, employees, representatives, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, reasonable defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with CONSULTANT's (or CONSULTANT's subcontractors, if any) performance or failure to perform, under the terms of this Agreement; except to the extent those which arise out of the negligence of CITY.

- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, neither the CITY nor the CONSULTANT, their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, contractors or subconsultants shall be liable to the other or shall make any claim for any remote or speculative breach of contract damages that the breaching party could not have reasonably foreseen when entering into this Agreement. To the extent this Agreement is considered a "Construction Contract" as defined by California Civil Code section 2783, CONSULTANT's duty to indemnify CITY under this or any other provision of the Agreement shall not apply when to do so would be prohibited by California Civil Code section 2782.
- D. Without limiting CITY's right to indemnification, it is agreed that CONSULTANT shall secure prior to commencing any activities under this Agreement, and maintain during the term of this Agreement, insurance coverage as follows:
1. Workers' compensation insurance as required by California statutes.
 2. Commercial general liability insurance with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage for Premises and Operations, Contractual Liability, Personal Injury Liability, Products and Completed Operations Liability, Broad Form Property Damage (if applicable), Independent Contractor's Liability (if applicable).
 3. Professional liability insurance coverage, in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).
 4. Comprehensive Automobile Liability coverage with a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. Such insurance shall include coverage for owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles and shall be provided by a business automobile policy.
- E. CITY'S Risk Manager is hereby authorized to reduce the requirements set forth above in the event he/she determines that such reduction is in the CITY'S best interest.
- F. CONSULTANT agrees to provide thirty (30) days written notice of any policy cancellation, limitation in scope or coverage, or non-renewal. Such notice shall be provided to the, City of Visalia, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291.

In addition, the commercial general liability and comprehensive automobile liability policies required by this Agreement shall contain the following clauses:

"It is agreed that any insurance maintained by the City of Visalia shall apply in excess of and not contribute with insurance provided by this policy."

"The City of Visalia, its officers, agents, employees, representatives and volunteers are added as additional insureds as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of the named insured, performed under contract with the City of Visalia."

- G. Prior to commencing any work under this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall deliver to CITY insurance certificates confirming the existence of the insurance required by this Agreement, and including the applicable clauses referenced above. Within thirty (30) days of the execution date of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall provide to CITY

endorsements to the above-required policies, which add to these policies the applicable clauses referenced above. Said endorsements shall be signed by an authorized representative of the insurance company and shall include the signatory's company affiliation and title. Should it be deemed necessary by CITY, it shall be CONSULTANT's responsibility to see that CITY receives documentation acceptable to CITY which sustains that the individual signing said endorsements is indeed authorized to do so by the insurance company. CITY has the right to demand, and to receive within a reasonable time period, copies of any insurance policies required under this Agreement.

- H. In addition to any other remedies CITY may have if CONSULTANT fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, CITY may, at its sole option:
1. Obtain such insurance and deduct and retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement; or
 2. Order CONSULTANT to stop work under this Agreement and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to CONSULTANT hereunder until CONSULTANT demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; or
 3. Terminate this Agreement.

Exercise of any of the above remedies, however, is an alternative to other remedies CITY may have and is not the exclusive remedy for CONSULTANT's failure to maintain insurance or secure appropriate endorsements.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which CONSULTANT may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property resulting from CONSULTANT's or its subcontractor's performance of the work covered under this Agreement.

XV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONSULTANT and all subcontractors shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Agreement. The CONSULTANT shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Agreement, which may result in the termination of this Agreement.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Firearms Prohibited: Guns may not be carried by contractors/vendors/consultants while working on City of Visalia premises without the expressed written approval of a City of Visalia Department Head, or an exemption in the contract. If a contractor/vendor/consultant is caught carrying a gun, without City permission, their contract will be terminated.
- B. Asbestos and Hazardous Materials: In providing its services hereunder, CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for identification, handling, containment, abatement, or in any other respect, for any asbestos or hazardous material if such is present in connection with the PROJECT. In the event the CITY becomes aware of the presence of asbestos or hazardous material at the jobsite, CITY shall be responsible for complying with all

applicable federal and state rules and regulations, and shall immediately notify CONSULTANT, who shall then be entitled to cease any of its services that may be affected by such presence, without liability to CONSULTANT arising therefrom.

- C. Successors and Assigns: This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successors to or assigns of the parties.
- D. Prohibition of Assignment: Neither the CITY nor CONSULTANT shall assign, delegate or transfer their rights and duties in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.
- E. Dispute/Governing Law: Any dispute not resolvable by informal arbitration between the parties to this Agreement shall be adjudicated in a Court of Law under the laws of the State of California.
- F. Notices: Notice shall be sufficient hereunder if personally served upon the City Clerk of the CITY or an officer or principal of the CONSULTANT, or if sent via the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

CITY OF VISALIA
315 E. Acequia Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
Attention: CIP Engineering Division

CONSULTANT
Urban Tree Foundation, Inc.
1512 W. Mineral King Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
Attention: Executive Director

- G. Jurisdiction/Venue/Waiver Of Removal: This Agreement shall be administered and interpreted under the laws of the State of California. Jurisdiction of litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in that State. Any action brought to interpret or enforce this Agreement, or any of the terms or conditions hereof, shall be brought in Tulare County, California. The CONSULTANT hereby expressly waives any right to remove any action to a county other than Tulare County as permitted pursuant to Section 394 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- H. Integration/Modification: This Agreement and each of the exhibits referenced herein, which are incorporated by reference, represents the entire understanding of the CITY and the CONSULTANT as to those matters contained herein. No prior oral or written understanding shall be of any force or effect with respect to those matters covered hereunder. This Agreement may not be modified or altered except in writing signed by the CITY and the CONSULTANT.
- I. Conflict With Law: If any part of this Agreement is found to be in conflict with applicable laws, such part shall be inoperative, null and void insofar as it is in conflict with said law, but the remainder of the Agreement shall be in full force and effect.
- J. Attorney's Fees: In the event either party commences any action, arbitration or legal proceedings for the enforcement of this Agreement, the prevailing party, as determined by the court or arbitrator, shall be entitled to recovery of its attorney's fees and court costs incurred in the action brought thereon.

- K. Construction: This Agreement is the product of negotiation and compromise on the part of each party and the parties agree, notwithstanding Civil Code Section 1654, that in the event of uncertainty the language will not be construed against the party causing the uncertainty to exist.
- L. Authority: Each signatory to this Agreement represents that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to bind the party to which its signature represents.
- M. Headings: Section headings are provided for organizational purposes only and do not in any manner affect the scope or intent of the provisions thereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed on the day and year first above written.

CITY OF VISALIA

CONSULTANT

City Manager

Approved as to Form

City Attorney

Risk Manager

Project Manager

Attachments:

Exhibit "A": Scope of Services

Exhibit "B": Schedule of Fees for Professional Services

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EXHIBIT A

Scope of Services

All work to be completed upon request of the City of Visalia.

Task 1. Assist in Review of Landscape Plans for Development Projects (Public/Private)

- Upon request, assist City Staff in the review of landscape plans for development projects, in particular advising on tree selection, location, and irrigation systems.
- Upon request, assist City Staff in explaining suggested changes to submitted landscape plans to developers and/or their staff consultants.
- Upon request, hold regular office hours at City of Visalia offices.

Hours: As requested by COV

Task 2. Advise the City of Visalia on Matters Related to Urban Forestry

- Upon request, advise various City departments (not contractors) and perform duties as requested relating to City-wide urban forestry issues, including, but not limited to, street tree species, spacing, maintenance, policy issues relating to urban forestry, possible grant funding sources, the Oak Tree Ordinance, Landscape Standards, and strategies for creating an effective and healthy urban forest.
- Upon request, give presentations to community groups, City Council, commissions, committees and departments regarding urban forestry issues.

Hours: As requested by COV

Task 3. Provide Project Management Services for: Grant Application Writing

- Upon request, and as agreed upon, prepare and submit grant applications related to enhancing the urban forest which includes the acquisition of property, site planning, and landscaping various public right-of-way areas including City parks, trails and waterways.

Hours: As requested by COV

Task 4. Provide Project Management Services for: Landscape Design and Construction Services

- Upon request, and as agreed upon, prepare Landscape and Irrigation Design Services and/or provide project management services for Landscape Design and Construction Services related to enhancing the urban forest and for various public areas including City parks, trails, waterways and landscape and lighting districts.

Hours: As requested by COV

Task 5. Provide Tree Care & Maintenance Training

- As requested by the Parks & Urban Forestry Manager, provide training related to Urban Forestry.

Hours: As Requested by COV

Task 6. Provide Construction Management Services for various grant funded projects currently awarded to the City and future grant funded projects

- Upon request, develop and/or coordinate landscape construction plans and their installation.
- Upon request, oversee tree well construction, tree plantings, and watering/irrigation.
- Upon request, manage and oversee implementation of grant and administration.

Hours: Not to exceed grant limitations unless prior authorization is given in writing by the City of Visalia.

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EXHIBIT B

Schedule of Fees for Professional Services

For each project, the Consultant's project fee is \$90.00 hour for time actually spent.

For all projects.

- Total cost to the City of Visalia not to exceed \$150,000 per year or a maximum of \$300,000 for the term of this two-year agreement.

Schedule of Fee for Professional Services

Hourly Rate= \$ 90.00 per hour