



***REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR  
VOTER OPINION POLLING AND  
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES***

***RELEASE OF RFP: JUNE 14, 2023***

***DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: JULY 21, 2023***

## INTRODUCTION

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The City of Arroyo Grande (City), incorporated in 1911, is located on the California Central Coast midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The City is 5.45 square miles in area at an elevation of 114 feet, with a population of 18,469. The City is nestled between the Pacific Ocean, beautiful foothills, lakes, and world-class wineries, with fine homes, fine schools, and a thriving agricultural and tourism-based economy.

The City seeks to request proposals for voter opinion polling and public education/outreach services for a potential ballot measure in November 2024. The last voter opinion poll was conducted in 2019. In November 2022, the City placed a 1% Transaction & Use (Sales Tax) measure on the ballot. The measure did not pass.

Polling results will provide the necessary data for objective information for analysis by the City for consideration of a revenue measure on the November 2024 ballot. In the event the City moves forward with a ballot measure, the City is also seeking public education and outreach services.

## SCOPE OF WORK

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The City seeks a qualified consultant with a strong understanding of the Arroyo Grande community and demonstrated experience in business and residential community education and outreach. The City is considering submitting to the voters a local ballot measure that could generate revenue for public safety, infrastructure, and other services. Accordingly, the necessary experience and the services sought must include the following:

1. Voter opinion research and consulting services relating to revenue measures.
2. Performance of a community survey regarding a revenue measure, attitudes, and information sources, which includes, but is not limited to, a survey in relation to the forgoing (including drafting thereof).
3. Assisting with related public education and outreach on the above items (including the impact thereof), if requested.
4. Other related activities as may be requested by the City.

Public opinion research, education, and outreach in relation to the forgoing is paramount for a clear understanding of community needs, attitudes and information sources regarding the potential ballot measures and to educate the community on how the ballot measures may impact the City budget and programs. These Services shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Methodology Development. Develop a methodology of communication to the community. This should include planned methods of communication (e.g., meetings, phone calls, flyers, mail surveys, etc.) and public opinion research.
2. Public Opinion Research. Produce, in English and Spanish, survey(s) (by electronic/physical written and telephone) of a sample size recommended by the consultant of voters. Consultant shall:
  - a. Develop and design a survey questionnaire (in English and Spanish) in consultation with the City, including closed-ended and demographic questions ("Survey").
  - b. Conduct telephone interviews using the Survey in both Spanish and English.
  - c. Conduct an online survey using the Survey that will include at least two (2) email invite and two (2) text message reminders to those individuals that did not respond to such invitations. This includes internet hosting services for the Survey.

- d. Generate topline and cross tabulations of Survey results in an easy-to-read and comprehensive format of the City's choosing.
  - e. Carry out the necessary data entry and analysis and any necessary reporting relating to the Survey.
  - f. Develop presentation and reporting materials for the Survey, including, but not limited to, a presentation of key findings of the Survey to the City Council and City staff as requested. This shall include, but not be limited to, a PowerPoint presentation.
  - g. Provide ongoing consultation and further analysis of the Survey and research conducted pursuant to these Services.
  - h. Present detailed Survey and research results to the City Council if requested.
  - i. Provide professional translation of any Services or tangible work product that is prepared and delivered pursuant to the services.
  - j. Provide raw data from the Survey in electronic form in a file format chosen by the City. This raw data shall include, but not be limited to, the topline results of the Survey questionnaire; a complete set of crosstabs in an easy-to-read, comprehensive format; and verbatim responses to any open-ended questions.
  - k. Provide graphic design services for all related materials.
3. Public Education and Outreach. Provide a calendar of activities and actions planned for the duration of the education and outreach effort. If the City proceeds with a ballot measure, Consultant shall engage in public education and outreach to ensure voters are informed and understand the proposed measure. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. Provide written and oral communication in English and Spanish as requested by the City.
  - b. Develop webpage information for the City's website for public review and provide content improvements when requested.
  - c. Develop and design at least one (1) community, informational mailer.
  - d. Provide graphic design services for all related materials.
  - e. Facilitate community group meetings in coordination with City staff.
  - f. Be responsible for receiving written reports/correspondence relating to all public education and outreach.
4. Reporting. Track public opinion research and education and outreach efforts and provide feedback to City staff that outlines program progress with written monthly and/or quarterly progress reports. Reports shall include information such as outreach events and activities, materials distributed, referrals, number of persons and businesses contacted, outcomes, and/or other information as requested by the City. Consultant shall also prepare information and statistical data for City Council members and City staff.
5. Additional Costs. Include cost analysis for each additional 100 responses, as outlined in #2, Public Opinion Research. Detail the statistical improvement based on receiving greater than the minimum of 300 responses. Consultant may include additional tasks and costs that are not identified in the scope of services.

The consultant(s) should be prepared to provide opinion research results and recommendations to the City Council in early 2024.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

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| Preliminary Schedule  | Tasks   |
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| June 14, 2023         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Release of RFP</li></ul>  |
| July 21, 2023         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposals Due</li></ul>   |
| July 28, 2023         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete proposal evaluations</li></ul>                           |
| Week of July 31, 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct finalist interviews and finalize recommendation</li></ul> |
| August 23, 2023       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Execute Contract</li></ul>  |
| September 1, 2023     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start Work</li></ul>  |
| January 2024          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide information to City Council</li></ul>                     |
| November 2024         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential Ballot Measure</li></ul>                                |

## PROJECT BUDGET

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Not to exceed \$115,000 combined for both Voter Opinion Polling Services and Public Education based on projected time and resources.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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### PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Requirement to Meet All Provisions.** Each individual or firm submitting a proposal (bidder) shall meet all the terms, and conditions of the Request for Proposals (RFP) project package. By virtue of its proposal submittal, the bidder acknowledges agreement with and acceptance of all provisions of the RFP specifications.
- Proposal Submittal.** Each proposal must be submitted on the form(s) provided in the specifications and accompanied by any other required submittals or supplemental materials. Proposal documents shall be sent either electronically to [jmatson@arroyogrande.org](mailto:jmatson@arroyogrande.org) or a paper copy can be enclosed in an envelope that shall be sealed and addressed to the City of Arroyo Grande Attn: Jessica Matson, City Clerk, 300 E. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. To guard against premature opening, the proposal should be clearly labeled with the proposal title, name of bidder, and date and time of proposal opening.
- Insurance Certificate.** Each proposal must include a certificate of insurance showing:
  - a. The insurance carrier and its A.M. Best rating.
  - b. Scope of coverage and limits.
  - c. Deductibles and self-insured retention.

The purpose of this submittal is to generally assess the adequacy of the bidder's insurance coverage during proposal evaluation; as discussed under paragraph 12 below, endorsements are not required until contract award. The City's insurance requirements are detailed in Exhibit C.

4. **Proposal Quotes and Unit Price Extension.** The extension of unit prices for the quantities indicated and the lump sum prices quoted by the bidder must be included in the proposal. Any lump sum bid shall be stated in figures.
5. **Proposal Withdrawal and Opening.** A bidder may withdraw its proposal, without prejudice prior to the time specified for the proposal opening, by submitting a written request to the City Clerk for its withdrawal, in which event the proposal will be returned to the bidder unopened. No proposal received after the time specified or at any place other than that stated in the "Notice Inviting Bids/Requesting Proposals" will be considered.
6. **Submittal of One Proposal Only.** No individual or business entity of any kind shall be allowed to make or file, or to be interested as the primary submitter in more than one proposal, except an alternative proposal when specifically requested; however, an individual or business entity that has submitted a sub-proposal to a bidder submitting a proposal, or who has quoted prices on materials to such bidder, is not thereby disqualified from submitting a sub-proposal or from quoting prices to other bidders submitting proposals.
7. **Communications.** All timely requests for information submitted in writing will receive a written response from the City. Telephone communications with City staff are not encouraged but will be permitted. However, any such oral communication shall not be binding on the City.

#### **CONTRACT AWARD AND EXECUTION**

8. **Proposal Retention and Award.** The City reserves the right to retain all proposals for a period of 60 days for examination and comparison. The City also reserves the right to waive non-substantial irregularities in any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, to reject or delete one part of a proposal and accept the other, except to the extent that proposals are qualified by specific limitations. See the "special terms and conditions" in Section C of these specifications for proposal evaluation and contract award criteria. By submitting a proposal, proposer agrees to the substantive terms contained within this RFP and the draft, attached Professional Services Agreement, subject to changes made in City's sole discretion.
9. **Competency and Responsibility of Bidder.** The City reserves full discretion to determine the competence and responsibility, professionally and/or financially, of bidders. Bidders will provide, in a timely manner, all information that the City deems necessary to make such a decision.
10. **Contract Requirement.** The bidder to whom award is made (Contractor) shall execute a written contract with the City within ten (10) calendar days after notice of the award has been sent by mail to it at the address given in its proposal. The contract shall be made in the form adopted by the City and incorporated in these specifications.

#### **CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

11. **Insurance Requirements.** The Contractor shall provide proof of insurance in the form, coverages and amounts specified in Section 3.3.11 of these specifications within 10 (ten) calendar days after notice of contract award as a precondition to contract execution.

12. **Business License & Tax.** The Contractor must have a valid City of Arroyo Grande business license & tax certificate before execution of the contract. Additional information regarding the City's business tax program may be obtained by calling (805) 473-5400.
13. **Ability to Perform.** The Contractor warrants that it possesses, or has arranged through subcontracts, all capital and other equipment, labor, materials, and licenses necessary to carry out and complete the work hereunder in compliance with all federal, state, county, city, and special district laws, ordinances, and regulations.
14. **Laws to be Observed.** The Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and shall observe and comply with all applicable county, state, and federal laws, and City of Arroyo Grande ordinances, regulations, and adopted codes during its performance of the work.
15. **Safety Provisions.** The Contractor shall conform to the rules and regulations pertaining to safety established by OSHA and the California Division of Industrial Safety.
16. **Immigration Act of 1986.** The Contractor warrants on behalf of itself and all subcontractors engaged for the performance of this work that only persons authorized to work in the United States pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and other applicable laws shall be employed in the performance of the work hereunder.
17. **Contractor Non-Discrimination.** In the performance of this work, the Contractor agrees that it will not engage in, nor permit such subcontractors as it may employ, to engage in discrimination in employment of persons because of age, race, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, or religion of such persons.
18. **Work Delays.** Should the Contractor be obstructed or delayed in the work required to be done hereunder by changes in the work or by any default, act, or omission of the City, or by strikes, fire, earthquake, or any other Act of God, or by the inability to obtain materials, equipment, or labor due to federal government restrictions arising out of defense or war programs, then the time of completion may, at the City's sole option, be extended for such periods as may be agreed upon by the City and the Contractor. In the event that there is insufficient time to grant such extensions prior to the completion date of the contract, the City may, at the time of acceptance of the work, waive liquidated damages that may have accrued for failure to complete on time, due to any of the above, after hearing evidence as to the reasons for such delay, and making a finding as to the causes of same.
19. **Payment Terms.** The City's payment terms are 30 days from the receipt of an original invoice and acceptance by the City of the materials, supplies, equipment, or services provided by the Contractor.
20. **Inspection.** The Contractor shall furnish City with every reasonable opportunity for City to ascertain that the services of the Contractor are being performed in accordance with the requirements and intentions of this contract. All work done, and all materials furnished, if any, shall be subject to the City's inspection and approval. The inspection of such work shall not relieve Contractor of any of its obligations to fulfill its contract requirements.

21. **Audit.** The City shall have the option of inspecting and/or auditing all records and other written materials used by Contractor in preparing its invoices to City as a condition precedent to any payment to Contractor.
22. **Interests of Contractor.** The Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest, and shall not acquire any interest—direct, indirect or otherwise—that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the work hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that, in the performance of this work, no subcontractor or person having such an interest shall be employed. The Contractor certifies that no one who has or will have any financial interest in performing this work is an officer or employee of the City. It is hereby expressly agreed that, in the performance of the work hereunder, the Contractor shall at all times be deemed an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of the City.
23. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification.**
  - (a) **Non-design, non-construction Professional Services:** To the fullest extent permitted by law (including, but not limited to California Civil Code Sections 2782 and 2782.8), Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, and its elected officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents (“City Indemnitees”), from and against any and all causes of action, claims, liabilities, obligations, judgments, or damages, including reasonable legal counsels’ fees and costs of litigation (“claims”), arising out of the Consultant’s performance or Consultant’s failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement or out of the operations conducted by Consultant, including the City’s active or passive negligence, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. In the event the City Indemnitees are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from Consultant’s performance of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide a defense to the City Indemnitees or at the City’s option, reimburse the City Indemnitees their costs of defense, including reasonable legal fees, incurred in defense of such claims.
  - (b) **Non-design, construction Professional Services:** To the extent the Scope of Services involve a “construction contract” as that phrase is used in Civil Code Section 2783, this paragraph shall apply in place of paragraph A. To the fullest extent permitted by law (including, but not limited to California Civil Code Sections 2782 and 2782.8), Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, and its elected officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents (“City Indemnitees”), from and against any and all causes of action, claims, liabilities, obligations, judgments, or damages, including reasonable legal counsels’ fees and costs of litigation (“claims”), arising out of the Consultant’s performance or Consultant’s failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement or out of the operations conducted by Consultant, except for such loss or damage arising from the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. In the event the City Indemnitees are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from Consultant’s performance of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide a defense to the City Indemnitees or at the City’s option, reimburse the City Indemnitees their costs of defense, including reasonable legal fees, incurred in defense of such claims.
  - (c) **Design Professional Services:** In the event Consultant is a “design professional”, and the Scope of Services require Consultant to provide “design professional services” as those phrases are used in Civil Code Section 2782.8, this paragraph shall apply in place of paragraphs A or B. To the fullest extent permitted by law (including, but not limited to California Civil Code Sections 2782 and 2782.8) Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City and its elected officials,

officers, employees, volunteers and agents ("City Indemnitees"), from and against all claims, damages, injuries, losses, and expenses including costs, attorney fees, expert consultant and expert witness fees arising out of, pertaining to or relating to, the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant, except to the extent caused by the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the City. Negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of any subcontractor employed by Consultant shall be conclusively deemed to be the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant unless adequately corrected by Consultant. In the event the City Indemnitees are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from Consultant's performance of this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide a defense to the City Indemnitees or at the City's option, reimburse the City Indemnitees their costs of defense, including reasonable legal fees, incurred in defense of such claims. In no event shall the cost to defend charged to Consultant under this paragraph exceed Consultant's proportionate percentage of fault. However, notwithstanding the previous sentence, in the event one or more defendants is unable to pay its share of defense costs due to bankruptcy or dissolution of the business, Consultant shall meet and confer with other parties regarding unpaid defense costs.

(d) The review, acceptance or approval of the Consultant's work or work product by any indemnified party shall not affect, relieve or reduce the Consultant's indemnification or defense obligations. This Section survives completion of the services or the termination of this contract. The provisions of this Section are not limited by and do not affect the provisions of this contract relating to insurance.

24. **Contract Assignment.** The Contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of the contract, or its right, title or interest, or its power to execute such a contract to any individual or business entity of any kind without the previous written consent of the City.
25. **Termination for Convenience.** The City may terminate all or part of this Agreement for any or no reason at any time by giving 30 days written notice to Contractor. Should the City terminate this Agreement for convenience, the City shall be liable as follows: (a) for standard or off-the-shelf products, a reasonable restocking charge not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total purchase price; (b) for custom products, the less of a reasonable price for the raw materials, components work in progress and any finished units on hand or the price per unit reflected on this Agreement. For termination of any services pursuant to this Agreement, the City's liability will be the lesser of a reasonable price for the services rendered prior to termination, or the price for the services reflected on this Agreement. Upon termination notice from the City, Contractor must, unless otherwise directed, cease work and follow the City's directions as to work in progress and finished goods.
26. **Termination.** If, during the term of the contract, the City determines that the Contractor is not faithfully abiding by any term or condition contained herein, the City may notify the Contractor in writing of such defect or failure to perform. This notice must give the Contractor a 10 (ten) calendar day notice of time thereafter in which to perform said work or cure the deficiency.

If the Contractor has not performed the work or cured the deficiency within the ten days specified in the notice, such shall constitute a breach of the contract and the City may terminate the contract immediately by written notice to the Contractor to said effect. Thereafter, neither party shall have any further duties, obligations, responsibilities, or rights under the contract except,



however, any and all obligations of the Contractor's surety shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not be extinguished, reduced, or in any manner waived by the terminations thereof.

In said event, the Contractor shall be entitled to the reasonable value of its services performed from the beginning date in which the breach occurs up to the day it received the City's Notice of Termination, minus any offset from such payment representing the City's damages from such breach. "Reasonable value" includes fees or charges for goods or services as of the last milestone or task satisfactorily delivered or completed by the Contractor as may be set forth in the Agreement payment schedule; compensation for any other work, services or goods performed or provided by the Contractor shall be based solely on the City's assessment of the value of the work-in-progress in completing the overall work scope.

The City reserves the right to delay any such payment until completion or confirmed abandonment of the project, as may be determined in the City's sole discretion, so as to permit a full and complete accounting of costs. In no event, however, shall the Contractor be entitled to receive in excess of the compensation quoted in its proposal.

## PROPOSAL CONTENT

**Proposal Content.** Your proposal must include the following information:

### ***Submittal Forms***

- Proposal submittal summary.
- Certificate of insurance.
- References from at least three firms for whom you have provided similar services.
- At least two sample voter opinion surveys and examples of related public outreach materials and/or website you have produced for a public sector client in the past five years.
- Assurance that data and information regarding the required services can be provided and collaborated on digitally.

### ***Qualifications***

- Experience of your firm and those of sub-consultants in performing work and projects relevant to the Scope of Services outlined and described in the request.
- Resumes of the individuals who would be assigned to this project, including any sub-consultants, with their corollary experience highlighted and specific roles in this project clearly described.
- Standard hourly billing rates for the assigned staff, including any sub-consultants.
- Statement and explanation of any instances where your firm or sub-consultant has been removed from a project or disqualified from proposing on a project.

### ***Work Program***

- Detailed description of your approach to completing the work.
- Detailed schedule by task and sub-task for completing the work.

- Estimated hours for your staff in performing each phase and task of the work, including sub-consultants, so we can clearly see who will be doing what work, and how much time it will take.
- Detailed budget by task and sub-task for completing the work.
- Services or data to be provided by the City.
- Services and deliverables provided by the Consultant(s).
- Any other information that would assist us in making this contract award decision.
- Description of assumptions critical to development of the response which may impact cost or scope.
- Availability of consultant to present findings to City Council.

#### ***Requested Changes to Terms and Conditions***

The City desires to begin work soon after selecting the preferred Consultant Team. To expedite the contracting process, each submittal shall include requested redlined changes to terms and conditions, if necessary.

#### ***Proposal Length***

Proposal length should only be as long as required to be responsive to the RFP, including attachments and supplemental materials.

**Proposal Evaluation and Selection.** Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee and evaluated on the following criteria:

- Understanding of the work required by the City.
- Quality, clarity and responsiveness of the proposal.
- Demonstrated competence and professional qualifications necessary for successfully performing the work required by the City.
- Recent team experience in successfully performing similar services.
- Creativity of the proposed approach in completing the work.
- Value.
- Writing skills.
- References.
- Background and experience of the specific individuals managing and assigned to this project.

As reflected above, contract award will not be based solely on price, but on a combination of factors as determined to be in the best interest of the City. After evaluating the proposals and discussing them further with the finalists or the tentatively selected contractor, the City reserves the right to further negotiate the proposed work and/or method and amount of compensation.

**Proposal Review and Award Schedule.** The following is an outline of the anticipated schedule for proposal review and contract award:

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| ▪ Issue RFP   | 06/14/2023           |
| ▪ Receive proposals                                       | 07/21/2023           |
| ▪ Complete proposal evaluations                           | 07/28/2023           |
| ▪ Conduct finalist interviews and finalize recommendation | 07/31/2023 (week of) |
| ▪ Execute contract  | 08/23/2023           |
| ▪ Start work  | 09/01/2023           |

**Ownership of Materials.** All original drawings, plan documents and other materials prepared by or in possession of the Contractor as part of the work or services under these specifications shall become the permanent property of the City and shall be delivered to the City upon demand.

**Release of Reports and Information.** Any reports, information, data, or other material given to, prepared by or assembled by the Contractor as part of the work or services under these specifications shall be the property of the City and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the City.

**Copies of Reports and Information.** If the City requests additional copies of reports, drawings, specifications, or any other material in addition to what the Contractor is required to furnish in limited quantities as part of the work or services under these specifications, the Contractor shall provide such additional copies as are requested, and City shall compensate the Contractor for the costs of duplicating of such copies at the Contractor's direct expense.

**Required Deliverable Products.** The Contractor will be required to provide:

- One electronic submission - digital-ready original .pdf of all final documents. If you wish to file a paper copy, please submit in sealed envelope to the address provided in the RFP.
- Corresponding computer files compatible with the following programs whenever possible unless otherwise directed by the project manager:

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| Word Processing:    | MS Word   |
| Spreadsheets:       | MS Excel  |
| Desktop Publishing: | InDesign  |
| Virtual Models:     | Sketch Up |

- City staff will review any documents or materials provided by the Contractor and, where necessary, the Contractor will be required to respond to staff comments and make such changes as deemed appropriate.

#### **ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS**

- **Alternative Proposals.** The proposer may submit an alternative proposal (or proposals) that it believes will also meet the City's project objectives but in a different way. In this case, the

proposer must provide an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of each of the alternative and discuss under what circumstances the City would prefer one alternative to the other(s).

- **Attendance at Meetings and Hearings.** As part of the work scope and included in the contract price is attendance by the Contractor at up to one public meeting to present and discuss its findings and recommendations. Contractor shall attend as many "working" meetings with staff as necessary in performing work-scope tasks; such meetings may be telephonic or computer based using standard collaboration tools.
- **Accuracy of Specifications.** The specifications for this project are believed by the City to be accurate and to contain no affirmative misrepresentation or any concealment of fact. Bidders are cautioned to undertake an independent analysis of any test results in the specifications, as City does not guaranty the accuracy of its interpretation of test results contained in the specifications package. In preparing its proposal, the bidder and all subcontractors named in its proposal shall bear sole responsibility for proposal preparation errors resulting from any misstatements or omissions in the plans and specifications that could easily have been ascertained by examining either the project site or accurate test data in the City's possession. Although the effect of ambiguities or defects in the plans and specifications will be as determined by law, any patent ambiguity or defect shall give rise to a duty of bidder to inquire prior to proposal submittal. Failure to so inquire shall cause any such ambiguity or defect to be construed against the bidder. An ambiguity or defect shall be considered patent if it is of such a nature that the bidder, assuming reasonable skill, ability and diligence on its part, knew or should have known of the existence of the ambiguity or defect. Furthermore, failure of the bidder or subcontractors to notify City in writing of specification or plan defects or ambiguities prior to proposal submittal shall waive any right to assert said defects or ambiguities subsequent to submittal of the proposal.

To the extent that these specifications constitute performance specifications, the City shall not be liable for costs incurred by the successful bidder to achieve the project's objective or standard beyond the amounts provided there for in the proposal.

In the event that, after awarding the contract, any dispute arises as a result of any actual or alleged ambiguity or defect in the plans and/or specifications, or any other matter whatsoever, Contractor shall immediately notify the City in writing, and the Contractor and all subcontractors shall continue to perform, irrespective of whether or not the ambiguity or defect is major, material, minor or trivial, and irrespective of whether or not a change order, time extension, or additional compensation has been granted by City. Failure to provide the hereinbefore described written notice within one (1) working day of contractor's becoming aware of the facts giving rise to the dispute shall constitute a waiver of the right to assert the causative role of the defect or ambiguity in the plans or specifications concerning the dispute.

**FORM OF AGREEMENT**

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**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**1. PARTIES AND DATE.**

This Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the City of Arroyo Grande, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business at 300 E. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, California 93420, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California ("City") and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Consultant"). City and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

**2. RECITALS.**

**2.1 Consultant.**

Consultant desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain professional services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Consultant represents that it is experienced in providing \_\_\_\_\_ services to public clients, is licensed in the State of California, and is familiar with the plans of City.

**2.2 Project.**

City desires to engage Consultant to render such professional services for the \_\_\_\_\_ project ("Project") as set forth in this Agreement.

**3. TERMS.**

**3.1 Scope of Services and Term.**

3.1.1 General Scope of Services. Consultant promises and agrees to furnish to the City all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the professional \_\_\_\_\_ consulting services necessary for the Project ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.2 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Consultant shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement, and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines. The Parties may, by mutual, written consent, extend the term of this Agreement if necessary to complete the Services.

**3.2 Compensation.**

3.2.1 Compensation. Consultant shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall

not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) without written approval of the City Council or City Manager, as applicable. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

**3.2.2 Payment of Compensation.** Consultant shall submit to City a monthly invoice which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Consultant. The invoice shall describe the amount of Services provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the invoice. City shall, within 30 days of receiving such invoice, review the invoice and pay all non-disputed and approved charges. If the City disputes any of Consultant's fees, the City shall give written notice to Consultant within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice of any disputed fees set forth therein. Payment shall not constitute acceptance of any Services completed by Consultant. The making of final payment shall not constitute a waiver of any claims by the City for any reason whatsoever.

**3.2.3 Reimbursement for Expenses.** Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by City, or included in Exhibit "C" of this Agreement.

**3.2.4 Extra Work.** At any time during the term of this Agreement, City may request that Consultant perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by City to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project, but which the Parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Consultant shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from the City.

### **3.3 Responsibilities of Consultant.**

**3.3.1 Independent Contractor; Control and Payment of Subordinates.** The Services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision. Consultant will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. City retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Any personnel performing the Services on behalf of Consultant shall not be employees of City and shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Neither City, or any of its officials, officers, directors, employees or agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultants officers, employees or agents, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**3.3.2 Schedule of Services.** Consultant shall perform the Services in a prompt and timely manner and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services expeditiously. Upon request of City, Consultant shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

**3.3.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements.** All work prepared by Consultant shall be subject to the approval of City.

**3.3.4 Substitution of Key Personnel.** Consultant has represented to City that

certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the Services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of City. In the event that City and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, City shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows:

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3.3.5 City's Representative. The City hereby designates Jessica Matson, City Clerk, or his/her designee, to act as its representative in all matters pertaining to the administration and performance of this Agreement ("City's Representative"). City's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of the City for review and approval of all products submitted by Consultant but not the authority to enlarge the Scope of Services or change the total compensation due to Consultant under this Agreement. The City Manager shall be authorized to act on City's behalf and to execute all necessary documents which enlarge the Scope of Services or change the Consultant's total compensation subject to the provisions contained in this Agreement. Consultant shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the City Manager, City's Representative or his/her designee.

3.3.6 Consultant's Representative. Consultant hereby designates \_\_\_\_\_, or his/her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Consultant's Representative"). Consultant's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Consultant for all purposes under this Agreement. The Consultant's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his/her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.3.7 Coordination of Services. Consultant agrees to work closely with City staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to City's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.3.8 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Consultant warrants that all employees and subconsultants shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Consultant represents that it, its employees and subconsultants have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. Consultant shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the City, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Consultant's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Consultant or its subconsultants who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to the City, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

### 3.3.9 Period of Performance.

3.3.9.1 Consultant shall perform and complete all Services under this Agreement within the term set forth in Section 3.1.2 above ("Performance Time"). Consultant shall also perform the Services in strict accordance with any completion schedule or Project milestones described in Exhibits "A" or "B" attached hereto, or which may be separately agreed upon in writing by the City and Consultant ("Performance Milestones"). Consultant agrees that if the Services are not completed within the aforementioned Performance Time and/or pursuant to any such Performance Milestones developed pursuant to provisions of this Agreement, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed that the City will suffer damage.

3.3.9.2 Neither City nor Consultant shall be considered in default of this Agreement for delays in performance caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the non-performing Party. For purposes of this Agreement, such circumstances include a Force Majeure Event. A Force Majeure Event shall mean an event that materially affects a Party's performance and is one or more of the following: (1) Acts of God or other natural disasters; (2) terrorism or other acts of a public enemy; (3) orders of governmental authorities (including, without limitation, unreasonable and unforeseeable delay in the issuance of permits or approvals by governmental authorities that are required for the services); (4) strikes and other organized labor action occurring at the site and the effects thereof on the services, only to the extent such strikes and other organized labor action are beyond the control of Consultant and its subcontractors, and to the extent the effects thereof cannot be avoided by use of replacement workers; and (5) pandemics, epidemics or quarantine restrictions. For purposes of this section, "orders of governmental authorities," includes ordinances, emergency proclamations and orders, rules to protect the public health, welfare and safety, and other actions of a public agency applicable to the services and Agreement.

3.3.9.3 Should a Force Majeure Event occur, the non-performing Party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented from performing, give written notice to the other Party describing the circumstances preventing continued performance and the efforts being made to resume performance of this Agreement. Force Majeure Events and/or delays, regardless of the Party responsible for the delay, shall not entitle Consultant to any additional compensation. Notwithstanding the foregoing in this section, the City may still terminate this Agreement in accordance with the termination provisions of this Agreement.

### 3.3.10 Laws and Regulations; Employee/Labor Certification.

3.3.10.1 Compliance with Laws. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Consultant shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with the Services and this Agreement. All violations of such laws and regulations shall be grounds for the City to terminate the Agreement for cause.

3.3.10.2 Employment Eligibility; Consultant. Consultant certifies that it fully complies with all requirements and restrictions of state and federal law respecting the employment of undocumented aliens, including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as may be amended from time to time and shall require all subconsultants and sub-subconsultants to comply with the same. Consultant certifies that it has not committed a violation of any such law within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of execution of this Agreement, and shall not violate any such law at any time during the term of the Agreement.



3.3.10.3 Equal Opportunity Employment. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any subconsultant, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Consultant shall also comply with all relevant provisions of City's Minority Business Enterprise program, Affirmative Action Plan or other related programs or guidelines currently in effect or hereinafter enacted.

3.3.10.4 Air Quality. To the extent applicable, Consultant must fully comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in furnishing or using equipment and/or providing services, including, but not limited to, emissions limits and permitting requirements imposed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB). Consultant shall indemnify City against any fines or penalties imposed by SCAQMD, CARB, or any other governmental or regulatory agency for violations of applicable laws, rules and/or regulations by Consultant, its subconsultants, or others for whom Consultant is responsible under its indemnity obligations provided for in this Agreement.

3.3.10.5 Water Quality Management and Compliance. Consultant shall keep itself and all subcontractors, staff, and employees fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations that may impact, or be implicated by the performance of the Services including, without limitation, all applicable provisions of the City's ordinances regulating water quality and storm water; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*); the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code § 13000 *et seq.*); and any and all regulations, policies, or permits issued pursuant to any such authority. Consultant must additionally comply with the lawful requirements of the City, and any other municipality, drainage district, or other local agency with jurisdiction over the location where the Services are to be conducted, regulating water quality and storm water discharges. City may seek damages from Consultant for delay in completing the Services caused by Consultant's failure to comply with the laws, regulations and policies described in this Section, or any other relevant water quality law, regulation, or policy.

3.3.10.6 Safety. Consultant shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Consultant shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed.

### 3.3.11 Insurance.

3.3.11.1 Time for Compliance. Consultant shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Consultant shall not allow any subconsultant to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that the subconsultant has secured all insurance required under this section. Failure to provide and maintain all required insurance shall be grounds for the City to terminate this Agreement for cause.

3.3.11.2 Types of Insurance Required. As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement for work to be performed hereunder, and without limiting the indemnity provisions of the Agreement, the Consultant, in partial performance of its obligations under such Agreement, shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of the

Agreement the following policies of insurance. If the existing policies do not meet the insurance requirements set forth herein, Consultant agrees to amend, supplement or endorse the policies to do so.

(A) Commercial General Liability: Commercial General Liability Insurance which affords coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office "occurrence" form CG 00 01, or the exact equivalent, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and no less than \$2,000,000 in the general aggregate. Defense costs shall be paid in addition to the limits. The policy shall contain no endorsements or provisions (1) limiting coverage for contractual liability; (2) excluding coverage for claims or suits by one insured against another (cross-liability); (3) products/completed operations liability; or (4) containing any other exclusion(s) contrary to the terms or purposes of this Agreement.

(B) Automobile Liability Insurance: Automobile Liability Insurance with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Form CA 00 01 covering "Any Auto" (Symbol 1), or the exact equivalent, covering bodily injury and property damage for all activities with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 combined limit for each occurrence.

(C) Workers' Compensation: Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and disease.

(D) Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): Professional Liability insurance or Errors & Omissions insurance appropriate to Consultant's profession with limits of not less than \$1,000,000. Covered professional services shall specifically include all work to be performed under the Agreement and delete any exclusions that may potentially affect the work to be performed (for example, any exclusions relating to lead, asbestos, pollution, testing, underground storage tanks, laboratory analysis, soil work, etc.). If coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date shall precede the effective date of the initial Agreement and continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended reporting period will be exercised for a period of at least five (5) years from termination or expiration of this Agreement.

3.3.11.3 Insurance Endorsements. Required insurance policies shall contain the following provisions, or Consultant shall provide endorsements on forms approved by the City to add the following provisions to the insurance policies:

(A) Commercial General Liability: (1) Additional Insured: The City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be additional insureds with regard to liability and defense of suits or claims arising out of the performance of the Agreement. Additional Insured Endorsements shall not (1) be restricted to "ongoing operations"; (2) exclude "contractual liability"; (3) restrict coverage to "sole" liability of Consultant; or (4) contain any other exclusions contrary to the terms or purposes of this Agreement. For all policies of Commercial General Liability insurance, Consultant shall provide endorsements in the form of ISO CG 20 10 10 01 and 20 37 10 01 (or endorsements providing the exact same coverage) to effectuate this requirement. (2) Cancellation: Required insurance policies shall not be canceled or the coverage reduced until a thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation has been served upon the City except ten (10) days shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.

(B) Automobile Liability. (1) Cancellation: Required insurance policies shall not be canceled or the coverage reduced until a thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation has been served upon the City except ten (10) days shall be allowed for non-payment of premium.

(C) Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions): (1) Cancellation: Required insurance policies shall not be canceled or the coverage reduced until a thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation has been served upon the City except ten (10) days shall be allowed for non-payment of premium. (2) Contractual Liability Exclusion Deleted: This insurance shall include contractual liability applicable to this Agreement. The policy must "pay on behalf of" the insured and include a provision establishing the insurer's duty to defend.

(D) Workers' Compensation: (1) Cancellation: Required insurance policies shall not be canceled or the coverage reduced until a thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation has been served upon the City except ten (10) days shall be allowed for non-payment of premium. (2) Waiver of Subrogation: A waiver of subrogation stating that the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.

3.3.11.4 Primary and Non-Contributing Insurance. All policies of Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall be primary and any other insurance, deductible, or self-insurance maintained by the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers shall not contribute with this primary insurance. Policies shall contain or be endorsed to contain such provisions.

3.3.11.5 Waiver of Subrogation. All required insurance coverages, except for the professional liability coverage, shall contain or be endorsed to waiver of subrogation in favor of the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers or shall specifically allow Consultant or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. Consultant hereby waives its own right of recovery against City, and shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subconsultants.

3.3.11.6 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductible or self-insured retention must be approved in writing by the City and shall protect the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers in the same manner and to the same extent as they would have been protected had the policy or policies not contained a deductible or self-insured retention.

3.3.11.7 Evidence of Insurance. The Consultant, concurrently with the execution of the Agreement, and as a condition precedent to the effectiveness thereof, shall deliver either certified copies of the required policies, or original certificates on forms approved by the City, together with all endorsements affecting each policy. Required insurance policies shall not be in compliance if they include any limiting provision or endorsement that has not been submitted to the City for approval. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. At least fifteen (15 days) prior to the expiration of any such policy, evidence of insurance showing that such insurance coverage has been renewed or extended shall be filed with the City. If such coverage is cancelled or reduced and not replaced immediately so as to avoid a lapse in the required coverage, Consultant shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such cancellation or reduction of coverage, file with the City evidence of insurance showing that the required insurance has been reinstated or has been provided through another insurance company or companies.

3.3.11.8 Acceptability of Insurers. Each such policy shall be from a company or companies with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII and authorized to

transact business of insurance in the State of California, or otherwise allowed to place insurance through surplus line brokers under applicable provisions of the California Insurance Code or any federal law.

3.3.11.9 Enforcement of Agreement Provisions (non estoppel). Consultant acknowledges and agrees that actual or alleged failure on the part of the City to inform Consultant of non-compliance with any requirement imposes no additional obligation on the City nor does it waive any rights hereunder.

3.3.11.10 Requirements Not Limiting. Requirement of specific coverage or minimum limits contained in this Section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits, or other requirement, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance.

3.3.11.11 Additional Insurance Provisions

(A) The foregoing requirements as to the types and limits of insurance coverage to be maintained by Consultant, and any approval of said insurance by the City, is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to, the provisions concerning indemnification.

(B) If at any time during the life of the Agreement, any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with these specifications or is canceled and not replaced, City has the right but not the duty to obtain the insurance it deems necessary and any premium paid by City will be promptly reimbursed by Consultant or City will withhold amounts sufficient to pay premium from Consultant payments. In the alternative, City may cancel this Agreement.

(C) The City may require the Consultant to provide complete copies of all insurance policies in effect for the duration of the Project.

(D) Neither the City nor any of its officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers shall be personally responsible for any liability arising under or by virtue of this Agreement.

(E) The limits set forth herein shall apply separately to each insured against whom claims are made or suits are brought, except with respect to the limits of liability. Further the limits set forth herein shall not be construed to relieve the Consultant from liability in excess of such coverage, nor shall it limit the Consultant's indemnification obligations to the City and shall not preclude the City from taking such other actions available to the City under other provisions of the Agreement or law.

(F) Consultant shall report to the City, in addition to Consultant's insurer, any and all insurance claims submitted by Consultant in connection with the Services under this Agreement.

3.3.11.12 Insurance for Subconsultants. Consultant shall include all subconsultants engaged in any work for Consultant relating to this Agreement as additional insureds under the Consultant's policies, or the Consultant shall be responsible for causing subconsultants to purchase the appropriate insurance in compliance with the terms of these Insurance Requirements, including adding the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers as additional insureds to the subconsultant's policies. All policies of Commercial

General Liability insurance provided by Consultant's subconsultants performing work relating to this Agreement shall be endorsed to name the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds using endorsement form ISO CG 20 38 04 13 or an endorsement providing equivalent coverage. Consultant shall not allow any subconsultant to commence work on any subcontract relating to this Agreement until it has received satisfactory evidence of subconsultant's compliance with all insurance requirements under this Agreement, to the extent applicable. The Consultant shall provide satisfactory evidence of compliance with this section upon request of the City.

### **3.4 Labor Code Requirements.**

3.4.1 Prevailing Wages. Consultant is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000, et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Consultant agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. City shall provide Consultant with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Consultant shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Consultant's principal place of business and at the project site. It is the intent of the parties to effectuate the requirements of sections 1771, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777.5, 1813, and 1815 of the Labor Code within this Agreement, and Consultant shall therefore comply with such Labor Code sections to the fullest extent required by law. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

3.4.2 Registration/DIR Compliance. If the Services are being performed on a public works project of over \$25,000 when the project is for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work, or a public works project of over \$15,000 when the project is for maintenance work, in addition to the foregoing, then pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, the Consultant and all subconsultants must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR"). Consultant shall maintain registration for the duration of the Project and require the same of any subconsultants.

3.4.3 Compliance Monitoring. This Project may also be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR. It shall be Consultant's sole responsibility to comply with all applicable registration and labor compliance requirements, including the submission of payroll records directly to the DIR. Any stop orders issued by the DIR against Consultant or any subconsultant that affect Consultant's performance of services, including any delay, shall be Consultant's sole responsibility. Any delay arising out of or resulting from such stop orders shall be considered Consultant caused delay and shall not be compensable by the City. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of stop orders issued by the DIR against Consultant or any subconsultant.

3.4.4 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance

in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

### **3.5 Termination of Agreement.**

3.5.1.1 Grounds for Termination. City may, by written notice to Consultant, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Consultant of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall be compensated only for those Services which have been adequately rendered to City, and Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation. Consultant may not terminate this Agreement except for cause. The rights and remedies of the City provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, equity or under this Agreement.

3.5.1.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, City may require Consultant to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Consultant in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

3.5.1.3 Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

### **3.6 Indemnification.**

3.6.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend (with counsel of City's choosing), indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage or injury of any kind, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of, pertaining to, or incident to any acts, errors or omissions, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officials, officers, employees, subcontractors, consultants or agents in connection with the performance of the Consultant's Services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all damages, expert witness fees and attorney's fees and other related costs and expenses except such loss or damage caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. Consultant's obligation to indemnify shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement and shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by Consultant, the City, its officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

3.6.2 If Consultant's obligation to defend, indemnify, and/or hold harmless arises out of Consultant's performance as a "design professional" (as that term is defined under Civil Code section 2782.8), then, and only to the extent required by Civil Code section 2782.8, which is fully incorporated herein, Consultant's indemnification obligation shall be limited to claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the Consultant, and, upon Consultant obtaining a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction, Consultant's liability for such claim, including the cost to defend, shall not exceed the Consultant's proportionate percentage of fault.

### 3.7 General Provisions.

3.7.1 Accounting Records. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of City during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

#### 3.7.2 Independent Contractors and Subcontracting.

3.7.2.1 Use of Consultants. Consultant is aware of statutory and case law regarding classification of workers as independent contractors, including California Labor Code Section 2750.3 and Dynamex Operations West, Inc. v. Superior Court, 4 Cal. 5th 903 (2018). To ensure that Consultant is in compliance with the California Labor Code, Consultant shall only utilize its employees to provide the Services. Consultant may not provide the services through any independent contractor, subcontractor or subconsultant ("Subcontractor(s)") unless approved by the City as set forth in Section 3.7.2.2 below. Consultant represents and warrants that all personnel who perform the Services on Consultant's behalf are Consultant's employees, and that Consultant complies with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing its employees, including, but not limited to, the California Labor Code, Unemployment Insurance Code and all applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders.

3.7.2.2 Prior Approval Required. Consultant shall not use any Subcontractor to provide the Services, or any portion of the work required by this Agreement, without prior written approval of City. In the event that City authorizes Consultant to use a Subcontractor, Consultant shall enter into a written agreement with the Subcontractor, which must include all provisions of the Agreement, including a restriction on the Subcontractor's use of further independent contractors, subcontractors or subconsultants without the City's prior written consent.

3.7.3 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTN: \_\_\_\_\_

City: City of Arroyo Grande  
300 E. Branch Street  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
ATTN: Jessica Matson, City Clerk

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

### 3.7.4 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

3.7.4.1 Documents & Data; Licensing of Intellectual Property. This Agreement creates a non-exclusive and perpetual license for City to copy, use, modify, reuse, or sublicense any and all copyrights, designs, and other intellectual property embodied in plans, specifications, studies, drawings, estimates, and other documents or works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to, physical drawings or data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer diskettes, which are prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant under this Agreement ("Documents & Data"). All Documents & Data shall be and remain the property of City, and shall not be used in whole or in substantial part by Consultant on other projects without the City's express written permission. Within thirty (30) days following the completion, suspension, abandonment or termination of this Agreement, Consultant shall provide to City reproducible copies of all Documents & Data, in a form and amount required by City. City reserves the right to select the method of document reproduction and to establish where the reproduction will be accomplished. The reproduction expense shall be borne by City at the actual cost of duplication. In the event of a dispute regarding the amount of compensation to which the Consultant is entitled under the termination provisions of this Agreement, Consultant shall provide all Documents & Data to City upon payment of the undisputed amount. Consultant shall have no right to retain or fail to provide to City any such documents pending resolution of the dispute. In addition, Consultant shall retain copies of all Documents & Data on file for a minimum of fifteen (15) years following completion of the Project, and shall make copies available to City upon the payment of actual reasonable duplication costs. Before destroying the Documents & Data following this retention period, Consultant shall make a reasonable effort to notify City and provide City with the opportunity to obtain the documents.

3.7.4.2 Subconsultants. Consultant shall require all subconsultants to agree in writing that City is granted a non-exclusive and perpetual license for any Documents & Data the subconsultant prepares under this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant has the legal right to license any and all Documents & Data. Consultant makes no such representation and warranty in regard to Documents & Data which were prepared by design professionals other than Consultant or its subconsultants, or those provided to Consultant by the City.

3.7.4.3 Right to Use. City shall not be limited in any way in its use or reuse of the Documents and Data or any part of them at any time for purposes of this Project or another project, provided that any such use not within the purposes intended by this Agreement or on a project other than this Project without employing the services of Consultant shall be at City's sole risk. If City uses or reuses the Documents & Data on any project other than this Project, it shall remove the Consultant's seal from the Documents & Data and indemnify and hold harmless Consultant and its officers, directors, agents and employees from claims arising out of the negligent use or re-use of the Documents & Data on such other project. Consultant shall be responsible and liable for its Documents & Data, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, only with respect to the condition of the Documents & Data at the time they are provided to the City upon completion, suspension, abandonment or termination. Consultant shall not be responsible or liable for any revisions to the Documents & Data made by any party other than Consultant, a party for whom the Consultant is legally responsible or liable, or anyone approved by the Consultant.

3.7.4.4 Indemnification. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, for any alleged infringement of any



patent, copyright, trade secret, trade name, trademark, or any other proprietary right of any person or entity in consequence of the use on the Project by City of the Documents & Data, including any method, process, product, or concept specified or depicted.

3.7.4.5 Confidentiality. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents & Data either created by or provided to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Consultant. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of City, be used by Consultant for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Consultant which is otherwise known to Consultant or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Consultant shall not use City's name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of City.

3.7.5 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.7.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements.

3.7.7 Attorneys' Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorneys' fees and all costs of such action.

3.7.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in San Luis Obispo County. In addition to any and all contract requirements pertaining to notices of and requests for compensation or payment for extra work, disputed work, claims and/or changed conditions, Consultant must comply with the claim procedures set forth in Government Code sections 900 et seq. prior to filing any lawsuit against the City. Such Government Code claims and any subsequent lawsuit based upon the Government Code claims shall be limited to those matters that remain unresolved after all procedures pertaining to extra work, disputed work, claims, and/or changed conditions have been followed by Consultant. If no such Government Code claim is submitted, or if any prerequisite contractual requirements are not otherwise satisfied as specified herein, Consultant shall be barred from bringing and maintaining a valid lawsuit against the City.

3.7.9 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

3.7.10 City's Right to Employ Other Consultants. City reserves right to employ other consultants in connection with this Project.

3.7.11 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.

3.7.12 Assignment or Transfer. Consultant shall not assign, sublet, or transfer this

Agreement or any rights under or interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the City, which may be withheld for any reason. Any attempt to so assign or so transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the Services required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of City. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

3.7.13 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Consultant include all personnel, employees, agents, and subconsultants of Consultant, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to City include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

3.7.14 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.7.15 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

3.7.16 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.7.17 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.7.18 Prohibited Interests. Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Consultant further agrees to file, or shall cause its employees or subconsultants to file, a Statement of Economic Interest with the City's Filing Officer as required under state law in the performance of the Services. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of City, during the term of his or her service with City, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.7.19 Authority to Enter Agreement. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.7.20 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of

which shall constitute an original.

3.7.21 Survival. All rights and obligations hereunder that by their nature are to continue after any expiration or termination of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the indemnification obligations, shall survive any such expiration or termination.

**[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]**

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**SIGNATURE PAGE TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AND**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

**CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE**

**[CONSULTANT]**

*Approved By:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Caren Ray Russom  
Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approved as to Form:*

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Isaac Rosen, Best Best & Krieger LLP  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attested By:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Matson, City Clerk

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

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**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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**EXHIBIT "C"**  
**COMPENSATION**