



- 3.2 Contractor shall perform up to a total of 2,200 spay-neuter surgeries for dogs and cats over the term of this Agreement. Contractor shall perform all spay-neuter surgeries on pets of area residents requiring access to transportation services including but not limited to conducting mobile clinics at neighborhood facilities or by providing transportation at no cost to the pet owner. All sterilization surgeries are to be performed for pets of pet owners who reside in targeted areas within the City as determined and approved by the Director of Animal Care Services.
- 3.3 Contractor shall be responsible for providing veterinary spay-neuter services which shall include, evaluating animals to determine suitability for sterilization procedure; performance of surgical procedure; post-operative care including medications as well as any additional follow-up care due to surgical complications.
- 3.4 Unless specified herein, Contractor will provide all trained staff, surgical facilities and related equipment, surgical packs, necessary consumable supplies, and maintain accurate medical records.
- 3.5 Subject to availability as determined by City, City may allow Contractor local use of the ACS Spay/Neuter Van ("Spay/Neuter Van") for Contractor to provide the veterinary spay-neuter services subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - 3.5.1 Contractor agrees and understands Contractor's use of the Spay/Neuter Van shall be subject to its availability as determined by City and City scheduling. The Spay/Neuter Van shall be picked up at a time and location designated by City and will be provided to Contractor with a full tank of fuel. After using the Spay/Neuter Van, Contractor must at all times return the Spay/Neuter Van to City with a full tank of fuel.
  - 3.5.2 Contractor shall furnish additional fuel as necessary for operation of the Spay/Neuter Van while the same is in the possession of Contractor. City shall be allowed at any time to inspect the Spay/Neuter Van while under Contractor's use.
  - 3.5.3 The Spay/Neuter Van shall be used by Contractor in good operating practices, by safe careful and competent personnel.
  - 3.5.4 Upon termination of Contractor's period of use throughout the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall return the Spay/Neuter Van to City at such location as City shall designate. Upon return, the Spay/Neuter Van shall be thoroughly cleaned and in good order.
  - 3.5.5 So long as the Spay/Neuter Van is in the possession of Contractor under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be the responsibility of Contractor to assure that the Spay/Neuter Van, and its component parts, are not diminished in value in any way. Any damage to the Spay/Neuter Van shall be immediately reported to the City.
  - 3.5.6 Signage and graphics appearing on the Spay/Neuter Van shall be determined exclusively by City. Additional graphics or signs shall not be added to the exterior or interior of the Spay/Neuter Van. Contractor will not alter, deface, change or remove any identification that is placed on the Spay/Neuter Van indicating City's ownership thereof.

- 3.5.7 Contractor shall be solely responsible for all damage, or loss of the Spay/Neuter Van up to its actual replacement value, due to fire, theft, vandalism, collision or any other causes of physical damage. Risk of loss for the Spay/Neuter Van shall remain with Contractor at all times.
- 3.5.8 Contractor understands and agrees that it does not acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Spay/Neuter Van under this Agreement and shall not assign nor sublet the Spay/Neuter Van or its rights or obligations hereunder in whole or in part. If persons not in Contractor's employ operate the Spay/Neuter Van, Contractor shall remain responsible for such operation according to the terms hereof.
- 3.5.9 If the Spay/Neuter Van breaks down during Contractor's use, Contractor at its expense shall be responsible for towing the Spay/Neuter Van to a location designated by City for repair by City.
- 3.5.10 Contractor shall notify City immediately of any accident involving the Spay/Neuter Van and promptly furnish City in writing all information required by City in connection therewith including information regarding the time, place and nature of such accident and the damages involved, as well as the names and addresses of the persons concerned and persons injured, if any, witnesses and owners of property damaged, and any other information known to Contractor together with correspondence and documents pertaining to the accident and to otherwise cooperate in all particulars in aiding the investigation and defense of all claims and demands arising out of any and all accidents. Contractor shall also insure that the San Antonio Police Department is called to the accident scene and that an accident report is filed.
- 3.5.11 The Spay/Neuter Van shall be used solely for the purpose specified in this Agreement. In no event shall the Spay/Neuter Van be used for personal convenience. The Spay/Neuter Van shall not be used for general transportation, passenger transportation or to carry materials and goods not specifically related to the Spay/Neuter Van's activities pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3.5.12 Contractor agrees to comply with and conform to all laws and regulations of any government public body having jurisdiction relating to the maintenance, use, operation, storage, erection, dismantling, servicing or transportation of the Spay/Neuter Van and to assume responsibility for all losses, damages, expenses, fines, forfeitures, seizures, confiscation and penalties arising out of the violation of any such laws and regulations.
- 3.6 Contractor will provide supporting documentation verifying surgeries performed, as determined by City.
- 3.7 Contractor surgeries must be performed in a manner consistent with or that exceeds the prevailing standard for veterinary care in Bexar County, Texas.
- 3.8 Contractor will invoice the City within thirty (30) days following the preceding month's surgical services completed. Contractor shall provide supporting documentation as determined by City to include, but not limited to, surgery logs and evidence that each animal sterilized under this agreement is currently licensed and vaccinated for rabies. Supporting

documentation must accompany each spay-neuter surgery performed for which Contractor is seeking payment. On a monthly basis Contractor will provide a report to include the number of surgeries, sex, species, and breed of each sterilized animal. The monthly reports shall also include the name, full address, telephone number, and email (if available) of the owner of each animal sterilized under this agreement. The monthly reports shall be in a format to be determined by the Department and is to be received by the City by no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of every month.

- 3.9 Contractor shall maintain a 99% success rate with less than a 1% complication rate of all services rendered in accordance hereof and all work performed by Contractor hereunder shall be performed to the satisfaction of Director. The determination made by Director shall be final, binding and conclusive on all Parties hereto. City shall be under no obligation to pay for any work performed by Contractor, which is not satisfactory to Director. City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in accordance with Article VII. Termination, in whole or in part, should Contractor's work not be satisfactory to Director; however, City shall have no obligation to terminate and may withhold payment for any unsatisfactory work, as stated herein, even should City elect not to terminate.

#### **IV. COMPENSATION TO CONTRACTOR**

- 4.1 In consideration of Contractor's performance in a satisfactory and efficient manner, as determined solely by Director, of all services and activities set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Contractor an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$165,000.00) as total compensation, to be paid to Contractor as follows:
- 4.1.1 Contractor shall be paid at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per spay-neuter surgery performed and shall not charge any additional fee for this service. This shall represent the total amount received from all sources, the pet owner or otherwise, for each surgery performed.
- 4.1.2 Contractor may charge an amount not to exceed seven dollars (\$7) for each rabies vaccination or microchip implant. Any additional services provided to pet owner which are not included in this Agreement shall be paid for by pet owner.
- 4.2 In accordance with Section 3.2 of this Agreement, all spay-neuter surgeries must be performed on pets of area residents requiring access to transportation services at no cost to the pet owner, and no additional fee or expense shall be charged by Contractor nor be payable by City for spay-neuter services performed hereof.
- 4.3 The Parties hereby agree that all compensable expenses of Contractor have been provided for in the total payment to Contractor as specified in section 4.1 above. Total payments to Contractor cannot exceed that amount set forth in section 4.1 above, without prior approval and agreement of all Parties, evidenced in writing.
- 4.4 Final acceptance of work products and services require written approval by City. The approval official shall be Director. Payment will be made to Contractor following written approval of the final work products and services by Director. City shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party, other than Contractor, for the payment of any monies or the provision of any goods or services.

## V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Any and all writings, documents or information in whatsoever form and character produced by Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement is the exclusive property of City; and no such writing; document or information shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by Contractor.
- 5.2 Contractor understands and acknowledges that as the exclusive owner of any and all such writings, documents and information, City has the right to use all such writings, documents and information as City desires, without restriction.
- 5.3 Veterinary records shall be owned and maintained in accordance with Texas Administrative Code section 573.52, Patient Record Keeping. Contractor shall make such records available to City in accordance with Article VI.

## VI. RECORDS RETENTION AND RIGHT TO AUDIT

- 6.1 Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, shall properly, accurately and completely maintain all documents, papers, and records, and other evidence pertaining to the services rendered hereunder (hereafter referred to as "documents"), and shall make such materials available to the City at their respective offices, at all reasonable times and as often as City may deem necessary during the Agreement period, including any extension or renewal hereof, and the record retention period established herein, for purposes of audit, inspection, examination, and making excerpts or copies of same by City and any of its authorized representatives.
- 6.2 Contractor shall retain any and all documents produced as a result of services provided hereunder for a period of four (4) years (hereafter referred to as "retention period") from the date of termination of the Agreement. If, at the end of the retention period, there is litigation or other questions arising from, involving or concerning this documentation or the services provided hereunder, Contractor shall retain the records until the resolution of such litigation or other such questions. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that City shall have access to any and all such documents at any and all times, as deemed necessary by City, during said retention period. City may, at its election, require Contractor to return said documents to City prior to or at the conclusion of said retention.
- 6.3 Contractor shall notify City, immediately, in the event Contractor receives any request for information from a third party, which pertain to the documentation and records referenced herein. Contractor understands and agrees that City will process and handle all such requests.

## VII. TERMINATION

- 7.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "termination" of this Agreement shall mean termination by expiration of the Agreement term as stated in Article II. Term, or earlier termination pursuant to any of the provisions hereof.
- 7.2 Termination Without Cause. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice.

- 7.3 Termination For Cause. Upon written notice, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, City may terminate this Agreement as of the date provided in the notice, in whole or in part, upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the following events, each of which shall constitute an Event for Cause under this Agreement:
- 7.3.1 The sale, transfer, pledge, conveyance or assignment of this Agreement without prior approval, as provided in Article XII. Assignment and Subcontracting.
- 7.4 Defaults With Opportunity for Cure. Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement in a manner stated in this section 7.4 below, same shall be considered an event of default. City shall deliver written notice of said default specifying such matter(s) in default. Contractor shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the written notice, in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, to cure such default. If Contractor fails to cure the default within such fifteen-day cure period, City shall have the right, without further notice, to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as City deems appropriate, and to contract with another Contractor to complete the work required in this Agreement. City shall also have the right to offset the cost of said new Agreement with a new Contractor against Contractor's future or unpaid invoice(s), subject to the duty on the part of City to mitigate its losses to the extent required by law.
- 7.4.1 Bankruptcy or selling substantially all of company's assets
- 7.4.2 Failing to perform or failing to comply with any covenant herein required
- 7.4.3 Performing unsatisfactorily as determined by Director
- 7.5 Termination By Law. If any state or federal law or regulation is enacted or promulgated which prohibits the performance of any of the duties herein, or, if any law is interpreted to prohibit such performance, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as of the effective date of such prohibition.
- 7.6 Regardless of how this Agreement is terminated, Contractor shall affect an orderly transfer to City or to such person(s) or firm(s) as the City may designate, at no additional cost to City, all completed or partially completed documents, papers, records, charts, reports, and any other materials or information produced as a result of or pertaining to the services rendered by Contractor, or provided to Contractor, hereunder, regardless of storage medium, if so requested by City, or shall otherwise be retained by Contractor in accordance with Article VI. Records Retention. Any record transfer shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of a written request by City and shall be completed at Contractor's sole cost and expense. Payment of compensation due or to become due to Contractor is conditioned upon delivery of all such documents, if requested.
- 7.7 Within forty-five (45) calendar days of the effective date of completion, or termination or expiration of this Agreement, Contractor shall submit to City its claims, in detail, for the monies owed by City for services performed under this Agreement through the effective date of termination. Failure by Contractor to submit its claims within said forty-five (45) calendar days shall negate any liability on the part of City and constitute a **Waiver** by Contractor of any and all right or claims to collect moneys that Contractor may rightfully be otherwise entitled to for services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

- 7.8 Upon the effective date of expiration or termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall cease all operations of work being performed by Contractor or any of its subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement.
- 7.9 Termination not sole remedy. In no event shall City's action of terminating this Agreement, whether for cause or otherwise, be deemed an election of City's remedies, nor shall such termination limit, in any way, at law or at equity, City's right to seek damages from or otherwise pursue Contractor for any default hereunder or other action.

#### VIII. NOTICE

- 8.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any election, notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and deemed to have been duly given if and when delivered personally (with receipt acknowledged), or three (3) days after depositing same in the U.S. mail, first class, with proper postage prepaid, or upon receipt if sending the same by certified mail, return receipt requested, or upon receipt when sent by a commercial courier service (such as Federal Express or DHL Worldwide Express) for expedited delivery to be confirmed in writing by such courier, at the addresses set forth below or to such other address as either party may from time to time designate in writing.

If intended for City, to:

City of San Antonio  
Attn: Heber Lefgren, Director  
Animal Care Services Department  
4710 Highway 151  
San Antonio, Texas 78227

If intended for Contractor, to:

Spay-Neuter-Inject-Protect San Antonio  
Attn: Shannon Espy, DVM  
6338 N. New Braunfels Avenue, #185  
San Antonio, Texas 78209

#### IX. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 9.1 In order to provide the deliverables to the City, Contractor may require access to certain of the City's and/or its licensors' confidential information (Including inventions, employee information, trade secrets, confidential know-how, confidential business information, and other Information which the City or its licensors consider confidential) (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is valuable property of the City and/or its licensors and any unauthorized use, disclosure, dissemination, or other release of the Confidential Information will substantially injure the City and/or its licensors. The Contractor (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives) agrees that it will maintain the Confidential Information in strict confidence and shall not disclose, disseminate, copy, divulge, recreate, or otherwise use the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the City or in a manner not expressly permitted under this Agreement, unless the Confidential Information, is required to be disclosed by law or an order of any court or other governmental authority with proper jurisdiction, provided the Contractor promptly notifies the City before disclosing such information so as to permit the City reasonable time to seek an appropriate protective order. The Contractor agrees to use protective measures no less stringent than the Contractor uses within its own business to protect its own most valuable information, which protective measures shall under all circumstances be at least reasonable measures to ensure the continued confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

## X. INSURANCE

- 10.1 Prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and a completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the City's Animal Care Services Department, which shall be clearly labeled "Spay-Neuter Surgical Services Agreement" in the Description of Operations block of the Certificate. The Certificate(s) shall be completed by an agent and signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The City will not accept Memorandum of Insurance or Binders as proof of insurance. The original certificate(s) or form must have the agent's signature and phone number, and be mailed, with copies of all applicable endorsements, directly from the insurer's authorized representative to the City. The City shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by the City's Animal Care Services Department. No officer or employee, other than the City's Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.
- 10.2 The City reserves the right to review the insurance requirements of this Article during the effective period of this Agreement and any extension or renewal hereof and to modify insurance coverages and their limits when deemed necessary and prudent by City's Risk Manager based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this Agreement. In no instance will City allow modification whereupon City may incur increased risk.
- 10.3 A Contractor's financial integrity is of interest to the City; therefore, subject to Contractor's right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by the City, Contractor shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, and any extension hereof, at Contractor's sole expense, insurance coverage written on an occurrence basis, unless otherwise indicated, by companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas and with an A.M Best's rating of no less than A- (VII), in the following types and for an amount not less than the amount listed below:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
1. Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
2. Employers' Liability	\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000
Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises operations b. Products/Completed Operations c. Personal/Advertising Injury	For Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 General Aggregate, or its equivalent in Umbrella or Excess Liability Coverage
4. Business Automobile Liability a. Owned/leased vehicles b. Non-owned vehicles c. Hired Vehicles	Combined <u>S</u> ingle <u>L</u> imit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence
5. Professional Liability (Claims-made basis): To be maintained and in effect for no less than two years subsequent to the completion of the professional service.	\$1,000,000 per claim, to pay on behalf of the insured all sums which the insured shall become legally obligated to pay as damages by reason of any act, malpractice, error, or omission in professional services



10.4 As they apply to the limits required by City, the City shall be entitled, upon request and without expense, to receive copies of the policies, declaration page and all endorsements thereto, and may require the deletion, revision, or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations or exclusions (except where policy provisions are established by law or regulation binding upon either of the Parties hereto or the underwriter of any such policies). Contractor shall be required to comply with any such request and shall submit a copy of the replacement certificate of insurance to City at the address provided below within ten (10) days of the requested change. Contractor shall pay any costs incurred resulting from said changes.

City of San Antonio  
Attn. Animal Care Services Department  
P.O. Box 839966  
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

10.5 Contractor agrees that with respect to the above required insurance, all insurance policies are to contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- Name the City, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers, and elected representatives as additional insured by endorsement, as respects operations and activities of, or on behalf of, the named insured performed under contract with the City, with the exception of the workers' compensation and professional liability policies;
- Provide for an endorsement that the "other insurance" clause shall not apply to the City of San Antonio where the City is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- Workers' compensation, employers' liability and general liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City.
- Provide advance written notice directly to City of any suspension, cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage, and not less than ten (10) calendar days advance notice for nonpayment of premium.

10.6 Within five (5) calendar days of a suspension, cancellation or non-renewal of coverage, Contractor shall provide a replacement Certificate of Insurance and applicable endorsements to City. City shall have the option to suspend Contractor's performance should there be a lapse in coverage at any time during this contract. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

10.7 In addition to any other remedies the City may have upon Contractor's failure to provide and maintain any insurance or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, the City shall have the right to order Contractor to stop work hereunder, and/or withhold any payment(s) which become due to Contractor hereunder until Contractor demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof.

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

10.9 It is agreed that Contractor's insurance shall be deemed primary and non-contributory with respect to any insurance or self-insurance carried by the City of San Antonio for liability arising out of operations under this Agreement.

- 10.10 It is understood and agreed that the insurance required is in addition to and separate from any other obligation contained in this Agreement and that no claim or action by or on behalf of the City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.
- 10.11 Contractor and any Subcontractors are responsible for all damage to their own equipment and/or property.

## XI. INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 **CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees to FULLY INDEMNIFY, DEFEND and HOLD HARMLESS, the CITY and the elected officials, employees, officers, directors, volunteers and representatives of the CITY, individually and collectively, from and against any and all costs, claims, liens, damages, losses, expenses, fees, fines, penalties, proceedings, actions, demands, causes of action, liability and suits of any kind and nature, including but not limited to, personal or bodily injury, death and property damage, made upon the CITY directly or indirectly arising, out of, resulting from or related to CONTRACTOR'S activities under this Agreement, including any acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR, any agent, officer, director, representative, employee, Contractor or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR, and their respective officers, agents employees, directors and representatives while in the exercise of the rights or performance of the duties under this Agreement. The indemnity provided for in this paragraph shall not apply to any liability resulting from the negligence of CITY, its officers or employees, in instances where such negligence causes personal injury, death, or property damage. IN THE EVENT CONTRACTOR AND CITY ARE FOUND JOINTLY LIABLE BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, LIABILITY SHALL BE APPORTIONED COMPARATIVELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, WAIVING ANY GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY AVAILABLE TO THE CITY UNDER TEXAS LAW AND WITHOUT WAIVING ANY DEFENSES OF THE PARTIES UNDER TEXAS LAW.**
- 11.2 The provisions of this INDEMNITY are solely for the benefit of the parties hereto and not intended to create or grant any rights, contractual or otherwise, to any other person or entity. CONTRACTOR shall advise the CITY in writing within 24 hours of any claim or demand against the CITY or CONTRACTOR known to CONTRACTOR related to or arising out of CONTRACTOR's activities under this AGREEMENT and shall see to the investigation and defense of such claim or demand at CONTRACTOR's cost. The CITY shall have the right, at its option and at its own expense, to participate in such defense without relieving CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations under this paragraph.
- 11.3 Defense Counsel - City shall have the right to select or to approve defense counsel to be retained by CONTRACTOR in fulfilling its obligation hereunder to defend and indemnify City, unless such right is expressly waived by City in writing. CONTRACTOR shall retain City approved defense counsel within seven (7) business days of City's written notice that City is invoking its right to indemnification under this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR fails to retain Counsel within such time period, City shall have the right to retain defense counsel on its own behalf, and CONTRACTOR shall be liable for all costs incurred by City. City shall also have the right, at its option, to be represented by advisory counsel of its own selection and at its own expense, without waiving the foregoing.

- 11.4 Employee Litigation - In any and all claims against any party indemnified hereunder by any employee of CONTRACTOR, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation herein provided shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor under worker's compensation or other employee benefit acts.

## **XII. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

- 12.1 Contractor shall supply qualified personnel as may be necessary to complete the work to be performed under this Agreement. Persons retained to perform work pursuant to this Agreement shall be the employees or subcontractors of Contractor. Contractor, its employees or its subcontractors shall perform all necessary work.
- 12.2 It is City's understanding and this Agreement is made in reliance thereon, and that Contractor intends to use the following subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement: Contractor intends to utilize licensed veterinarians as independent contractors on a rotating basis to perform surgeries at its facilities. Any deviation from this subcontractor list, whether in the form of deletions, additions or substitutions shall be approved by City.
- 12.3 Any work or services approved for subcontracting hereunder shall be subcontracted only by written contract and, unless specific waiver is granted in writing by the City, shall be subject by its terms to each and every provision of this Agreement. Compliance by subcontractors with this Agreement shall be the responsibility of Contractor. City shall in no event be obligated to any third party, including any subcontractor of Contractor, for performance of services or payment of fees. Any references in this Agreement to an assignee, transferee, or subcontractor, indicate only such an entity as has been approved by the City.
- 12.4 Except as otherwise stated herein, Contractor may not sell, assign, pledge, transfer or convey any interest in this Agreement, nor delegate the performance of any duties hereunder, by transfer, by subcontracting or any other means, without the consent of the City. As a condition of such consent, if such consent is granted, Contractor shall remain liable for completion of the services outlined in this Agreement in the event of default by the successor Contractor, assignee, transferee or subcontractor.
- 12.5 Any attempt to transfer, pledge or otherwise assign this Agreement without said written approval, shall be void ab initio and shall confer no rights upon any third person. Should Contractor assign, transfer, convey, delegate, or otherwise dispose of any part of all or any part of its right, title or interest in this Agreement, City may, at its option, cancel this Agreement and all rights, titles and interest of Contractor shall thereupon cease and terminate, in accordance with Article VII. Termination, notwithstanding any other remedy available to City under this Agreement. The violation of this provision by Contractor shall in no event release Contractor from any obligation under the terms of this Agreement, nor shall it relieve or release Contractor from the payment of any damages to City, which City sustains as a result of such violation.

### XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

- 13.1 Contractor covenants and agrees that he or she is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of City; that Contractor shall have exclusive control of and exclusive right to control the details of the work performed hereunder and all persons performing same, and shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants; that the doctrine of respondeat superior shall not apply as between City and Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants, and nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer-employee, principal-agent, partners or joint ventures between City and Contractor. The Parties hereto understand and agree that the City shall not be liable for any claims which may be asserted by any third party occurring in connection with the services to be performed by the Contractor under this Agreement and that the Contractor has no authority to bind the City.

### XIV. SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY (SBEDA)

- 14.1 SBEDA PROGRAM. The City has adopted a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2016-05-19-0367 and as amended, also referred to as “SBEDA” or “the SBEDA Program”), which is posted on the City’s Economic Development Department (EDD) website page and is also available in hard copy format upon request to the CITY. The SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions contained in this section of the Agreement are governed by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance, as well as by the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance Policy & Procedure Manual established by the CITY pursuant to this Ordinance, and any subsequent amendments to this referenced SBEDA Ordinance and SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual that are effective as of the date of the execution of this Agreement. Unless defined in a contrary manner herein, terms used in this section of the Agreement shall be subject to the same expanded definitions and meanings as given those terms in the SBEDA Ordinance and as further interpreted in the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual.
- 14.2 DEFINITIONS.
- 14.2.1 **Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API)** – Refers to various S/M/WBE Program tools and Solicitation Incentives that are used to encourage greater prime and subcontract participation by S/M/WBE firms, including bonding assistance, evaluation preferences, subcontracting goals and joint venture incentives. (For full descriptions of these and other S/M/WBE Program tools, see Section III.D of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in the SBEDA Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.
- 14.2.2 **Annual Aspirational Goal** – a non-mandatory annual aspirational percentage goal for overall M/WBE Prime and subcontract participation in City of San Antonio contracts is established each year for Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contract Industry Categories. This Annual Aspirational Goal is to be set (and thereafter adjusted) by the Goal Setting Committee (GSC) based upon the M/WBE availability by industry in accordance with the City’s 2015 Disparity Study findings, along with relative M/WBE availability data to be collected by the City through its CVR system, and

the utilization of M/WBEs. Any adjusted Annual Aspirational Goals for a given industry should not exceed the Expected Availability for award dollar weights as found in the 2015 Disparity Study. Annual Aspirational Goals are not to be routinely applied to individual contracts, but are intended to serve as a benchmark against which to measure the overall effectiveness of the S/M/WBE Program on an annual basis, and to gauge the need for future adjustments to the mix and to the aggressiveness of remedies being applied under the Program. Percentage Goals for S/M/WBE participation may be established by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis based upon similar data and analysis for the particular goods and services being purchased in a given contract.

- 14.2.3 **Award** – the final selection of a Respondent for a specified Prime Contract or subcontract dollar amount. Contract awards are made by the City to Prime Contractors or vendors and by Prime Contractors or vendors to Subcontractor or sub-vendors, usually pursuant to a solicitation process. (Contract awards are to be distinguished from contract payments in that they only reflect the anticipated dollar amounts instead of actual dollar amounts that are paid to a contractor under an awarded contract).
- 14.2.4 **Best Value Contracting** – a purchasing solicitation process through which the Originating Department may evaluate factors other than price. Evaluation criteria for selection may include a Respondent’s previous experience and quality of product or services procured, and other factors identified in the applicable statute.
- 14.2.5 **Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR)** – a mandatory electronic system of hardware and software programs by which the City recommends all prospective respondents and subcontractors that are ready, willing and able to sell goods or services to the City to register. All businesses awarded a City contract shall be required to register in the CVR. The CVR system assigns a unique identifier to each registrant that is then required for the purpose of submitting solicitation responses and invoices, and for receiving payments from the City. The CVR-assigned identifiers are also used by the Goal Setting Committee for measuring relative availability and tracking utilization of SBE and M/WBE firms by Industry or commodity codes, and for establishing Annual Aspirational Goals and Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals.
- 14.2.6 **Certification** – the process by which the Small Business Office (SBO) staff determines a firm to be a bona-fide small, minority-, women-owned, or emerging small business enterprise. Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs) are automatically eligible for Certification as SBEs. Any firm may apply for multiple Certifications that cover each and every status category (e.g., SBE, ESBE, MBE, or WBE) for which it is able to satisfy eligibility standards. The SBO staff may contract these services to a regional Certification agency or other entity. For purposes of Certification, the City may accept any firm that is certified by local government entities and other organizations identified herein that have adopted Certification standards and procedures similar to those followed by the SBO, provided the prospective firm satisfies the eligibility requirements set forth in this Ordinance in Section III.E.6.
- 14.2.7 **City** – refers to the City of San Antonio, TX.

- 14.2.8 **Commercially Useful Function** – an S/M/WBE firm performs a Commercially Useful Function when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, staffing, managing and supervising the work involved. To perform a Commercially Useful Function, the S/M/WBE firm must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quantity and quality, ordering the material, and installing (where applicable) and paying for the material itself. To determine whether an S/M/WBE firm is performing a Commercially Useful Function, an evaluation must be performed of the amount of work subcontracted, normal industry practices, whether the amount the S/M/WBE firm is to be paid under the contract is commensurate with the work it is actually performing and the S/M/WBE credit claimed for its performance of the work, and other relevant factors. Specifically, an S/M/WBE firm does not perform a Commercially Useful Function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of meaningful and useful S/M/WBE participation, when in similar transactions in which S/M/WBE firms do not participate, there is no such role performed.
- 14.2.9 **Control** – the authority of a person or business owner to sign responses to solicitations and contracts, make price negotiation decisions, sell or liquidate the business and have the primary authority to direct the day-to-day management and operation of a business enterprise without interference from others.
- 14.2.10 **Economic Inclusion** – efforts to promote and maximize commercial transactions within, between and among all segments of the business population, regardless of race or gender, within the Relevant Marketplace.
- 14.2.11<sup>\*</sup> **Emerging SBE (ESBE)** – a certified SBE corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.
- 14.2.12 **Emerging M/WBE** – a certified M/WBE firm whose annual revenues and number of employees are no greater than 25% of the small business size standards for its industry as established by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.
- 14.2.13 **Evaluation Preference** – an API that may be applied by the Goal Setting Committee to Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods and Supplies contracts that are to be awarded on a basis that includes factors other than lowest price, and wherein responses that are submitted to the City by S/M/WBE firms may be awarded additional Points in the evaluation process in the scoring and ranking of their proposals against those submitted by other prime Respondents.

- 14.2.14 **Formal Solicitation** – an invitation for bids, request for proposals, request for qualifications or other solicitation document issued by a City department for a contract that requires City Council approval, in accordance with the procurement rules adopted by the City Manager or designee through a memorandum issued by the City Manager or designee, an Administrative Directive or a procurement manual issued under the authority of the City Manager or designee, and/or pursuant to statutory requirements.
- 14.2.15 **Goal Setting Committee (GSC)** – a committee, or series of committees, appointed and chaired by the City Manager or designee from the Executive Team that includes, at a minimum, the EDD Director or designee, and the Director of Finance or Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) or their designees, the Director or designee of the Originating Department (if the Originating Department is neither Finance nor TCI,) all without duplication of designees and two citizens appointed by City Council who are eligible to vote during the goal setting committee on contracts valued at \$3,000,000 and above. The City Manager or designee may also appoint two ex-officio members of the Small Business Advocacy Committee to serve on any GSC purely in an advisory and non-voting capacity. The GSC establishes S/M/WBE Program Goals for the City of San Antonio (e.g., Annual Aspirational Goals, Contract-by-Contract Subcontracting Goals, and determining which M/WBE segments are eligible for Segmented Subcontracting Goals annually) based upon Industry Categories, vendor availability, project-specific characteristics, and M/WBE utilization. The GSC also makes determinations about which Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (APIs) are to be applied to specific contracts based upon various criteria.
- 14.2.16 **Good Faith Efforts** – documentation of the Respondent’s intent to comply with S/M/WBE Program Goals and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: (1) documentation as stated in the solicitation reflecting the Respondent’s commitment to comply with SBE or M/WBE Program Goals as established by the GSC for a particular contract; or (2) documentation of efforts made toward achieving the SBE or M/WBE Program Goals (e.g., solicitations of bids/proposals/qualification statements from all qualified SBE or M/WBE firms listed in the Small Business Office’s directory of certified SBE or M/WBE firms; correspondence from qualified SBE or M/WBE firms documenting their unavailability to perform SBE or M/WBE contracts; documentation of efforts to subdivide work into smaller quantities for subcontracting purposes to enhance opportunities for SBE or M/WBE firms; documentation of a Prime Contractor’s posting of a bond covering the work of SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors; documentation of efforts to assist SBE or M/WBE firms with obtaining financing, bonding or insurance required by the Respondent; and documentation of consultations with trade associations and contractors that represent the interests of SBE and/or M/WBEs in order to identify qualified and available SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors.)
- 14.2.17 **HUBZone Firm** – a business that has been certified by U.S. Small Business Administration for participation in the federal HUBZone Program, as established under the 1997 Small Business Reauthorization Act. To qualify as a HUBZone firm, a small business must meet the following criteria: (1) it must be owned and Controlled by U.S. citizens; (2) at least 35 percent of its employees must reside in a HUBZone; and (3) its Principal Place of Business must be located in a HUBZone within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. [See 13 C.F.R. 126.200 (1999).]
- 14.2.18 **Independently Owned and Operated** – ownership of an SBE firm must be direct, independent and by Individuals only. Ownership of an M/WBE firm may be by Individuals and/or by other businesses provided the ownership interests in the

M/WBE firm can satisfy the M/WBE eligibility requirements for ownership and Control as specified herein in Section III.E.6. The M/WBE firm must also be Independently Owned and Operated in the sense that it cannot be the subsidiary of another firm that does not itself (and in combination with the certified M/WBE firm) satisfy the eligibility requirements for M/WBE Certification.

- 14.2.19 **Individual** – an adult person that is of legal majority age.
- 14.2.20 **Industry Categories** – procurement groupings for the City of San Antonio inclusive of Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies (i.e., manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution of commodities). This term may sometimes be referred to as “business categories.”
- 14.2.21 **Joint Venture Incentives** – an API that provides inducements for non-SBE and non-M/WBE firms to collaborate with SBE or M/WBE partners in responses to solicitations and performing a Prime Contract to supply goods to, or to perform non-Construction services on behalf of, the City. Joint ventures are manifested by written agreements between two or more Independently Owned and Controlled business firms to form a third business entity solely for purposes of undertaking distinct roles and responsibilities in the completion of a given contract. Under this business arrangement, each joint venture partner shares in the management of the joint venture and also shares in the profits or losses of the joint venture enterprise commensurately with its contribution to the venture. Incentives under this API may include Evaluation Preferences that are tied to the percentage of SBE or M/WBE participation in the joint venture, expedited issuance of building permits and extra contract option years in certain Other Services and Goods & Supplies contracts.
- 14.2.22 **Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE)** – firm that is certified as either a Minority Business Enterprise or as a Women Business Enterprise, and which is at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members and/or women, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City of San Antonio.
- 14.2.23 **M/WBE Directory** – a listing of M/WBEs that have been certified for participation in the City’s M/WBE Program APIs.
- 14.2.24 **M/WBE Subcontracting Program** – an API in which Prime Contractors or vendors are required to make Good Faith Efforts to subcontract a specified percentage of the value of prime contract dollars to certified M/WBE firms. Such subcontracting goals may be set and applied by the GSC on a contract-by-contract basis to those types of contracts that provide subcontract opportunities for performing Commercially Useful Functions wherein:
- (1) There have been ongoing disparities in the utilization of available M/WBE Subcontractors; or
  - (2) Race-Neutral efforts have failed to eliminate persistent and significant disparities in the award of prime contracts to M/WBEs in a particular Industry Category or industry segment (e.g., Construction contracts, Professional Services contracts, and Architectural and Engineering contracts), and subcontract opportunities are limited outside of City contracts.
- When specified by the GSC, the M/WBE Subcontracting Program may also be required to reflect Good Faith Efforts that a Prime Contractor or vendor has taken (or commits to taking in the case of solicitations that do not include a detailed scope of work or those in which price cannot be considered a factor in evaluation), toward attainment of subcontracting goals for M/WBE firms.



- 14.2.25 **M/WBE Evaluation Preference** – an API that the City may apply to requests for proposals or qualifications (RFPs or RFQs) on City Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts that are issued pursuant to a Best Value Contracting method or other methods of procurement wherein criteria other than lowest price are factored into the selection process. M/WBEs that submit responses for these kinds of solicitations are awarded additional Points in the scoring of their responses when evaluating and ranking their responses against those submitted by non-minority firms. Where specified in contract specifications as approved by the Goal Setting Committee, the M/WBE Evaluation Preference may be limited to Emerging M/WBE firms.
- 14.2.26 **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)** – any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, which is certified as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more Minority Group Members, and that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City. To qualify as an MBE, the enterprise shall meet the Significant Business Presence requirement as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term “MBE” as used in the SBEDA Ordinance is not inclusive of women-owned business enterprises (WBEs).
- 14.2.27 **Minority Group Members** – African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, as defined below:
- African-Americans: Persons with origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Hispanic-Americans: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central and South American origin.
- Asian-Americans: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- Native Americans: Persons having no less than 1/16<sup>th</sup> percentage origin in any of the Native American Tribes, as recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs and as demonstrated by possession of personal tribal role documents.
- 14.2.28 **Originating Department** – the City department or authorized representative of the City which issues solicitations or for which a solicitation is issued.
- 14.2.29 **Payment** – dollars actually paid to Prime Contractors and/or Subcontractors and vendors for City contracted goods and/or services.
- 14.2.30 **Points** – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the vendor selection process used in some Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts (e.g., up to 20 points out of a total of 100 points assigned for S/M/WBE participation as stated in response to a Request for Proposals).
- 14.2.31 **Prime Contractor** – the vendor or contractor to whom a purchase order or contract is issued by the City of San Antonio for purposes of providing goods or services for the City.
- 14.2.32 **Race-Conscious** – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is taken into consideration (e.g., references to M/WBE programs)

and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Conscious”). To be eligible for the benefits of race- and gender-conscious APIs as provided in this Ordinance, M/WBE firms must also satisfy the size standards for being a Small Business Enterprise or SBE as defined herein.

- 14.2.33 **Race-Neutral** – any business classification or API wherein the race or gender of business owners is not taken into consideration (e.g., references to SBE programs and APIs that are listed herein under the heading of “Race-Neutral”).
- 14.2.34 **Relevant Marketplace** – the geographic market area affecting the S/M/WBE Program as determined for purposes of collecting data for the 2015 Disparity Study, and for determining eligibility for participation under various programs established by the SBEDA Ordinance, is defined as the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA), currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson.
- 14.2.35 **Respondent** – a vendor submitting a bid, statement of qualifications, or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the City.
- 14.2.36 **Responsible** – a firm which is capable in all respects to fully perform the contract requirements and has the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance of contract specifications.
- 14.2.37 **Responsive** – a firm’s submittal (bid, response or proposal) conforms in all material respects to the solicitation (Invitation for Bid, Request for Qualifications, or Request for Proposal) and shall include compliance with S/M/WBE Program requirements.
- 14.2.38 **San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA)** – also known as the Relevant Marketplace, the geographic market area from which the City’s 2015 Disparity Study analyzed contract utilization and availability data for disparity (currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson).
- 14.2.39 **Segmented M/WBE Goals** – the application of multiple goals for M/WBE participation within Annual Aspirational Goals or for M/WBE Subcontracting Goals on an individual City contract wherein an overall combined M/WBE goal is accompanied by subsets of one or more smaller goals. Such segmented goals specifically target the participation of a particular segment of business enterprises owned and Controlled by WBEs or certain Minority Group Members (e.g., African-Americans or Hispanic-Americans) based upon relative availability and significantly greater patterns of underutilization and disparity within an industry as compared to other gender and Minority Group Member categories of M/WBEs. The application of Segmented M/WBE Goals is intended to ensure that those segments of M/WBEs that have been most significantly and persistently underutilized receive a fair measure of remedial assistance.
- 14.2.40 **SBE Directory** – a listing of small businesses that have been certified for participation in the City’s SBE Program APIs.
- 14.2.41 **Significant Business Presence** – to qualify for this Program, a S/M/WBE must be headquartered or have a *significant business presence* for at least one year within the Relevant Marketplace, defined as: an established place of business in one or more of the eight counties that make up the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical

Area (SAMSA), from which 20% of its full-time, part-time and contract employees are regularly based, and from which a substantial role in the S/M/WBE's performance of a Commercially Useful Function is conducted. A location utilized solely as a post office box, mail drop or telephone message center or any combination thereof, with no other substantial work function, shall not be construed to constitute a significant business presence.

- 14.2.42 **Small Business Enterprise (SBE)** – a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship or other legal entity for the purpose of making a profit, which is Independently Owned and Operated by Individuals legally residing in, or that are citizens of, the United States or its territories, and which meets the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standard for a small business in its particular industry(ies) and meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein.
- 14.2.43 **Small Business Office (SBO)** – the office within the Economic Development Department (EDD) of the City that is primarily responsible for general oversight and administration of the S/M/WBE Program.
- 14.2.44 **Small Minority Women Business Enterprise Program (S/M/WBE Program)** – the combination of SBE Program and M/WBE Program features contained in this Ordinance.
- 14.2.45 **Solicitation Incentives** – additional inducements or enhancements in the solicitation process that are designed to increase the chances for the selection of S/M/WBE firms in competition with other firms. Such inducements and enhancements may include such terms as additional contract option years, increased quantities in supply contracts, and evaluation preferences, where not prohibited by law. These solicitation incentives may be applied as appropriate to solicitations, contracts, and letter agreements for Construction, Architecture and Engineering services, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods & Supplies contracts, including change orders and amendments.
- 14.2.46 **Subcontractor** – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor in furtherance of the Prime Contractor's performance under a contract or purchase order with the City. A copy of the binding agreement between the Prime Contractor and the Subcontractor shall be submitted prior to the City's issuance of a notice to proceed.
- 14.2.47 **Suspension** – the temporary stoppage of an SBE or M/WBE firm's beneficial participation in the City's S/M/WBE Program for a finite period of time due to cumulative contract payments the S/M/WBE firm received during a fiscal year that exceed a certain dollar threshold as set forth in Section III.E.7, or pursuant to the Penalties and Sanctions set forth in Section III.E.13.
- 14.2.48 **Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan** – a binding part of this contract agreement which states the Consultant's commitment for the use of Joint Venture Partners and / or Subcontractors/Suppliers in the performance of this contract agreement, and states the name, scope of work, and dollar value of work to be performed by each of Consultant's Joint Venture partners and

Subcontractors/Suppliers in the course of the performance of this contract, specifying the S/M/WBE Certification category for each Joint Venture partner and Subcontractor/Supplier, as approved by the SBO Manager. Additions, deletions or modifications of the Joint Venture partner or Subcontractor/Supplier names, scopes of work, of dollar values of work to be performed requires an amendment to this agreement to be approved by the EDD Director or designee.

14.2.49 **Women Business Enterprises (WBEs)** - any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, that is certified for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance as being at least fifty-one percent (51%) owned, managed and Controlled by one or more non-minority women Individuals that are lawfully residing in, or are citizens of, the United States or its territories, that is ready, willing and able to sell goods or services that are purchased by the City and that meets the Significant Business Presence requirements as defined herein. Unless otherwise stated, the term "WBE" as used in this Ordinance is not inclusive of MBEs.

14.3 SBEDA PROGRAM COMPLIANCE – GENERAL PROVISIONS. As Contractor acknowledges that the terms of the City's SBEDA Ordinance, as amended, together with all requirements, guidelines, and procedures set forth in the City's SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual are in furtherance of the City's efforts at economic inclusion and, moreover, that such terms are part of Contractor's scope of work as referenced in the City's formal solicitation that formed the basis for contract award and subsequent execution of this Agreement, these SBEDA Ordinance requirements, guidelines and procedures are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement, and are considered by the Parties to this Agreement to be material terms. Contractor voluntarily agrees to fully comply with these SBEDA program terms as a condition for being awarded this contract by the City. Without limitation, Contractor further agrees to the following terms as part of its contract compliance responsibilities under the SBEDA Program:

14.3.1 Contractor shall cooperate fully with the Small Business Office and other City departments in their data collection and monitoring efforts regarding Contractor's utilization and payment of Subcontractors, S/M/WBE firms, and HUBZone firms, as applicable, for their performance of Commercially Useful Functions on this contract including, but not limited to, the timely submission of completed forms and/or documentation promulgated by SBO, through the Originating Department, pursuant to the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual, timely entry of data into monitoring systems, and ensuring the timely compliance of its subcontractors with this term;

14.3.2 Contractor shall cooperate fully with any City or SBO investigation (and shall also respond truthfully and promptly to any CITY or SBO inquiry) regarding possible non-compliance with SBEDA requirements on the part of Contractor or its Subcontractors or suppliers;

14.3.3 Contractor shall permit the SBO, upon reasonable notice, to undertake inspections as necessary including, but not limited to, contract-related correspondence, records, documents, payroll records, daily logs, invoices, bills, cancelled checks, and work product, and to interview Subcontractors and workers to determine whether there has been a violation of the terms of this Agreement;

- 14.3.4 Contractor shall notify the SBO, in writing on the Change to Utilization Plan form, through the Originating Department, of any proposed changes to Contractor's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan for this contract, with an explanation of the necessity for such proposed changes, including documentation of Good Faith Efforts made by Contractor to replace the Subcontractor / Supplier in accordance with the applicable Affirmative Procurement Initiative. All proposed changes to the Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan including, but not limited to, proposed self-performance of work by Contractor of work previously designated for performance by Subcontractor or supplier, substitutions of new Subcontractors, terminations of previously designated Subcontractors, or reductions in the scope of work and value of work awarded to Subcontractors or suppliers, shall be subject to advanced written approval by the Originating Department and the SBO.
- 14.3.5 Contractor shall immediately notify the Originating Department and SBO of any transfer or assignment of its contract with the City, as well as any transfer or change in its ownership or business structure.
- 14.3.6 Contractor shall retain all records of its Subcontractor payments for this contract for a minimum of four years or as required by state law, following the conclusion of this contract or, in the event of litigation concerning this contract, for a minimum of four years or as required by state law following the final determination of litigation, whichever is later.
- 14.3.7 In instances wherein the SBO determines that a Commercially Useful Function is not actually being performed by the applicable S/M/WBE or HUBZone firms listed in a Contractor's Subcontractor / Supplier Utilization Plan, the Contractor shall not be given credit for the participation of its S/M/WBE or HUBZone Subcontractor(s) or joint venture partner(s) toward attainment of S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm utilization goals, and the Contractor and its listed S/M/WBE firms or HUBZone firms may be subject to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance.
- 14.3.8 Contractor acknowledges that the City will not execute a contract or issue a Notice to Proceed for this project until the Contractor for this project has registered and/or maintained active status in the City's Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR), and Contractor has represented to City which primary commodity codes each Subcontractor will be performing under for this contract. City recommends all Subcontractors to be registered in the CVR.
- 14.4 SBEDA PROGRAM COMPLIANCE – AFFIRMATIVE PROCUREMENT INITIATIVES. The City has applied the following contract-specific Affirmative Procurement Initiatives to this contract. Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the selected API requirement shall also be extended to any change order or subsequent contract modification and, absent SBO's granting of a waiver, that its full compliance with the following API terms and conditions are material to its satisfactory performance under this Agreement:
- 14.5 COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY COMPLIANCE. As a condition of entering into this Agreement, the Contractor represents and warrants that it has complied with throughout the course of this solicitation and contract award process, and will continue to comply with, the City's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy, as described under Section III. C. 1. of the SBEDA Ordinance. As part of such compliance, Contractor shall not discriminate on the

basis of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or, on the basis of disability or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of Subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the company retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. The company shall provide equal opportunity for Subcontractors, vendors and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the City's Relevant Marketplace. The company understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and may result in termination of this Agreement, disqualification of the company from participating in City contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. Contractor's certification of its compliance with this Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as submitted to the City pursuant to the solicitation for this contract is hereby incorporated into the material terms of this Agreement. Contractor shall incorporate this clause into each of its Subcontractor and supplier agreements entered into pursuant to City contracts.

- 14.6 PROMPT PAYMENT. Upon execution of this contract by Contractor, Contractor shall be required to submit to City accurate progress payment information with each invoice regarding each of its Subcontractors, including HUBZone Subcontractors, to ensure that the Contractor's reported subcontract participation is accurate. Contractor shall pay its Subcontractors in compliance with Chapter 2251, Texas Government Code (the "Prompt Payment Act") within ten days of receipt of payment from City. In the event of Contractor's noncompliance with these prompt payment provisions, no final retainage on the Prime Contract shall be released to Contractor, and no new City contracts shall be issued to the Contractor until the City's audit of previous subcontract payments is complete and payments are verified to be in accordance with the specifications of the contract.
- 14.7 VIOLATIONS, SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES. In addition to the above terms, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is a violation of the SBEDA Ordinance and a material breach of this Agreement to:
- 14.7.1 Fraudulently obtain, retain, or attempt to obtain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining, retaining, or attempting to obtain or retain Certification status as an SBE, MBE, WBE, M/WBE, HUBZone firm, Emerging M/WBE, or ESBE for purposes of benefitting from the SBEDA Ordinance;
  - 14.7.2 Willfully falsify, conceal or cover up by a trick, scheme or device, a material fact or make any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or make use of any false writing or document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry pursuant to the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance;
  - 14.7.3 Willfully obstruct, impede or attempt to obstruct or impede any authorized official or employee who is investigating the qualifications of a business entity which has requested Certification as an S/M/WBE or HUBZone firm;
  - 14.7.4 Fraudulently obtain, attempt to obtain or aid another person fraudulently obtaining or attempting to obtain public monies to which the person is not entitled under the terms of the SBEDA Ordinance; and

14.7.5 Make false statements to any entity that any other entity is, or is not, certified as an S/M/WBE for purposes of the SBEDA Ordinance.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section III. E. 13. of the SBEDA Ordinance and any other penalties, sanctions and remedies available under law including, but not limited to:

1. Suspension of contract;
2. Withholding of funds;
3. Rescission of contract based upon a material breach of contract pertaining to S/M/WBE Program compliance;
4. Refusal to accept a response or proposal; and
5. Disqualification of Contractor or other business firm from eligibility for providing goods or services to the City for a period not to exceed two years (upon City Council approval).

#### **XV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 15.1 Contractor acknowledges that it is informed that the Charter of the City of San Antonio and its Ethics Code prohibit a City officer or employee, as those terms are defined in the Ethics Code, from having a financial interest in any contract with the City or any City agency such as city owned utilities. An officer or employee has a "prohibited financial interest" in a contract with the City or in the sale to the City of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale: a City officer or employee; his parent, child or spouse; a business entity in which the officer or employee, or his parent, child or spouse owns ten (10) percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or ten (10) percent or more of the fair market value of the business entity; a business entity in which any individual or entity above listed is a subcontractor on a City contract, a partner or a parent or subsidiary business entity.
- 15.2 Pursuant to the subsection above, Contractor warrants and certifies, and this Agreement is made in reliance thereon, that it, its officers, employees and agents are neither officers nor employees of the City. Contractor further warrants and certifies that it has tendered to City a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Statement in compliance with the City's Ethics Code.

#### **XVI. AMENDMENTS**

- 16.1 Any alteration, addition or deletion to the terms hereof shall be by amendment in writing executed by both City and Contractor and evidenced by passage of a subsequent City ordinance, as to City's approval; provided, however, during the term of the Agreement and subject to funding availability, the Director of the Animal Care Services Department shall have the authority to execute an amendment of this Agreement without further action by the San Antonio City Council, to 1) adjust the amount of funding under this Agreement, 2) adjust the number of surgeries required hereunder, including the number of surgeries required to provide transportation access services and/or 3) adjust the rate per surgery annually based on the Medical Consumer Price Index.

#### **XVII. SEVERABILITY**

- 17.1 If any clause or provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable under present or future federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to the City Charter, City Code, or ordinances of the City of San Antonio, Texas, then and in that event it is the

intention of the Parties hereto that such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other clause or provision hereof and that the remainder of this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision was never contained herein; it is also the intention of the Parties hereto that in lieu of each clause or provision of this Agreement that is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, there be added as a part of the Agreement a clause or provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision as may be possible, legal, valid and enforceable.

#### **XVIII. LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

- 18.1 Contractor warrants and certifies that Contractor and any other person designated to provide services hereunder has the requisite training, license and/or certification to provide said services, and meets all competence standards promulgated by all other authoritative bodies, as applicable to the services provided herein.

#### **XIX. COMPLIANCE**

- 19.1 Contractor shall provide and perform all services required under this Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

#### **XX. NONWAIVER OF PERFORMANCE**

- 20.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, a waiver by either Party of a breach of any of the terms, conditions, covenants or guarantees of this Agreement shall not be construed or held to be a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach of the same or any other term, condition, covenant or guarantee herein contained. Further, any failure of either Party to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the covenants of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall in no event be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such covenant or option. In fact, no waiver, change, modification or discharge by either party hereto of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made or shall be effective unless expressed in writing and signed by the party to be charged. In case of City, such changes must be approved as described in Article XVI. Amendments. No act or omission by a Party shall in any manner impair or prejudice any right, power, privilege, or remedy available to that Party hereunder or by law or in equity, such rights, powers, privileges, or remedies to be always specifically preserved hereby.

#### **XXI. LAW APPLICABLE**

- 21.1 **THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES CREATED HEREUNDER ARE PERFORMABLE IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.**
- 21.2 Any legal action or proceeding brought or maintained, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement shall be heard and determined in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.
- 21.3 The Parties hereto expressly agree that, in the event of litigation, each party hereby waives its right to payment of attorney's fees.



**XXII. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

22.1 The signer of this Agreement for Contractor represents, warrants, assures and guarantees that he has full legal authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of Contractor and to bind Contractor to all of the terms, conditions, provisions and obligations herein contained.

**XXIII. PARTIES BOUND**

23.1 This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and successors and assigns, except as otherwise expressly provided for herein.

**XXIV. CAPTIONS**

24.1 The captions contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and in no way limit or enlarge the terms and/or conditions of this Agreement.

**XXV. INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS**

25.1 Each of the Exhibits listed below is an essential part of the Agreement, which governs the rights and duties of the Parties, and shall be interpreted in the order of priority as appears below: None

**XXVI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

26.1 This Agreement, together with its authorizing ordinance and its exhibits, if any, constitute the final and entire agreement between the Parties hereto and contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind the Parties hereto, unless same is in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereto, and duly executed by the Parties, in accordance with Article XVI. Amendments.

**EXECUTED** and **AGREED** to as of the dates indicated below.

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**CONTRACTOR**

**Spay-Neuter-Inject-Protect San Antonio,  
d/b/a SNIPSA**

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Maria Villagómez  
Assistant City Manager

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*Shannon Espy, DVM*  
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Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ *10/10/17*

Approved as to Form:

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City Attorney