

AN ORDINANCE **2016-05-12-0345**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EVOLVERS GROUP, L.P. FOR PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR AN INITIAL TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 WITH THREE OPTIONAL ONE YEAR RENEWALS.**

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**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) is engaged in a variety of programs that require professional medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the STD and HIV Prevention and Control Program provide evaluation and diagnosis of sexually-transmitted disease (STD) infections, treatment and counseling for most STDs, and referrals to a primary care provider for infections requiring ongoing medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, the onsite preventive care and supervision of a nurse practitioner/physician assistant is needed to examine, diagnose, and treat patients in the daily operations of the STD/HIV program clinic that is vital to the health of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department and the Purchasing Division released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on September 21, 2015 on behalf of Metro Health seeking proposals for a Public Health Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant to provide preventative medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation committee unanimously voted to recommend The Evolvers Group L.P. for the contract award; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or her designee or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or his designee is authorized to execute a Professional Health Care Services Agreement with The Evolvers Group, L.P. for professional healthcare services, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for with an initial term ending September 30, 2016 with three optional one year renewals. A copy of the agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** The amount up to \$50,000.00 will be encumbered upon issuance of purchase orders, and payment is authorized to The Evolvers Group, L.P. All expenditures will be in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2016 and subsequent budgets that fall within the term period of this contract approved by City Council.

**SECTION 3.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

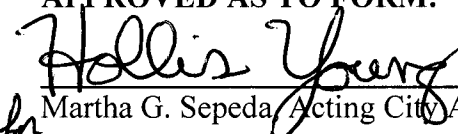
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 12th day May, 2016.

  
M A Y O R  
Ivy R. Taylor

**ATTEST:**

  
Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
for Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>17 ( in consent vote: 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 )</b>						
<b>Date:</b>	05/12/2016						
<b>Time:</b>	09:26:39 AM						
<b>Vote Type:</b>	Motion to Approve						
<b>Description:</b>	An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with The Evolvers Group, L.P. for professional healthcare services for the Metropolitan Heath District's STD/HIV Health Program for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for an initial term ending September 30, 2016 and three optional one year renewals. [Erik Walsh, Deputy City Manager; Dr. Vincent R. Nathan, Director, Health]						
<b>Result:</b>	Passed						
<b>Voter</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				x
Alan Warrick	District 2		x			x	
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7	x					
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE  
SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio, a Texas Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "City"), by and through the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD), and The Evolvers Group, L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"), both of which may be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties."

The Parties hereto severally and collectively agree, and by the execution hereof are bound, to the mutual obligations herein contained and to the performance and accomplishment of the tasks hereinafter described.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have meanings as set out Below:

"City" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

"Contractor" is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors.

"Director" shall mean the Director or Interim Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD).

**II. TERM**

2.1. Unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution of the parties and terminate on September 30, 2016. Upon agreement of the parties, this agreement may be renewed for up to three additional one year terms. The Director shall execute renewals on behalf of the City without further City Council action, subject to appropriation of funds therefore.

2.2 Contractor agrees and understands that City has projected costs for this Agreement and that City expects to pay all obligations of this Agreement from projected revenue sources, but that all obligations of City are subject to annual appropriation by the City Council in future years, after September 30, 2016. Accordingly, if City shall fail to appropriate sums to pay any of City's obligations under the terms of this Agreement, and due to the unavailability and/or failure to appropriate funds City shall not have the funds to pay such obligations, then this Agreement shall terminate and neither Contractor nor City shall have any further obligations hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. Payment for services performed by Contractor through the effective date of termination shall be made pursuant to Article 7.6 herein.

2.3 It is expressly understood and agreed by the City and Contractor that City's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the actual receipt of adequate funds to meet the City's liability hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a

breach of this Agreement. If the City does not receive adequate funds to pay obligations under this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate and neither Contractor nor City shall have any further obligations hereunder.

### **III. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Contractor agrees to enter into a nonexclusive agreement to provide the services described in the Article III entitled Scope of Services in exchange for the compensation described in Article IV. Compensation.

3.1 Contractor shall provide a Public Health Nurse Practitioner or Public Health Physician Assistant to perform preventative medical care, under the general supervision of a SAMHD assigned physician and the STD/HIV Branch Manager within SAMHD's public health clinics, to diverse populations. Specific dates and times shall be mutually agreed to by the parties.

3.2 Specific duties and responsibilities under the contract shall include:

- 3.2.1 Examining patients for determining health status and conditions;
- 3.2.2 Diagnosing and treating patients as needed following SAMHD protocols and standards and conferring with assigned medical director as needed;
- 3.2.3 Counseling patients, families, and other health care providers in regard to assessment findings and providing appropriate health information and promotion;
- 3.2.4 Providing referrals for patients requiring medical treatment or services not offered by SAMHD;
- 3.2.5 Maintaining updated and accurate patient records including information regarding patient history and treatment plan;
- 3.2.6 Maintaining high standards of care and quality control provided in a productive and courteous manner;
- 3.2.7 Providing same standard of care in outpatient clinical setting regardless of funding source;
- 3.2.8 Providing assistance and consultation to SAMHD staff during clinical service hours;
- 3.2.9 Providing consultation services to Director of Health regarding public health problems;
- 3.2.10 Providing health education to groups, both internal and external;
- 3.2.11 Formulating policies and procedures and other written documents used both for internal and external communication;
- 3.2.12 Abiding by SAMHD requirements for licensing, credentialing, and quality improvement processes including outside audits;
- 3.2.13 Committing to pre-designated and approved clinical coverage by 15<sup>th</sup> day of preceding month;
- 3.2.14 Arriving at the beginning of the each assignment;
- 3.2.15 Becoming credentialed with all private insurance carriers for billing of services performed;
- 3.2.16 Becoming a Medicare and Medicaid provider through SAMHD; and

3.2.17 Invoicing the City for work performed.

3.3 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.

3.4 Contractor and Director or his designee shall engage in a performance audit during the term of this agreement for the purpose of: 1) maintaining the highest standards of clinical care, appropriate for the public health program; 2) ensuring compliance with clinical licensure regulations and Medicaid guidelines and recommendations; and 3) other matters of interest raised by Contractor or Director.

#### **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, activities, duties and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Contractor a fee of sixty-eight dollars (\$68.00) per hour, up to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the term of this Agreement.

4.2 City and Contractor agree that reimbursement for eligible services shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date on which City receives an invoice, with appropriate documentation as required by City, from Contractor for said services.

4.3 City and Contractor agree that the City will provide the clinical staff support and supplies necessary for Contractor to manage patient care.

4.4 City and Contractor understand and agree that all Medicaid and third-party insurances will be billed by the SAMHD for clinical services at SAMHD facilities and that all revenues received by the SAMHD for said billing shall be the property of City.

4.5 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.

4.6 The Contractor further agrees to accept reimbursement from the City as set forth in Article 4.1 above as payment in full for the services provided and shall seek no additional reimbursement for the services from the patient.

4.7 No additional fees or expenses of Contractor shall be charged by Contractor nor be payable by City other than as specified in Article 4.1 above.

#### **V. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

5.1 Any and all writings, documents, medical records, or information in

whatsoever form and character produced by Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be 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 In accordance with Texas law, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all local government records as defined in Chapter 201, Section 201.003 (8) of the Texas Local Government Code created or received in the transaction of official business or the creation or maintenance of which were paid for with public funds are declared to be public property and subject to the provisions of Chapter 201 of the Texas Local Government Code and Subchapter J, Chapter 441 of the Texas Government Code. Thus, Contractor agrees that no such local government records produced by or on the behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by Contractor.

5.3 Contractor acknowledges and agrees that all local government records, as described herein, produced in the course of the work required by this Contract, shall belong to and be the property of City and shall be made available to the City at any time. Contractor further agrees to turn over to City all such records upon termination of this Contract. Contractor agrees that it shall not, under any circumstances, release any records created during the course of performance of the Contract to any entity without the written permission of the Director, unless required to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction. SAMHD shall be notified of such request as set forth in Article VIII, Section 8.1 of this Contract.

5.4 Subject to obligations to maintain confidentiality under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the limitations imposed thereunder regarding transfer of information, any and all writings, documents or information in whatsoever form and character produced by Contractor pursuant to the provisions of this Contract 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. 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. Contractor further agrees to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Contractor has entered into a Business Associate Agreement with the City that is attached hereto as Attachment I and incorporated herein as a part of this Agreement for all purposes.

## **VI. RECORD REQUESTS**

6.1 The Public Information Act, Government Code Section 552.021, requires the City to make public information available to the public. Under Government Code Section 552.002(a), public information means information that is collected, assembled or maintained under a law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business: 1) by a governmental body; or 2) for a governmental body and the governmental body owns the information or has a right of access to it. Therefore, if Contractor receives inquiries regarding documents within its possession pursuant to this Contract, Contractor shall within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the requests forward such requests to City for disposition. If the requested information is confidential pursuant to state or federal law, the Contractor shall submit to City the list of specific statutory authority mandating confidentiality no later

than three (3) business days of Contractor's receipt of such request. For the purposes of communicating and coordinating with regard to public information requests, all communications shall be made to the designated public information liaison for each Party. Each Party shall designate in writing to the other Party the public information liaison for its organization and notice of a change in the designated liaison shall be made promptly to the other Party.

## **VII. TERMINATION**

7.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "termination" of this Agreement shall mean termination by expiration of the Contract 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 City or by Contractor upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the other party, 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 Article 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.

7.4.1 Failing to perform or failing to comply with any covenant herein required.

7.4.2 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 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.

7.7 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.

7.8 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 Clerk  
City of San Antonio  
P.O. Box 839966  
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

AND

Director  
City of San Antonio  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District  
332 W. Commerce, Suite 307  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

If intended for Contractor, to:

The Evolvers Group, L.P.  
Attention: Mr. Rob Bookheim  
2504 Stillwater Court  
Flower Mound, Texas 75022

### IX. CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1 Contractor shall establish a method to secure the confidentiality of records and other information that Contractor may have access to, in accordance with applicable Federal statutes, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), State and Local laws, regulations, and rules.

9.2 Contractor shall comply and shall cause its employees and/or subcontractors performing services hereunder to comply with applicable provisions of HIPAA to the extent such law and regulations apply regarding patient and medical record confidentiality.

9.3 Nothing contained herein shall limit the City's right of access to documents produced or maintained in accordance with this Contract.

#### **X. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

10.1 Prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish copies of all required endorsements and an original completed Certificate(s) of Insurance to the City's Health Department, which shall be clearly labeled "The Evolvers Group L.P. 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. City will not accept a Memorandum of Insurance or Binder as proof of insurance. The certificate(s) 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 City. City shall have no duty to pay or perform under this Agreement until such certificate and endorsements have been received and approved by City's Health Department. No officer or employee, other than City's Risk Manager, shall have authority to waive this requirement.

10.2 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 City; therefore, subject to Contractor's right to maintain reasonable deductibles in such amounts as are approved by 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, 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. Broad form Commercial General Liability Insurance to include coverage for the following: a. Premises/Operations *b. Independent Contractors c. Products/Completed Operations d. Personal Injury e. Contractual Liability f. Damage to property rented by you	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  f. \$100,000

<p>2. Professional Liability (Claims-made basis)</p> <p>To be maintained and in effect for no less than two years subsequent to the completion of the professional service.</p>	<p>\$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.</p>
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10.4 Contractor agrees to require, by written contract, that all subcontractors providing goods or services hereunder obtain the same insurance coverages required of Contractor herein, and provide a certificate of insurance and endorsement that name Contractor and City as additional insureds. Contractor shall provide City with said certificate and endorsement prior to the commencement of any work by the subcontractor. This provision may be modified by City's Risk Manager, without subsequent City Council approval, when deemed necessary and prudent, based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, or circumstances surrounding this agreement. Such modification may be enacted by letter signed by City's Risk Manager, which shall become a part of the contract for all purposes.

10.5 As they apply to the limits required by City, 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 requests and shall submit a copy of the replacement certificate of insurance to City at the address provided below within 10 days of the requested change. Contractor shall pay any costs incurred resulting from said changes.

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Attn: Health Department  
P.O. Box 839966  
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

10.6 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 City is an additional insured shown on the policy;
- Workers' compensation and employers' liability, general liability and automobile

liability policies will provide a waiver of subrogation in favor of the City; and

- 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.

10.7 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 Agreement. Failure to provide and to maintain the required insurance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

10.8 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.

10.9 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.

10.10 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.

10.11 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 City shall be limited to insurance coverage provided.

10.12 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, consultant 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 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 Council, as evidenced by passage of an ordinance. 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.

12.2 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 it is an independent Contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of City; that Contractor shall have exclusive control of an 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. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

14.1 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 Part B, Section 10 of 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.

14.2 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 the City a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Statement in compliance with the City's Ethics Code.

### **XV. AMENDMENTS**

15.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms hereof, shall be effected by amendment, in writing, executed by both City and Contractor, and subject to approval by the City Council, as evidenced by passage of an ordinance.

#### **XVI. SEVERABILITY**

16.1 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 Contract 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.

#### **XVII. LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

17.1 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.

#### **XVIII. COMPLIANCE**

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

#### **XIX. SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY**

##### **A. SBEDA Program**

The CITY has adopted a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2010-06-17-0531 and as amended, also referred to as "SBEDA" or "the SBEDA Program"), which is posted on the City's Economic Development (EDD) website page and is also available in hard copy form upon request to the CITY. The SBEDA Ordinance Compliance Provisions contained in this section of the Agreement are governed by the terms of this 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.

## **B. Definitions**

**Affirmative Procurement Initiatives (API)** – Refers to various Small Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, and/or Women Business Enterprise (“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.)

**Certification or “Certified”** – 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 accepts 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 of Attachment A.

**Centralized Vendor Registration System (CVR)** – a mandatory electronic system wherein the City requires all prospective Respondents and Subcontractors that are ready, willing and able to sell goods or services to the City to register. 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.

**Commercially Useful Function** – an S/M/WBE firm performs a Commercially Useful Function when it is responsible for execution of a distinct element 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. The use of S/M/WBE firms by CONTRACTOR to perform such “pass-through” or “conduit” functions that are not commercially useful shall be viewed by the CITY as fraudulent if CONTRACTOR attempts to obtain credit for such S/M/WBE participation towards the satisfaction of S/M/WBE participation goals or other API participation requirements. As such, under such circumstances where a commercially useful function is not actually performed by the S/M/WBE firm, the CONTRACTOR shall not be given credit for the participation of its S/M/WBE subcontractor or joint venture partner towards attainment of S/M/WBE utilization goals, and the CONTRACTOR and S/M/WBE firm may be subject to sanctions and penalties in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance.



**Evaluation Preference** – an API that may be applied by the Goal Setting Committee (“GSC”) 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 CONTRACTORS or Respondents.

**Good Faith Efforts** – documentation of the CONTRACTOR’s or Respondent’s intent to comply with S/M/WBE Program Goals and procedures including, but not limited to, the following: (1) documentation within a solicitation response 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., timely advertisements in appropriate trade publications and publications of wide general circulation; timely posting of SBE or M/WBE subcontract opportunities on the City of San Antonio website; 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 consultants that represent the interests of SBE and/or M/WBEs in order to identify qualified and available SBE or M/WBE Subcontractors.) The appropriate form and content of CONTRACTOR’s Good Faith Efforts documentation shall be in accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance as interpreted in the SBEDA Policy & Procedure Manual.

**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).]

**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.

**Individual** – an adult person that is of legal majority age.

**Industry Categories** – procurement groupings for the City of San Antonio inclusive of Construction, Architectural & Engineering (A&E), 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.”

**Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE)** – firm that is certified as a Small Business Enterprise and also 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.

**M/WBE Directory** – a listing of minority- and women-owned businesses that have been certified for participation in the City's M/WBE Program APIs.

**Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)** – any legal entity, except a joint venture, that is organized to engage in for-profit transactions, which is certified a Small Business Enterprise and also 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 this Ordinance is not inclusive of women-owned business enterprises (WBEs).

**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 having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa as well as those identified as Jamaican, Trinidadian, or West Indian.

**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.

**Originating Department** – the CITY department or authorized representative of the CITY which issues solicitations or for which a solicitation is issued.

**Payment** – dollars actually paid to CONTRACTORS and/or Subcontractors and vendors for CITY contracted goods and/or services.

**Points** – the quantitative assignment of value for specific evaluation criteria in the vendor selection process used in some Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Services, and Other Services contracts (e.g., up to 10 points out of a total of 100 points assigned for S/M/WBE participation as stated in response to a Request for Proposals).

**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. For purposes of this agreement, this term refers to the CONTRACTOR.

**Relevant Marketplace** – the geographic market area affecting the S/M/WBE Program as determined for purposes of collecting data for the MGT Studies, 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.

**Respondent** – a vendor submitting a bid, statement of qualifications, or proposal in response to a solicitation issued by the City. For purposes of this agreement, CONTRACTOR is the Respondent.

**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.

**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.

**San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA)** – also known as the Relevant Marketplace, the geographic market area from which the CITY's MGT Studies analyzed contract utilization and availability data for disparity (currently including the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson).

**SBE Directory** - a listing of small businesses that have been certified for participation in the City's SBE Program APIs.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Small Business Office Manager** – the Assistant Director of the EDD of the CITY that is responsible for the management of the SBO and ultimately responsible for oversight, tracking, monitoring, administration, implementation and reporting of the S/M/WBE Program. The SBO Manager is also responsible for enforcement of contractor and vendor compliance with contract participation requirements, and ensuring that overall Program goals and objectives are met.

**Small Minority Women Business Enterprise Program (S/M/WBE Program)** – the combination of SBE Program and M/WBE Program features contained in the SBEDA Ordinance.

**Subcontractor** – any vendor or contractor that is providing goods or services to a Prime Contractor or CONTRACTOR in furtherance of the Prime Contractor's performance under a contract or purchase order with the City. A copy of each binding agreement between the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall be submitted to the CITY prior to execution of this contract agreement and any contract modification agreement.

**Suspension** – the temporary stoppage of the 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 of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance, or the temporary stoppage of CONTRACTOR's and/or S/M/WBE firm's performance and payment under CITY contracts due to the CITY's imposition of Penalties and Sanctions set forth in Section III.E.13 of Attachment A to the SBEDA Ordinance.

**Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Plan** – a binding part of this contract agreement which states the CONTRACTOR'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 CONTRACTOR'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.

**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 a Small Business Enterprise and that is 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 Agreement is not inclusive of MBEs.

#### **C. 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:

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;
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;

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;
4. CONTRACTOR shall immediately 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.
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.
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.
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.
8. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that the CITY will not execute a contract or issue a Notice to Proceed for this project until the CONTRACTOR and each of its Subcontractors for this project have registered and/or maintained active status in the CITY's Centralized Vendor Registration System, and CONTRACTOR has represented to CITY which primary commodity codes each registered Subcontractor will be performing under for this contract.

D. 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:

**SBE Prime Contract Program.** In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III. D. 5. (d), this contract is being awarded pursuant to the SBE Prime Contract Program, and as such, CONTRACTOR affirms that if it is presently certified as an SBE, CONTRACTOR agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-SBE firm; and

**M/WBE Prime Contract Program.** In accordance with the SBEDA Ordinance, Section III. D. 6. (d), this contract is being awarded pursuant to the M/WBE Prime Contract Program and as such, CONTRACTOR affirms that if it is presently certified as an M/WBE (see *Minority/Women Business Enterprise* definition), CONTRACTOR agrees not to subcontract more than 49% of the contract value to a non-M/WBE firm.

**E. 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.

**F. 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.

**G. 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:

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;
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;
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;
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
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).

## **XX. NON WAIVER 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.

20.2 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 by the City Council, as described in Article XV. 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.

## **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. ENTIRE CONTRACT

25.1 This Agreement, together with its authorizing ordinance and its exhibits, if any, constitute the final and entire Contract between the parties hereto and contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon. No other Contracts, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto, unless same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereto, and duly executed by the parties, in accordance with Article XV. Amendments. This Agreement shall supersede any and all prior written and oral agreements between the City and Contractor.

EXECUTED and AGREED to upon this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

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Vincent R. Nathan, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
Interim Health Director  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

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Date

**CONTRACTOR**

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Rob Bookheim  
The Evolvers Group, L.P.

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4/19/2016  
Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Martha G. Sepeda  
Acting City Attorney

## **Attachment I-Business Associate Agreement**

### **WITNESSETH:**

### **HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio on behalf of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District ("Covered Entity"), and The Evolvers Group, L.P., a Business Associate ("BA").

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and BA have entered into a Professional Services Contract for BA to provide services ("Service Contract"), effective upon execution of the parties to the Covered Entity; and

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and BA may need to use, disclose and/or make available certain information pursuant to the terms of the Service Contract, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI"); and

WHEREAS, Covered Entity and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to each other pursuant to the Service Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA") and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to satisfy certain standards and requirements of HIPAA and the HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, Title 45, Section 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R."), as the same may be amended from time to time;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

A. Definitions. For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them:

- (1) "Disclosure" with respect to PHI, shall mean the release, transfer, provision of access to or divulging in any other manner of PHI outside the entity holding the PHI.
- (2) "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "Individual" in 45 C.F.R. 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.502(g).
- (3) "Parties" shall mean Covered Entity and BA.
- (4) "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and Part 164, subparts A and E.
- (5) "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in 45 C.F.R. 164.501, limited to the information created or received by BA from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

(6) "Required By Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR § 164.501.

(7) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.

(8) "PHI Breach" shall mean an acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by the Privacy Rules and such action compromises the security or privacy of the PHI.

**B. BA Obligations and Activities. BA agrees that it shall:**

(1) Not use or disclose the PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law;

(2) Establish and maintain appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect, consistent with the services provided under this Agreement, the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic protected health information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of covered entity;

(3) Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to BA of a use or disclosure of PHI by BA in violation of the requirements of this Agreement;

(4) Report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of PHI of which BA is aware or becomes aware that is not provided for or allowed by this Agreement as well as any security incident that BA becomes aware of;

(5) Ensure that any of its agents or subcontractors with which BA does business and to whom it provides PHI received from, created or received by BA on behalf of Covered Entity are aware of and agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to BA with respect to such information, and further agree to implement reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to protect such information;

(6) Provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, and in a reasonable time and manner as agreed by the Parties, to PHI in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements 45 C.F.R. §164.524;

(7) Make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 C.F.R. 164.526 at the request of the Covered Entity or an Individual, and in a reasonable time and manner agreed to by the Parties;

(8) Make available to the Covered Entity or to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services all internal practices, books and records, including policies and procedures and PHI, relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the BA on behalf of the Covered Entity, for purposes of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in determining Covered

Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule;

(9) Document such disclosures of PHI, and information related to such disclosures, as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request from an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.528;

(10) Provide Covered Entity or an Individual, in a reasonable time and manner as agreed to by the Parties, information collected in accordance with Section B(9) of this Agreement, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.528.

(11) Will immediately, and in no event later than 14 days of discovery, notify Covered Entity of any breach of PHI and will coordinate with Covered Entity to identify, record, investigate, and report to an affected individual and US Department of Health and Human Services, as required, any covered PHI breach.

C. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by BA

(1) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may use or disclose PHI to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in the Service Contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity.

(2) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of the BA, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or BA obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as Required By Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the BA of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

(3) Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, BA may use PHI to provide Data Aggregation Services to Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

(4) BA may use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 45 C.F.R. 502(j)(1).

D. Obligations of Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall inform BA of its privacy practices and restrictions as follows. Covered Entity shall:

(1) notify BA of any limitations in its notice of privacy practices in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI;

(2) notify BA of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any Individual to use or disclose PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI;

(3) notify BA of any restriction to the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. 164.522 to the extent that such changes may

affect BA's use or disclosure of PHI.

- (4) coordinate with BA regarding any PHI breach and make timely notification to affected individuals within 60 days of discovery.

E. Permissible Requests by Covered Entity.

Covered Entity shall not request BA to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity, except that the Business Associate may use or disclose PHI for data aggregation or management and administrative activities of the BA.

F. Term and Termination.

- (1) The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date on which it is fully executed. This Agreement shall terminate when all PHI encompassed by this Agreement is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy the PHI, protections are extended to such information in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.

- (2) Termination for Cause. Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by BA, Covered Entity shall either (a) provide an opportunity for BA to cure the breach in accordance with the terms of the Service Contract or, if the BA does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time for cure specified in the Service Contract, end the violation and terminate this Agreement and the Contract; or (b) immediately terminate this Agreement and the Service Contract if BA has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible. If neither termination nor cure is feasible, Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

- (3) Effect of Termination.

- (a) Except as provided below in paragraph (b) of this Section F(3), upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, BA shall return or destroy all PHI received from the Covered Entity, or created or received by BA on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of BA or its subcontractors or agents. BA shall not retain any copies of PHI.

- (b) In the event that BA determines that returning or destroying PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to Covered Entity written notification of the condition that makes the return or destruction of PHI infeasible. Upon BA's conveyance of such written notification, BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make its return or destruction infeasible, for so long as BA maintains such PHI.

- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision under this Agreement, the Parties agree that the Service Contract may be terminated by either Party without penalty should the other Party violate a material obligation under this Agreement.

G. Amendment to Comply with Law. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and HIPAA.

H. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of the BA under Sections B, C(2) and (4), and F(3) shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

I. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule.

J. Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or amended.

K. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Nothing express or implied in this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer upon any person other than Covered Entity, BA, and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

L. INDEMNIFICATION. BA WILL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD COVERED ENTITY AND ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS HARMLESS, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO ANY THIRD-PARTY CLAIM BASED UPON ANY BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT BY BA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS IN THE SERVICE AGREEMENTS, WHICH ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

M. Reimbursement. BA will reimburse Covered Entity for reasonable costs incurred responding to a PHI breach by BA or any of BA's subcontractors.

N. Waiver. No provision of this Agreement or any breach thereof shall be deemed waived unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived such provision or breach. No waiver of a breach shall constitute a waiver of or excuse any different or subsequent breach.

O. Assignment. Neither party may assign (whether by operation or law or otherwise) any of its rights or delegate or subcontract any of its obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Covered Entity shall have the right to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to any entity that is an affiliate or successor of Covered Entity, without the prior approval of Business Associate.

P. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between Business Associate and Covered Entity relating to the matters specified in this Agreement, and supersedes all prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Service Contracts or any such later agreement(s), the terms of this Agreement shall control unless the terms of such Service Contract comply with the Privacy Standards and the Security Standards. No oral modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding on either party. This Agreement is for the benefit of, and shall

be binding upon the parties, their affiliates and respective successors and assigns. No third party shall be considered a third-party beneficiary under this Agreement, nor shall any third party have any rights as a result of this Agreement.

Q. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

EXECUTED to be effective \_\_\_\_\_ 2016, by the parties' as executed below.

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**CONTRACTOR**

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Interim Health Director  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

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Rob Bookheim  
The Evolvers Group, L.P.

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4/19/2016

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Martha G. Sepeda  
Acting City Attorney