

**TOWN OF WAKE FOREST, NORTH CAROLINA
MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR
ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT (“Master Service Agreement” or “MSA”) is made and entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 20____, by the Town of Wake Forest (“Town”) and [INSERT NAME HERE] (“Consultant”), organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

GENERAL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town desires to engage the Consultant to provide On-Call General, Engineering, and Inspection Professional Services related to municipal general engineering, construction, and inspection as set forth in and in accordance with Supplemental Services Agreements (“SSA”); and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a “Request for Qualifications for On-Call General Engineering Services RFQ # 22-0001 dated 16th day of September 2022; and

WHEREAS, Consultant provides professional consulting services and has experience, staff, and resources to perform such Services;

NOW THEREFORE, Town and Consultant, in consideration of their mutual covenants, herein agree as follows:

SECTION I. BACKGROUND and PURPOSE

The purpose of the Town’s on-call process is to secure more than one general engineering professional to provide professional on-call engineering, construction, and inspection services. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the basic terms and conditions by which Consultant will provide its services to the Town, as the need for Services may arise, and in accordance with the standards and requirements as described herein, and in each SSA.

SECTION II: SERVICES and SCOPE to be PERFORMED

The Consultant shall perform on-call Services as set forth in this MSA and SSA. The SSA is made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. The Town shall pay Consultant for the performance of Services in the manner set forth herein and in the SSA.

Requests for services made by the Town to Consultant are contingent upon execution of an SSA and the sufficiency of funding. No services shall commence on a particular project until an SSA has been executed by both parties, and the Town has issued a Notice to Proceed to Consultant. Any amendments, corrections, or change orders by either party must be made in writing signed in the same manner as the original. (This form may be used for amendments and change orders.) The Town reserves the right to refuse payment for any work outside that authorized herein or pursuant to a duly approved amendment or change order.

Services to be provided shall be set forth in an SSA and amendments to that agreement. The SSA may also include additional terms and conditions regarding payment and other matters necessary for the

execution of projects. SSAs shall not vary the terms of this Agreement, except where this Agreement authorizes such variance, and shall be interpreted consistently with this Agreement. If there is a conflict between this Agreement and SSAs, this Agreement shall control.

The Town has no obligation to provide Services with any work hereunder and does not guarantee the issuance of any minimum number of SSAs under this Agreement.

Consultant represents and agrees that now and continuing for the term of this Agreement, Consultant:

- is experienced, qualified, skilled, and fully capable of performing Services in a competent and professional manner; and
- shall exercise reasonable care and diligence, and shall act in the best interest of Town; and
- shall act in accordance with generally accepted standards of Consultant's practice applicable to the locality; and shall comply with this Agreement, applicable SSAs, and with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations (collectively "Laws and Regulations"); and
- possesses all necessary qualifications, licenses, and certifications; and
- shall perform in a timely manner and in accordance with schedules required under this Agreement or an applicable SSA, time being of the essence; and
- shall work in good faith with Town to meet requirements imposed by the federal or state government or other funding entity if grants are used to fund any portion of projects; and
- the individual(s) signing Agreement have the right and power to do so and bind Consultant to the obligations set forth herein and such individuals do so personally warrant that they have such authority.

SECTION III: AGREEMENT DURATION

This Agreement shall authorize SSAs to be executed for a three (3) year period from the date of execution of this Agreement. Any SSA executed within period of execution of this Agreement shall be binding for the period set forth therein, and this Agreement and such SSA, and amendments to such Agreements, shall be binding for the time period set forth in the SSA. Any SSA executed within this three-year period may be amended for additional scope, fee, or time. The Agreement may be extended for two (2), one-year periods.

Services shall commence upon execution of SSAs describing the specific project and Services to be performed. A written Notice to Proceed following execution of such SSA(s) will be issued to the Consultant. Consultant will not commence Services until such notice is received.

SECTION IV: COMPLETE WORK without EXTRA COST

Unless otherwise provided, the Consultant shall obtain and provide, without additional cost to the Town, all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, facilities, services, permits, and licenses necessary to perform the Services.

SECTION V: COMPENSATION

The terms of payment for Services provided by Consultant shall be set forth in each SSA. Such agreement may provide for compensation in accordance with an hourly rate schedule, or a set fee for Services, paid one time or in periodic payments, or a combination of these methods of compensation.

Unless otherwise provided in the SSA, Consultant shall obtain, and provide, without additional cost to the Town, all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, facilities, services, permits, and licenses necessary to perform Services under this Agreement. In addition to hourly rates or the set fee payment set forth in the SSA, Town shall pay Consultant for expenses and costs only when reimbursement for such items is specifically provided for in an SSA. The Town shall not be obligated to pay any expenses and costs not specifically identified in an SSA.

SECTION VI: CONSULTANT'S BILLINGS to TOWN

The Consultant shall submit an invoice once Service is completed or at designated times during the course of completing a Service. Once the invoice is submitted and approved by the appropriate department the terms will be Net 30 days. The terms may only be changed by written consent of the Finance Director.

SECTION VII: INSURANCE

Consultant shall maintain insurance policies at all times with minimum limits as follows:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Minimum Limits</u>
Workers' Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employers' Liability	\$ 1,000,000
General Liability	\$1,000,000
Automobile Liability	\$500,000
Professional Liability (E & O)	\$1,000,000 (If Required)

Contractor shall provide the Town with a Certificate of Insurance for review prior to the issuance of any contract or Purchase Order. All Certificates of Insurance will require thirty (30) days written notice by the insurer or contractor's agent in the event of cancellation, reduction or other modifications of coverage. In addition to the notice requirement above, Contractor shall provide the Town with immediate written notice of cancellation, reduction, or other modification of coverage of insurance. Upon failure of the Contractor to provide such notice, Contractor assumes sole responsibility for all losses incurred by the Town for which insurance would have provided coverage. The insurance certificate shall be for the initial contract period of one (1) year and shall be renewed by the contractor for each subsequent renewal period of the contract. The Town shall be listed as certificate holder and named as an additional insured under General Liability. It is required that coverage be placed with "A" rated insurance companies acceptable to the Town. Failure to maintain the required insurance in force may be cause for contract termination. In the event that the contractor fails to maintain and keep in force the insurance herein required, the Town has the right to cancel and terminate the contract without notice. Contractor shall provide proof that a Drug-Free Workplace Program is in place and that drivers meet DOT/CDL licensing requirements, if requested.

SECTION VIII: PERFORMANCE of WORK by TOWN

If the Consultant fails to perform the Services in accordance to Section II above, the Town may, in its discretion, in order to bring the project closer to schedule, perform or cause to be performed some or all of the Services, and doing so shall not waive any of the Town's rights and remedies. Before doing so, the Town shall give the Consultant reasonable notice of its intention. The Consultant shall reimburse the Town for all costs incurred by the Town in exercising its right to perform or cause to be performed some or all of the Services pursuant to this section.

SECTION IX: ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are made a part of this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference:

Attachment A: Scope of Work
Attachment B: Hourly Rate
Attachment C: Title VI Appendment
Attachment D: ARPA Contract Addendum

SECTION X: NOTICE

All notices and other communications required or permitted by this contract shall be in writing and shall be given either by personal delivery, email, or certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To the Town:

Town of Wake Forest
Attn: Joe Guckavan, Jr., PE
Director of Engineering
Engineering Department
301 S Brooks Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587
(919) 435-9439
jguckavan@wakeforestnc.gov

To the Consultant:

Change of Address, Date Notice Deemed Given:

A change of address, fax number, or person to receive notice may be made by either party by notice given to the other party. Any notice or other communication under this contract shall be deemed given at the time of actual delivery, if it is personally delivered or sent by fax. If the notice or other communication is sent by US Mail, it shall be deemed given upon the third calendar day following the day on which such notice or other communication is deposited with the US Postal Service or upon actual delivery, whichever occurs first.

SECTION XI: INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent permitted by law, the Consultant agrees to pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold-harmless the Town of Wake Forest, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers against any and all claims, demands, fault, actual liabilities, assertions of liability, expenses, suits, or losses, including all costs connected therewith, which may be asserted, claimed, or recovered against or from the Town of Wake Forest, its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof resulting from the negligence of the Consultant.

SECTION XII: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

(a) Choice of Law and Forum. This contract shall be deemed made in Wake County, North Carolina. This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of North Carolina. The exclusive forum and venue for all actions arising out of this contract shall be the appropriate division of the North Carolina General Court of Justice, in Wake County. Such actions shall neither be

commenced in nor removed to federal court. This section shall not apply to subsequent actions to enforce a judgment entered in actions heard pursuant to this section.

(b) Waiver. No action or failure to act by the Town shall constitute a waiver of any of its rights or remedies that arise out this contract, nor shall such action or failure to act constitute approval of or acquiescence in a breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

(c) Performance of Government Functions: Nothing contained in this contract shall be deemed or construed so as to in any way estop, limit, or impair the Town from exercising or performing any regulatory, policing, legislative, governmental, or other powers or functions.

(d) Severability. If any provision of this contract shall be unenforceable, the remainder of this contract shall be enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

(e) Assignment, Successors and Assigns. Without the Town's written consent, the Consultant shall not assign (which includes to delegate) any of its rights (including the right to payment) or duties that arise out this contract. Unless the Town otherwise agrees in writing, the Consultant and all assigns shall be subject to all of the Town's defenses and shall be liable for all of the Consultant's duties that arise out of this contract and all of the Town's claims that arise out of this contract. Without granting the Consultant the right to assign, it is agreed that the duties of the Consultant that arise out of this contract shall be binding upon it and its heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

(f) Compliance with Law. In performing all of the Work, the Consultant shall comply with all applicable law.

(g) Town Policy. THE TOWN OPPOSES DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE AND SEX AND URGES ALL OF ITS CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR MINORITIES AND WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR WORK FORCE AND AS SUBCONSULTANTS AND VENDORS UNDER CITY CONTRACTS.

(h) EEO Provisions. During the performance of this Contract the Consultant agrees as follows: (1) The Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap. The Consultant shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated equally during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap. The Consultant shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth these EEO provisions. (2) The Consultant in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation or belief, age, or handicap.

(i) No Third Party Right Created. This contract is intended for the benefit of the Town and the Consultant and not any other person.

(j) Principles of Interpretation. In this contract, unless the context requires otherwise: (1) The singular includes the plural and the plural the singular. The pronouns "it" and "its" include the masculine and feminine. Reference to statutes or regulations include all statutory or regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, or replacing the statute or regulation. References to contracts and agreements shall be deemed to include all amendments to them. The word "person" includes natural persons, firms, companies, associations, partnerships, trusts, corporations, governmental agencies and units, and any other legal entities.

(k) Modifications, Entire Agreement. A modification of this contract is not valid unless signed by both parties and otherwise in accordance with requirements of law. Further, a modification is not enforceable against the Town unless the Town Manager or other duly authorized official signs it for the Town. This contract contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this contract. With respect to that subject matter, there are no promises, agreements, conditions, inducements, warranties, or understandings, written or oral, expressed or implied, between the parties, other than as set forth or referenced in this contract.

(l) E-Verify. Consultant shall comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes. Further, if Consultant utilizes a subconsultant, Consultant shall require the Subconsultant to comply with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes.

(m) Iran Divestment Act. Consultant certifies that; (i) it is not identified on the Final Divestment List or any other list of prohibited investments created by the NC State Treasurer pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-6A-4; (ii) it will not take any action causing it to appear on any such list during the term of this Contract, and (iii) it will not utilize any subcontractor to provide goods or services hereunder that is identified on any list.

(n) Divestment from Companies that Boycott Israel. Consultant represents, covenants, and certifies that it is not listed on the list of restricted companies developed and published by the North Carolina State Treasurer as required by N.C.G.S. 147-86.81.

(o) Quality and Workmanship. All work performed and/or services rendered shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Town of Wake Forest. The work performed and/or services rendered shall not be considered complete, nor applicable payments rendered, until the Town is satisfied with the work performed and/or services rendered.

(p) Standard Terms and Conditions. The Town of Wake Forest's Standard Terms and Conditions listed at https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/residents/finance/8-26-22_towf_standard_terms_and_conditions.pdf https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/towf_standard_terms_and_conditions.pdf will govern all matters related to the goods and/or services provided by you or your company (the "Vendor") to the Town of Wake Forest (the "Town"). Additional Terms and Conditions stated on the face of a Town purchase order shall take precedence over any conflicting Standard Terms and Conditions stated. Any Terms and Conditions not stated, but incorporated by reference therein, shall be binding only if provided or signed by the Town and attached hereto. In the event that a binding written contract signed by both the Vendor and the Town exists, the Terms and Conditions of that contract shall supersede any conflicting Standard Terms and Conditions.

(q) Non-appropriation clause. Contractor acknowledges that the Town of Wake Forest is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate. In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the Town of Wake Forest's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to the Town of Wake Forest thirty (30) days after written notice to Contractor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that the Town of Wake Forest shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations. In the event of a change in the Town of Wake Forest's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which

adversely affects the Town of Wake Forest's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to the Town of Wake Forest upon written notice to Contractor of such limitation or change in the Town of Wake Forest's legal authority.

(r) No pledge of taxing authority. The taxing power of the Town of Wake Forest is not pledged directly or indirectly to secure any monies due under this contract.

(s) No waiver of governmental immunity; Violation of law. Except for waiver of governmental immunity resulting from the execution of a valid contract, the Town of Wake Forest makes no other waiver of governmental immunity. If any provision of the Contract or Agreement is in violation of any legal, statutory or state constitutional prohibition, then such provision(s) shall be unenforceable against the Town of Wake Forest.

(t) Conflict of Interest. If this is a contract for design, engineering, contract administration or similar services, the Contractor will not enter into contracts or agreements with third parties that may present a potential for conflict of interest between the Town of Wake Forest and the third parties regarding the subject matter of this Contract or Agreement.

(u) Public Record. This Contract or Agreement is subject to disclosure under the public records laws of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION XIII: TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) day written notice; provided, however, no such termination shall discharge Consultant's obligations to complete and furnish services as previously agreed to by the parties pursuant to this Agreement or any Supplemental Service Agreement, nor shall termination discharge the Town's obligations to pay for such services as provided for in this Agreement or any Supplemental Service Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Wake Forest and the Consultant have caused this contract to be executed under seal by their respective duly authorized agents or officers.

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST:

CONSULTANT:

By: _____

By: _____

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