



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT No. 201_-PS-__
(To be used for *consultant services excluding engineers and architects*)

This Agreement made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the City of Sedro-Woolley, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Washington, hereinafter referred to as “City” and _____, whose address is _____, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor”.

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage the Contractor to perform certain duties relating to professional services, and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has agreed to offer its professional services to perform said work, and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has represented and by entering into this Agreement now represents that it is fully qualified to perform the work to which it will be assigned in a competent and professional manner, to the standards required by City,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

The City hereby agrees to engage the Contractor and the Contractor hereby agrees to perform, in a satisfactory and proper manner, as determined by City, the services hereafter set forth in connection with this Agreement:

1. Scope of Services.

The Contractor agrees to perform in a satisfactory and proper manner, as determined by the City, as design phase services for the _____ Project **as defined in Exhibit A attached hereto** that are requested by the City of Sedro-Woolley.

2. Relationship of Parties.

The Contractor, its subcontractors, agents and employees are independent Contractors performing professional services for City and are not employees of City. The Contractor, its subcontractors, agents and employees, shall not, as a result of this Agreement, accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding or any other benefits afforded to City employees. The contractor, subcontractors, agents, and employees shall not have the authority to bind City any way except as may be specifically provided herein.

The Contractor represents that it is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business of the same nature as that involved in the contract of services, and that it maintains a principal place of business other than City’s office that is eligible for a business deduction under IRS regulations, and that on the effective date of this agreement it assumes responsibility for filing, at the next applicable filing period, a schedule of expenses with the IRS for the services subject to this agreement, it has established all required tax accounts with state government agencies, has a Washington State Uniform Business Identifier number, and is maintaining a separate set of books and records reflecting all expenses and income items of its business.

3. Time of Performance.

The service of the Contractor is to commence

[] on or before _____

[] as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement shall be undertaken so as to ensure its expeditious completion in light of the purpose of this Agreement.

The service of the Contractor is to be completed

[] not later than _____

[] pursuant to the schedule set forth on Attachment C, Schedule of Work.

4. Standard of Care.

Contractor shall exercise the degree of skill and diligence normally employed by professional engineers or consultants performing the same or similar services at the time such services are performed.

5. Delays and Extensions of Time.

If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of providing services covered by this Agreement, by any causes beyond the party's control, the time for performance may be extended by such time as shall be mutually agreed upon by Contractor and City and shall be incorporated in a written amendment to this Agreement. Any request for an extension of time shall be made in writing to the other party.

6. Compensation and Schedule of Payments.

City shall pay the Contractor its hourly rates pursuant to the schedule set forth on **Exhibit B**.

The Contractor shall be paid monthly on the basis of invoices for compensation earned by the Contractor during the billing period, as agreed by the parties. Payment shall be made within ten (10) days after approval of the voucher by the City council.

Cost not to exceed \$ _____ without prior approval of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

7. Ownership of Records and Documents.

The written, graphic, mapped, photographic, or visual documents prepared by the Contractor under the scope of work of this Agreement are instruments of the Contractor's services for use by the City with respect to this project and, unless otherwise provided, shall be deemed the property of the City. The City shall be permitted to retain these documents, including reproducible camera-ready originals of reports, reproduction quality mylars of maps, duplicates of 35 mm slides, and copies in the form of computer files, for the City's use. The City shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, drawings, images or other material prepared under this Agreement, provided that the Contractor shall have no liability for the use of the Contractor's work product outside of the scope of its intended purpose.

8. Termination.

The term of this agreement shall be from the date signed through **December 31, 201_**.

A. This agreement may be terminated by either party for reasonable cause, upon written notice to the other party. Reasonable cause shall include:

a) Material violation of this agreement.

b) Failure to maintain professional standards in the performance of services related to this agreement.

B. This agreement may be terminated without cause upon thirty (30) days notice by either party.

C. Termination of this agreement shall not relieve either party of their obligations under this agreement which accrues prior to the date of termination, or which, by their nature, is intended to survive completed performance of the scope of work, including the obligation of the City to pay for competent services performed prior to the date of termination.

9. Evaluation and Compliance with the Law.

The Contractor agrees to comply with all relevant, federal, state and municipal laws, rules and regulations, including laws governing equal employment opportunity, and prevailing or area standard wage laws, if applicable.

10. Joinder in Arbitration Proceedings.

If the City and any third party agree to binding arbitration as the method of dispute resolution between them and their claims or any of them arise out of or are related to Contractor's services, Contractor agrees to be joined in such arbitration proceeding as a party and that the Arbitrator(s) decision therein shall be final and binding on Contractor and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

11. City Business and Occupation License.

Prior to performing work under this Agreement, Contractor shall secure a City of Sedro-Woolley Business and Occupation License.

12. Indemnification.

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against any claim, damages, losses, liability or expense arising out of its breach of contract or negligence.

The Contractor's duty to indemnify City shall not apply to liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage caused to property caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of City or City's agents or employees.

The Contractor's duty to indemnify City for liability for damages arising out of bodily injury or damage to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of (a) City or City's agents or employees, (b) Contractor and Contractor's agents or employees, or (c) any third parties shall apply only to the extent of negligence of Contractor or Contractor's agents or employees.

The Contractor specifically and expressly waives any immunity that may be granted it under the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act. Title 51 RCW. Further, the indemnification obligation under this AGREEMENT shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable to or for any third party under workers' compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts; provided Contractor's waiver of immunity by the provisions of this paragraph extends only to claims against Contractor by City, and not include, or extend to, any claims by Contractor's employees directly against Contractor.

The Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold City harmless shall include, as to all claims, demands, losses, and liabilities to which it applies, City's personnel-related costs, attorneys' fees, and all other costs whether or not taxable by statute or court rule.

13. Insurance.

The Contractor shall provide proof to the City that it **and its subcontractors** are insured under **commercial general liability** and **professional liability** (or errors & omissions liability) insurance policies covering the work within the scope of this agreement, in adequate quantity to protect against legal liability arising out of contract activity, but no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence, **\$2,000,000** annual aggregate.

In the event that services delivered pursuant to this contract involve the use of vehicles, either owned or non-owned by the Contractor and its subcontractors, **automobile liability** insurance shall be required. The minimum limit for automobile liability is **\$1,000,000** per occurrence, using a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury and property damage. The Contractor shall provide proof to the City that it is insured under an automobile liability policy.

The Contractor agrees to name the City, its agents, and employees as additional insureds when obtaining liability insurance and to provide a **Certificate of Insurance** with proof of the **Additional Insured endorsement** to this effect within fifteen (15) calendar days of the agreement effective date. All

of the Contractor's policies shall be primary to any other valid and collectible insurance. Consultant shall submit renewal certificates as appropriate during the term of the agreement.

14. Employment Security.

The Contractor shall comply with all employment security laws of the State of Washington, and shall timely make all required payments in connection therewith.

15. Amendments.

This Agreement shall not be altered, changed, or amended except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto. Any changes in the scope of work or compensation shall be mutually agreed upon between the City and the Contractor and shall be incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement.

16. Scope of Agreement.

This Agreement incorporates all the agreements, covenants, and understanding between the parties hereto which are merged into this written agreement. No prior agreement or prior understanding, verbal or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless set forth in this Agreement or written amendment hereto.

17. Ratification.

Acts taken pursuant to this Agreement but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified and confirmed.

18. Assignability.

This agreement is not assignable by either party, without written consent of the other party.

19. Notices.

Any notice given in connection with this agreement shall be given in writing and shall be delivered either by hand to the party or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party at the party's address stated herein. Any party may change its address stated herein by giving notice of the change in accordance with this paragraph.

20. Choice of Law/Venue.

Any dispute under this agreement or related to this agreement shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. Venue for any court proceeding arising under or related to this agreement shall be in Skagit County Superior Court.

21. Attorneys Fees.

The prevailing party in any litigation of any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be entitled to its actual attorneys fees incurred and all costs of such litigation (including expert witness fees) in addition to any costs otherwise taxable by statute or court rule.

22. Non-exclusive Agreement.

This agreement shall not prevent the City of Sedro-Woolley from entering into a contract with another person or firm for similar services.

23. MRSC Roster Registration.

The Contractor shall register or maintain registration on the MRSC Consultant Roster.

24. Washington State Department of Retirement Systems.

- A. Have any of the workers providing services to the City of Sedro-Woolley through your company retired under the 2008 early retirement factors? Yes No N/A
- B. Is your company owned by an individual who retired using the 2008 Early Retirement Factors? Yes No N/A

25. Debarment.

Contractor represents and agrees that it is not listed on any state or federal debarment list and further agrees that none of its sub-consultants are listed on any state or federal debarment list.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 201_.

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY
A Washington municipal corporation

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

City Attorney

CONTRACTOR:

Name of Professional Business

By: _____