#### **STATE OF LOUISIANA**

#### **EMERGENCY CONTRACT**

**PO#** 2000709048

The State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "OCD" or the "State", and Ramboll US Consulting, Inc., hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Contractor", do hereby enter into an Emergency Contract under the following terms and conditions. Contractor and OCD may sometimes hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party."

#### 1 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This agreement addresses the environmental consulting services needed to facilitate the implementation of a broad range of programs administered by OCD. These services may also be requested by OCD to accommodate other federally funded (in whole or in part) disaster recovery or resilience/mitigation programs or initiatives, currently existing or yet to be defined, which OCD administers or has a stakeholder interest, including programs occurring as a result of past and future disasters. The programs currently administered by OCD and other programs yet to be defined are collectively known as the "Program".

#### 1.1 SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor hereby agrees to furnish services to State as specified in the Scope of Services, Attachment I. It is contemplated that Contractor will, from time to time, be requested by OCD, through its State Program Manager (SPM), to perform certain services for OCD. A full description of the Scope of Services and payment schedule is contained in the following attachments which are made a part of this Contract:

Attachment I: Scope of Services

Attachment II: Rate Schedule

The parties acknowledge that this Emergency Contract is being entered into in order to facilitate environmental consulting services that had been commenced by the Contractor under the prior contract between the Parties (PO 2000461711) but were not completed prior to the end date of that contract.

Entering into this Contract does not relieve the Contractor of: 1) any obligations under the prior contract, and 2) any possible penalties associated with performance under the prior contract.

# 1.2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals and objectives under this Contract include the following:

1. To provide statutorily and regulatory required environmental assessments and analyses for all programs which OCD administers or has a stakeholder interest.

#### 1.3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The performance of the Contract will be measured by the State Program Manager (SPM), who is authorized on behalf of the State to evaluate the Contractor's performance. The performance measures for the Contract shall include the successful performance and completion of the Contractor's obligations as provided in the Contract and in each individual work order. Work orders will be monitored monthly to measure progress toward finalizing deliverables.



#### 1.4 MONITORING PLAN

OCD will monitor the services provided by the Contractor under work orders and the expenditures of funds under the Contract. The SPM will be primarily responsible for routine contact with the Contractor and the monitoring of the Contractor's performance. Monitoring of performance under the Contract will be conducted through tracking of progress on work orders as well as through regular meetings between OCD and the Contractor and any additional monitoring plans and/or performance standards developed by OCD and agreed to by the Contractor.

Work order progress tracking will be accomplished through monthly work order tracking reports submitted in conjunction with invoices that include the percent completion of the work order and the amount invoiced to date. Percentage of completion estimates may be confirmed by OCD by a review of deliverables received. Analysis and comparison of percent work complete and amount invoiced to date against the work order budgets for these items will provide the monitoring information necessary to ensure the continued successful performance of the Contractor.

## 1.5 CONTRACTOR TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

See Attachment I: Scope of Services

## 1.6 DELIVERABLES

Work for specific tasks for properties requiring environmental reviews, lead-based paint inspections/assessments, asbestos inspections/assessments, contaminated drywall and other inspections/assessments will be initiated and performed through work orders. One or more work orders will be issued by OCD to Contractor for each task to be performed. Multiple properties for environmental review/inspection/assessment may be listed on a single work order. Work orders will conform to a form and content provided by OCD. Work involving any exempted clearance and any special studies required for a specific property will be initiated through specification in a work order. For each environmental review/inspection/assessment to be performed, the SPM will prepare and transmit to Contractor a work order which will include property information and project information to Contractor necessary to accomplish the work such as property site descriptions, physical address(es), nature and description of request(s), anticipated level of review needed, property contact information (i.e., grant applicant, owner, knowledgeable party, etc.) as necessary to access the interior and exteriors of properties under review, site descriptions, proposed recovery plan and anticipated level of clearance. Failure of third parties to allow access or to be present for necessary site reviews shall not be the responsibility of Contractor.

For each environmental review/inspection/assessment, Contractor will:

- a) Review each work order issued by OCD, ascertain the level of environmental review/inspection/assessment required, and request an amendment to the work order to reflect a higher tier of review if needed.
- b) Proceed with the preparation of the environmental review/inspection/assessment once OCD affirms the level of review/inspection/assessment.
- c) Coordinate with OCD to determine all additional consultations, permits, etc. required to complete the environmental review/inspection/assessment.
- d) Complete and electronically submit the environmental review/inspection/assessment to OCD.
- e) Provide to OCD proof of publication of all necessary public notices published in the official journal of the affected political jurisdiction as required by 24 CFR 58 - Environmental Review Procedures For Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities.
- f) Advise OCD in writing accordingly and request an amendment to the work order beginning any additional work at any time that Contractor has evidence that a further level of review is needed, or that additional assessments or studies are required.

For each work order indicating an environmental assessment with a site visit needed, Contractor will:

- a) Visit the site and obtain a GPS location reading, upload picture(s) of the property along with a checklist to be completed by Contractor regarding the site.
- b) Download from the GIS platform relevant available information prior to and during the initial assessment.
- c) Record any environmentally relevant spatial points (i.e., fuel storage tanks) which are observed in the field but not present in the downloaded GIS data. These observations will be digitized and attached to the shapefile by OCD through the Division of Administration, Office of Technology Services.
- d) Contact the appropriate public officials to obtain information to complete the required checklists as needed.
- e) Submit all public notices and the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (NOFONSI) and Request for Release of Funds for publication in the required order and sequence. Costs for publication will be paid by Contractor and billed to OCD for reimbursement of actual costs as an Other Direct Cost (ODC).
- f) Upload all information obtained and reports developed to the project website for reference by OCD.
- g) Evaluate the need for environmental permits and compliance demonstrations or authorizations during the environmental assessment.

## 1.7 SUBSTITUTION OF KEY PERSONNEL

Key personnel, including the Contractor's Program Director, assigned during the term of this Contract may not be replaced without the written consent of the State. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed provided an equally qualified replacement is proposed. In the event that any Contractor personnel become unavailable due to resignation, illness or other factors which are beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, (excluding assignment to a project outside this Contract), the Contractor shall provide an equally qualified replacement in time to avoid delays in services or deliverables specified by this Contract or by the State Program Manager.

# 2 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

#### 2.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract term is six (6) months, from November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. The State has the option to renew for up to one (1) additional six (6) month period, subject to approval by the Office of State Procurement and upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

#### 2.2 STATE FURNISHED RESOURCES

The State shall appoint a principal point of contact, a State Program Manager (SPM), for this Contract. The SPM will provide oversight of activities conducted hereunder. Notwithstanding the Contractor's responsibility for management during the performance of this Contract, the assigned SPM shall be the principal point of contact for the Contractor's performance under the Contract.

The State may require the Contractor to utilize state furnished e-mail addresses for all activities conducted in association with the Program and require all or a portion of the electronic data and documents to be stored in State owned or controlled systems. The State may require that any website domains, phone numbers, and post office boxes utilized in connection with the Program be provided by the State or be assigned to the State or its designee at the termination of the Contract.

## 2.3 LICENSES AND PERMITS

Throughout the term of the Contract, the Contractor shall secure and maintain any and all licenses and permits required by law, as well as pay inspection fees required to perform the work required to complete this Contract.

#### 2.4 SECURITY

Contractor's personnel and subcontractors shall always comply with any applicable security regulations in effect at the State's premises, and externally for materials belonging to the State or to the Program. The State is responsible for providing written copies of the State's security regulations to the Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for reporting any known breach of security to the State promptly.

Contractor shall monitor the effectiveness of all required and agreed upon production security controls and promptly notify the State's information security team as soon as becoming aware of an actual or suspected:

- system or application compromise; or
- · control failure; or
- unauthorized access or modification of a State system, application, data, content, or service.

Note: State Information Security Policy located at the link below. http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ots/InformationSecurity.aspx

#### 2.5 TAXES

Contractor is responsible for payment of all applicable taxes from the funds to be received under this Contract. Contractor's federal tax identification number is 52-1248616 and state tax identification number 1549161

In accordance with R.S. 39:1624(A)(10), the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) shall determine that the prospective Contractor is current in the filing of all applicable tax returns and reports and in payment of all taxes, interest, penalties, and fees owed to the state and collected by the LDR prior to the approval of this Contract by the Office of State Procurement (OSP). The prospective Contractor hereby attests to its current and/or prospective compliance, and agrees to provide its seven-digit LDR Account Number to Agency so that the prospective Contractor's tax payment compliance may be verified. The prospective Contractor further acknowledges understanding that issuance of a tax clearance certificate by LDR is a necessary precondition to the approval and effectiveness of this Contract by OSP. Agency reserves the right to withdraw its consent to this Contract without penalty and proceed with alternate arrangements should the Contractor fail to resolve any identified apparent outstanding tax compliance discrepancies with LDR within seven (7) days of such notification.

#### 3 CONFIDENTIALITY

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to the State's operation and made available to the Contractor in order to carry out this Contract, or which become available to the Contractor in carrying out this Contract, shall be protected by the Contractor from unauthorized use and disclosure through the observance of the same or more effective procedural requirements as are applicable to the State. The identification of all such confidential data and information as well as the State's procedural requirements for protection of such data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure shall be provided by the State in writing to the Contractor. If the methods and procedures employed by the Contractor for the protection of the Contractor's data and information are deemed by the State to be adequate for the protection of the State's confidential information, such methods and procedures may be used, with the written consent of the State, to carry out the intent of this paragraph.

The Contractor shall not be required under the provisions of the paragraph to keep confidential any data or information which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in the Contractor's possession, is independently developed by the Contractor outside the scope of the Contract, or is rightfully obtained from third parties.

All of the reports, information, data, et cetera, prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Contract are confidential and Contractor agrees that they shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the OCD. This does not extend to information that was obtained from the public domain such as public agencies or sources of information available to the general public. Under no circumstance shall the Contractor discuss and/or release information concerning this project without prior express written approval of OCD.

The obligations under Section 3 and its Subsections shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract.

# 3.1 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANTS

All information (including, but not limited to, an applicant's photograph or photographic likeness) acquired by the Contractor or its subcontractors, from whatever source, relating to individual applicant's application and related processing for any grant, or other Program administered under this Contract ("Confidential Applicant Data") shall be deemed confidential and protected from access, disclosure or use other than in compliance with this Contract. Confidential Applicant Data is included within the term Confidential Information and shall be entitled to all protections provided Confidential Information, as well as all other increased protections provided herein.

Summaries of applicant information compiled in an aggregate fashion which cannot be used to identify an individual may be reported as directed by the State by the Contractor in its performance of this Contract.

Other than as directed in writing by the State, only the Contractor's employees and subcontractors' employees with a defined need to know (established in the written protocols and procedures specified in Section 3.1.2 below) shall be granted access to Confidential Applicant Data and only after they have been informed of the confidential nature of the Confidential Applicant Data. The level of access of such individuals shall be dictated by the level of their defined need to know.

# 3.2 STATE'S PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

The State has provided to the Contractor: (a) the State Information Security Policy and (b) the Procedures for Information Requests from Restore Database or Open Records Requests. As mutually agreed by the Parties, the Contractor shall implement these policies and procedures, including revisions thereto, as well as the Contractor's own policies and procedures and other appropriate technical, physical and administrative safeguards in order to protect Confidential Information against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorized use, disclosure of access, in particular where the processing involves the transmission of data over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of use. The Contractor shall submit its written policies and procedures required under this part to the State for approval. As the State may revise its policies and procedures, the Contractor shall continue to provide the necessary updates and upgrades for compliance with Section 3 and the Subsections thereof. The obligations under Section 3 are in addition to, and not in place of, the items outlined under Attachment I, Scope of Services.

# 3.3 DUTIES TO MONITOR AND REPORT SECURITY BREACH OR UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE, USE OR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall implement monitoring plans to detect unauthorized access to or use of Confidential Information or any attempts to gain unauthorized access to Confidential Information. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide State Program Manager (SPM) with immediate notification (not more than 24 hours) of the Contractor's awareness of any security incident ("Security Incident") involving Confidential Information.

The reference to Security Incident herein may include, but not be limited to the following: successful attempts at gaining unauthorized access to Confidential Information or the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of Confidential Information, or the unauthorized use or disclosure, whether intentional or otherwise, of Confidential Information.

In the event of unauthorized access to or disclosure of information, the Contractor, as well as any subcontractor, involved in a Security Incident, shall consult with the State regarding the necessary steps to address the factors giving rise to the Security Incident and to address the consequences of such Security Incident.

Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to affect any rights an individual applicant may have under any applicable state or federal law concerning the unauthorized access, use or disclosure of Confidential Applicant Data.

#### 3.4 THIRD PARTY REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Should third parties request the Contractor to submit Confidential Information to them pursuant to a public records request, subpoena, summons, search warrant or governmental order, the Contractor will notify the State immediately upon receipt of such request. Notice shall be forwarded via e-mail and via facsimile to the representative designated in writing by the State as the State contact for requests for release of information. Protocols for the handling of such requests are found in the Procedures for Information Requests from Restore Database or Open Records Requests, as promulgated or as hereafter modified by the State. The Contractor shall cooperate with the State with respect to defending against any such requested release of information or obtaining any necessary judicial protection against such release if, in the opinion of OCD, the information contains Confidential Information which should be protected against such disclosure. The legal fees and related expenses incurred by the Contractor or its subcontractor in resisting the release of information under this provision shall constitute reimbursable expenses under this Contract.

Legal service fees of law firms associated with this Section may not be "marked up" by the Contractor as it is against the law for a non-law firm to share in legal fees.

#### 3.5 SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENTS

The Contractor shall require agreements with all subcontractors include the provisions of Confidentiality, Section 3 and its Subsections. OCD shall be provided copies of such subcontractor agreements upon request. All subcontractor agreements will follow the provisions of this Contract and incorporate same by reference.

# 3.6 NON-CONFIDENTIAL DATA AND DATA OBTAINED FROM THIRD PARTIES

In the event Confidential Applicant Information is or becomes part of the public domain, other than as a result of a Security Incident, the Contractor and subcontractors shall continue to treat such information as private and avoid the unnecessary use or release of such information unrelated to the performance under the Contract. The State agrees that some portions of Confidential Applicant Data may be obtained from insurance companies and other third parties.

# 3.7 LIMITATIONS ON COPYING: DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO THE STATE; DESTRUCTION OF DATABASE; OBLIGATIONS AGAINST USE AND DISCLOSURE

No copies or reproductions shall be made of any Confidential Information except to effectuate the purposes of this Contract or upon the prior approval of the State. The Contractor and subcontractors shall not make use of any Confidential Information for their own benefit or for the benefit of any third party, except as directed by the State in writing.

In accordance with Sections 30 of the Contract, as between the Contractor and the State, all Confidential Information is deemed to be the property of the State.

Upon termination or expiration of the Contract, all databases and other storage media containing Confidential Applicant Data shall be delivered to the State, who shall retain such information for the periods of time then required in accordance with any applicable state and federal statutes and regulations controlling such record retention. The

Contractor and subcontractors shall not keep any copies of the Confidential Applicant Data in any medium format; upon delivery of the Confidential Applicant Data to the State under this provision, the Contractor and applicable subcontractors shall certify under penalty of perjury that no copies of the Confidential Applicant Data have been retained. Any exceptions to this provision must be approved in writing by SPM, and shall set forth the scope of the data required to be retained, the reasons justifying such retention, and the terms and conditions of such retention.

#### 4 COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

The Contractor will not be paid more than the maximum amount of the Contract.

In consideration of the services required by this Contract, State hereby agrees to pay to Contractor a maximum amount of \$10,000,000.00.

## 4.1 PAYMENT TERMS

Payment shall be made in accordance with Attachment II: Rate Schedule.

Invoices shall be submitted on a monthly basis using a standard invoice format provided by OCD. Invoices shall be organized so that services associated with program administration services and/or individual work orders are clearly identified in separate detailed listings of charges. Invoices that include ODCs shall be accompanied by evidence of the actual costs including, but not limited to, vendor statements, payment records, or other acceptable evidence of the actual cost of the ODC. Contractor shall not attach any fee or "mark-up" to any ODC.

Payment of invoices must be approved by the Financial Manager of OCD or designee. The State will make every reasonable effort to make payments within thirty (30) work days of receipt of invoice. If invoices are disputed or clarifications are required, OCD will notify the Contractor of its questions and Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to respond to such questions within five (5) business days.

It is understood that should Contractor fail to submit invoices within sixty (60) days following the end of each month, the State shall not be responsible for payment thereof under this Contract or in quantum meruit, unless an exception is granted by the SPM prior to the end of the sixty (60) day period. Any exception granted by the SPM shall include a 25% reduction to the amount of the invoice submitted late.

Invoices shall be submitted to Office of Community Development, at OCDFinance@la.gov.

Prohibition against Advance Payments: No compensation or payment of any nature will be made in advance of Services actually performed and/or supplies furnished.

# 4.2 PAYMENT FOR SERVCES PROVIDED ON AN HOURLY FEE BASIS

Payment for services performed on an hourly fee basis will be made based on invoices submitted to the State documenting hours expended multiplied by the applicable hourly rate. All invoices will be supported by documentation including, but not limited to, the name of the person, labor description, hours worked, function, billable rate, description of work provided, timesheets and such other information as determined by the SPM.

Hourly rates shall be inclusive of all Contract related expenses (i.e., per diem, office space, office and field equipment, etc.) for providing the services described herein. Hourly rates will be invoiced in accordance with the rate schedule in Attachment II, Rate Schedule and shall not exceed the maximum amount of the Contract. The pricing and fee schedules in Attachment II, Rate Schedule are made part of the Contract and will remain in effect for the term of the Contract. No travel expenses will be paid by OCD.

#### 4.3 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED ON A UNIT PRICE BASIS

Payment for services performed on a unit price basis will be made on the basis of invoices submitted to the State documenting the number of unit price tasks completed multiplied by the applicable unit price per task. All invoices are to be supported by documentation including, but not limited to, a description of the service, the authorized billable rate in accordance with Attachment II, the work order to which the charges are related any other documentation deemed necessary by OCD. No hourly rates or travel expenses will be paid in connection with any services performed on a unit price basis.

#### 4.4 PAYMENT FOR OTHER DIRECT COSTS

The Contractor may be reimbursed for Other Direct Costs ("ODCs"). ODCs may include, by example:

- Copies and reproduction (\$0.10 per page for black & White, \$0.25 per page for color);
- Public notice fees, postage and expedited mail (billed at cost);
- Agency filing, search or copy fees;
- Laboratory testing fees (billed at cost); and
- Publication costs.

Additional ODCs, if required, must be approved in advance of purchase by the SPM and the OCD Finance Manager. Prior to purchasing or leasing with approval, any ODCs, the Contractor shall provide a list of ODCs to the SPM. The SPM will review that list and will either (a) authorize the Contractor to purchase, or lease the items or services and submit the expense for reimbursement (with proper documentation), or (b) deny the request. For any such purchases, the Contractor should obtain price quotations from a minimum of three (3) sources.

Invoices that include ODCs shall be accompanied by evidence of the actual costs including, but not limited to, vendor statements, payment records, or other acceptable evidence of the actual cost of the ODC along with the pre-approval from the SPM. The Contractor shall not attach any fee or other "mark-up" to the ODC. ODC expenses do not include travel expenses.

## 4.5 DISPOSAL OF ODC EQUIPMENT, LICENSES ETC.

The Contractor shall have any new contractual agreement to be paid as an ODC, including software licenses, assignable to the State at the termination of the Contract. The Contractor shall make timely and diligent efforts to have all existing contracts and software licenses amended, if necessary, to make the existing contract or software license assignable to the State at the termination of the Contract.

All items, movable or immovable, corporeal or incorporeal, which constitute Other Direct Costs under any part of the Contract or any exhibit thereto, or were otherwise paid by the State, which have not by their nature been entirely consumed by the date of the termination or expiration of the Contract, shall at the State's direction be delivered to the State, including but not limited to all furniture, equipment, and any unexpired licenses or contractual rights, which shall be assigned to the State or its assignee at the State's direction.

For any unexpired license or contractual right, in the event that the license or contractual right has been paid for by the State as an ODC but is not assigned to the State at the termination of the Contract, the Contractor must remit to the State the replacement cost at the time of Contract termination relating to the license or contractual right.

## 4.6 NO GUARANTEE OF QUANTITIES

The scope and quantities referenced in the Contract are estimated to be the amount needed. The State does not obligate itself to contract for or to accept more than its actual requirements during the period of this Contract, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds. The State reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities, as appropriate, at the prices stated in the Contract. Contractor has no right to any amount of work to be assigned under this Contract.

## 4.7 PENALTIES

For each deliverable due date in a work order agreed to by SPM and Contractor, a penalty of \$100 per day will be assessed for each business day that the deliverable exceeds the agreed upon due date. The penalty will be assessed against accounts payable to the Contractor under this Contract. The penalty shall be limited to the dollar amount for the deliverable delayed, agreed to by both the Contractor and OCD, or \$5,000, whichever is less. In the event that penalties exceed payments due to the Contractor, the Contractor shall remit the balance to OCD. The Contractor shall not be assessed a penalty for delays due to circumstances not subject to its control.

Penalties under this Section are for performance purposes and do not represent any form of damage payment.

# 5 TERMINATION

## 5.1 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

State may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of Contractor to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided that the State shall give the Contractor written notice specifying the Contractor's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the State may, at its option, place the Contractor in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. Failure to perform within the time specified in this Contract will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the Contract. Where the State has determined the Contractor to be in default, the State reserves the right to obtain any or all products or services covered by the Contract on the open market and to charge the Contractor with cost in excess of the Contract price. Until such assessed charges have been paid, no subsequent offer from the defaulting Contractor will be considered.

Contractor may terminate this Contract for cause based upon the failure of State to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Contract; provided that the Contractor shall give the State written notice specifying the State's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the State shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the Contractor may, at its option, place the State in default and the Contract shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. Failure to perform within the time specified in this Contract will constitute a default and may cause cancellation of the Contract. Contractor shall be paid for all authorized services properly performed prior to termination.

Any payment to Contractor shall be limited to the compensation provided in this paragraph. Contractor shall not be entitled to any other compensation, lost profits, lost revenue or damages.

# 5.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

State may terminate the Contract at any time without penalty by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor of such termination or negotiating with the Contractor an effective date. Contractor shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress; to the extent work has been performed as required by the Contract. The

parties agree that termination for convenience includes but is not limited to termination on a date selected by the State following the conclusion of procurement of a contractor(s) to provide the services, in whole or in part, provided for under this Agreement. The State may require in its sole discretion a transition period to facilitate an orderly transfer of services. Contractor shall not be entitled to any other compensation, lost profits, lost revenue or damages.

## 5.3 TERMINATION FOR NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

The continuation of this Contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the legislature to fulfill the requirements of the Contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the Contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the Contract, the Contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated. Contractor shall not be entitled to lost profits, lost revenue or any other compensation or damages.

## 6 INDEMNIFICATION

## 6.1 GENERAL INDEMNITY LANGUAGE AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in performance beyond its control resulting from acts of God or force majeure. The Parties shall use reasonable efforts to eliminate or minimize the effect of such events upon performance of their respective duties under the Contract.

Contractor shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify and hold harmless the State of Louisiana, all state Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commission, its officers, agents, servants, employees and volunteers, from and against all suits, claims, actions, damages, expenses and liability of every name and description relating to personal injury or death of any person and damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur, or in any way grow out of, any negligent act, error or omission of the Contractor, its agents, employees, servants, partners or subcontractors, without limitation, or any and all costs, expenses and/or attorney fees incurred by Contractor as a result of any claims, demands, suits or causes of action, except those claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising out of the negligence of the State of Louisiana, all state Departments, Agencies, Boards, Commission, its officers agents, servants, employees and volunteers.

Contractor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend any such claims, demands, suits, or causes of action at its sole expense and agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claims, demands, suits, or causes of action are groundless, false or fraudulent. The State of Louisiana may, but is not required to, consult with the Contractor in the defense of claims, but this shall not affect the Contractor's responsibility for the handling of and expenses for all claims. In no event shall Contractor's liability under this indemnity agreement exceed the limits of insurance specified under this Contract or higher insurance limits if available to the Contractor, so long as Contractor maintains the insurance required under this Contract.

At the State's option, counsel providing the defense of the State shall be selected by the State.

# 6.2 INDEMNITY RELATING TO USE OF PROTECTED PROCESS OR PRODUCT

Contractor will indemnify, defend and hold the State and its Authorized Users harmless, without limitation, from and against any and all damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), claims, judgments, liabilities and costs which may be finally assessed against the State in any action for infringement of a United States Letter Patent with respect to the Products furnished, or of any copyright, trademark, trade secret or intellectual property right, provided

that the State shall give the Contractor: (i) prompt written notice of any action, claim or threat of infringement suit, or other suit, (ii) the opportunity to take over, settle or defend such action, claim or suit at Contractor's sole expense, and (iii) assistance in the defense of any such action at the expense of Contractor. Where a dispute or claim arises relative to a real or anticipated infringement, the State or its Authorized Users may require Contractor, at its sole expense, to submit such information and documentation, including formal patent attorney opinions, as the Commissioner of Administration shall require. The Contractor shall not be obligated to indemnify that portion of a claim or dispute based upon: (i) Authorized User's unauthorized modification or alteration of a Product; (ii) Authorized User's use of the Product in combination with other products not furnished by Contractor; and (iii) Authorized User's use in other than the specified operating conditions and environment.

In addition to the foregoing, if the use of any item(s) or part(s) thereof shall be enjoined for any reason or if Contractor believes that it may be enjoined, Contractor shall have the right, at its own expense and sole discretion, as the Authorized User's and the State's exclusive remedy, to take action in the following order of precedence: (i) to procure for the State the right to continue using such item(s) or part (s) thereof, as applicable; (ii) to modify the component so that it becomes non-infringing equipment of at least equal quality and performance; or (iii) to replace said item(s) or part(s) thereof, as applicable, with non-infringing components of at least equal quality and performance, or (iv) if none of the foregoing is commercially reasonable, then provide monetary compensation to the State up to the dollar amount of the Contract.

# 6.3 INDEMNITY RELATING TO SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

Neither party shall be liable to the other for special, indirect or consequential damages, including lost data or records (unless the Contractor is required to back-up the data or records as part of the work plan), even if the party has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Neither party shall be liable for lost profits, lost revenue or lost institutional operating savings. The State and Authorized User may, in addition to other remedies available to them at law or equity and upon notice to the Contractor, retain such monies from amounts due Contractor, or may proceed against the performance and payment bond, if any, as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against them.

# 7 CONTRACT CONTROVERSIES

Any claim or controversy arising out of the Contract shall be resolved by the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1672.2-1672.4.

#### 8 FUND USE

Contractor agrees not to use Contract proceeds to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition on an election ballot nor shall such funds be used to lobby for or against any proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority. This provision shall not prevent the normal dissemination of factual information relative to a proposition on any election ballot or a proposition or matter having the effect of law being considered by the Louisiana Legislature or any local governing authority.

Contractor and all subcontractors shall certify that they have complied with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352) and that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor and each subcontractor shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award.

#### 9 ASSIGNMENT

No Contractor shall assign any interest in this Contract by assignment, transfer, or novation, without prior written consent of the State. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the Contractor from assigning to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution any money due or to become due from approved contracts without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the State.

#### 10 RIGHT TO AUDIT

Contractor shall grant to the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State Inspector General's Office, the Federal Government (including HUD, FEMA, HUD-OIG, FEMA-OIG, the Comptroller General), the Division of Administration, the OCD or others so designated by them, and any other duly authorized agencies of the State the right to inspect, examine, audit, review and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data and records for a period of five (5) years after the closeout of OCD's federal grant providing the funds for the Contract. Contractor will be notified of the grant closeout date by OCD.

Records, including direct read access to databases and all tables, shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose. The State Records, including direct read access to databases and all tables, shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose. The State may require the Contractor to submit to an independent SSAE 18 SOC 1 and/or type II audit of its internal controls for the Contractor's activities performed under the Contract.

In the event that an examination of records results in a determination that previously paid invoices included charges which were improper or beyond the scope of the Contract, Contractor agrees that the amounts paid to the Contractor shall be adjusted accordingly, and that the Contractor shall within 30 days thereafter issue a remittance to State of any payments declared to be improper or beyond the scope of the Contract. The State may offset the amounts deemed improper or beyond the scope of the Contract against Contractor's outstanding invoices, if any.

Failure of the Contractor and/or its subcontractor to comply with the above audit requirements will constitute a violation of this Contract and may, at the OCD's option, result in the withholding of future payments and/or return of funds paid under the Contract.

#### 11 CONTRACT MODIFICATION

No amendment or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required by law. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the Contract is binding on any of the parties.

#### 12 SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor may, with prior written permission from the State, enter into subcontracts with third parties for the performance of any part of the Contractor's duties and obligations. In no event shall the existence of a subcontract operate to release or reduce the liability of neither the Contractor nor the subcontractor to the State and/or Agency for any breach in the performance of the Contractor's or subcontractor duties. Contingent on verification that no subcontractor has been debarred, the State hereby approves the following subcontractors to provide or perform any part of the services under the Contract:

Coastal Environments, Inc. Materials Management Group, Inc. FINBACK 670, Incorporated EMSL Analytical, Inc. Lakeland Laboratories, LLC SGS Accutest Inc. Eurofins Testamerica

Subcontracts shall not include language which restricts the Contractor's obligation to pay for services performed or materials provided under a subcontract to when the Contractor has been paid under this Contract, except for circumstances where the reason for the lack of payment to the Contractor is due to deficient performance or lack of performance by the particular subcontractor from which the Contractor seeks to withhold payment. In the event a subcontract contains such language in contravention of this requirement, Contractor shall not enforce such language.

## 13 COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Federal Executive Order 11246 as amended; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as amended; Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; 41 CFR 60-4 et seq.; 41 CFR 60-1.4; 41 CFR 60-1.8; 24 CFR Part 35; the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973; and Federal Labor Standards Provisions (form HUD-4010), as well as all applicable provisions not mentioned are deemed inserted herein.

The Contractor and its subcontractors shall not discriminate unlawfully in its employment practices, and will perform its obligations under this Contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, age, or disabilities.

Any act of unlawful discrimination committed by the Contractor or its subcontractors, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Contract or other enforcement action.

#### 14 PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTTS OF ISRAEL

In accordance with R.S. 39:1602.1, for any Contract for \$100,000 or more and for any Contractor with five or more employees, the Contractor certifies that neither it nor its subcontractors are engaged in a boycott of Israel, and that the Contractor or any subcontractors shall, for the duration of this Contract, refrain from a boycott of Israel.

The State reserves the right to terminate this Contract if the Contractor, or any subcontractor, engages in a boycott of Israel during the term of this Contract.

# 15 SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974

No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Section 109 further provides that discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is prohibited.

#### 16 GENERAL COMPLIANCE

The Contractor will comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws and Codes, and all applicable Office of Management and Budget Circulars <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/search/?s=omb+circulars">https://www.whitehouse.gov/search/?s=omb+circulars</a>. These include, but are not limited, the requirements of 2 CFR 200.316 and 200.321-323. The State may require, and Contractor shall consent to, the amendment of this Contract to expressly include contractual provisions referencing any mandatory requirements if not already set forth in this Contract, including any provisions referenced in appendix II to 2 CFR 200 as the State may deem applicable and not previously set forth in this Contract.

#### 17 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Contractor shall administer its project in conformance with 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), as applicable. These principles shall be applied for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis. The Contractor is responsible for having all its Subcontractors and project sponsors administer their projects in conformance with 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards) as applicable. These principles shall be applied for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis.

#### 18 DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD KEEPING

The Contractor shall maintain all records required by the federal regulations specified in 2 CFR §200 that are pertinent to the activities to be funded as proposed. The Contractor is responsible for having all subcontractors maintain all records required by the federal regulations specified in 2 CFR §200, which are pertinent to the activities to be funded as proposed.

The Contractor shall retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the Contract for a period of five (5) years after closeout of OCD's federal grant providing the funds for this Contract. Contractor will be notified of the grant closeout date by OCD. The Contractor is responsible for having all subcontractors retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other pertinent records for this same period.

# 19 PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

Contractors are prohibited from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for: political activities, inherently religious activities, lobbying, political patronage, and nepotism activities. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors understand and comply with the prohibitions from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for political activities, inherently religious activities, lobbying, political patronage, and nepotism activities.

## 19.1 HATCH ACT

Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

#### 20 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the conflict of interest provisions and other related regulations contained in 24 CFR §570.611, 24 CFR §84.42, and 24 CFR §570.603, the Contractor shall warrant that based on reasonable inquiries and due diligence to the best of its knowledge no member, officer, or employee of Contractor, or agents, consultant, member of the governing body of Contractor or the locality in which the program is situated, or other public official who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to this Agreement during his or her tenure, shall have any

interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the Program or Agreement or in any activity or benefit, which is part of this Agreement.

However, upon written request of Contractor, the State may agree in writing to grant an exception for a conflict otherwise prohibited by this provision whenever there has been full public disclosure of the conflict of interest, and the State determines that undue hardship will result either to Contractor or the person affected by applying the prohibition and that the granting of a waiver is in the public interest. No such request for exception shall be made by Contractor, which would, in any way, permit a violation of state or local law or any statutory or regulatory provision.

## 21 LABOR STANDARDS

Contractor shall agree to comply with the requirements of 29 CFR Part 5 and CFR Part 30 and shall be in conformity with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity; Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (29 CFR Part 3), the Davis- Bacon and Related Acts (29 CFR Parts 1, 3 and 5), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), 24 CFR 570.603, and all other applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Contract.

## 22 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Contractor shall comply, insofar as they apply to the performance of this agreement, with all applicable environmental standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to HUD Environmental Review Procedures, 24 CFR Part 58. Contractor shall also comply with the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR part 15). The OCD recognizes that the Contractor is not responsible for environmental or safety compliance that grant recipients and their contractors may be subject to that are outside of the scope of services to be conducted under this Agreement.

# 23 HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Contractor shall assist the Office of Community Development in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), E.O. 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1 et seq.).

# 24 UNIFORM RELOCATION ACT

Contractor will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal and federal-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of federal participation in purchases.

## 25 CLOSE-OUTS

Contractor shall agree to comply with the requirements of 24 CFR §570.509 for project closure. Contractor's obligation to OCD shall not end until all close out requirements are complete. These may include but are not limited to:

- a. Final performance or progress report
- b. Financial Status Report (SF 269) or Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Construction Programs (SF271) (as applicable)
- c. Final request for payment (SF 270) (if applicable)

- d. Invention disclosure (if applicable)
- e. Federally-owned property report
- f. Disposing of program assets

#### 26 INSURANCE

Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A-: VI. This rating requirement shall be waived for Worker's Compensation coverage only.

#### Contractor's Insurance:

The Contractor shall purchase and maintain for the duration of the Contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the total Contract amount.

## Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance

**Workers' Compensation:** Workers Compensation insurance shall be in compliance with the Workers Compensation law of the State of the Contractor's headquarters. Employers Liability is included with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per accident/per disease/per employee. If work is to be performed over water and involves maritime exposure, applicable LHWCA, Jones Act, or other maritime law coverage shall be included. A.M. Best's insurance company rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

Commercial General Liability Insurance: Commercial General Liability insurance, including Personal and Advertising Injury Liability and Products, contractual liability for the indemnity obligations under this Contract and Completed Operations, shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000 and a minimum general annual aggregate of \$2,000,000. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability occurrence coverage form CG 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. Claims-made form is unacceptable.

**Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Professional Liability (Error & Omissions) insurance, which covers the professional errors, acts, or omissions of the Contractor, shall have a minimum limit of \$1,000,000. Claims-made coverage is acceptable. The date of the inception of the policy must be no later than the first date of the anticipated work under this Contract. It shall provide coverage for the duration of this Contract and shall have an expiration date no earlier than 30 days after the anticipated completion of the Contract. The policy shall provide an extended reporting period of not less than 36 months from the expiration date of the policy, if the policy is not renewed.

**Automobile Liability:** Automobile Liability Insurance shall have a minimum combined single limit per accident of \$2,000,000. ISO form number CA 00 01 (current form approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalent, is to be used in the policy. This insurance shall include third-party bodily injury and property damage liability for owned, hired and non-owned automobiles.

**Cyber Liability:** Cyber liability insurance, including first-party costs, due to an electronic breach that compromises the State's confidential data shall have a minimum limit per occurrence of \$1,000,000. Claims-made coverage is acceptable. The date of the inception of the policy must be no later than the first date of the anticipated work under this contract. It shall provide coverage for the duration of this Contract and shall have an expiration date no earlier than 30 days after the anticipated completion of the Contract. The policy shall provide an extended reporting period of not less than 36 months from the expiration date of the policy, if the policy is not renewed. The policy shall not be cancelled for any reason, except non-payment of premium.

# Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and accepted by the OCD. The Contractor shall be responsible for all deductibles and self-insured retentions. For purposes of this Contract, the Contractor may carry deductibles in the amount for \$750,000 or less.

#### **26.1 OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

A. Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, and Cyber Liability Coverages – The OCD, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured as regards negligence by the Contractor. ISO Forms CG 20 10 (for ongoing work) AND CG 20 37 (for completed work) (current forms approved for use in Louisiana), or equivalents, are to be used when applicable. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the OCD.

The Contractor's insurance shall be primary as respects the OCD, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for any and all losses that occur under the Contract. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the OCD shall be excess and non-contributory of the Contractor's insurance.

- **B.** Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Coverage To the fullest extent allowed by law, the insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the OCD, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for losses arising from work performed by the Contractor for the OCD.
- C. All Coverages All policies must be endorsed to require 30 days written notice of cancellation to the OCD. Tenday written notice of cancellation is acceptable for non-payment of premium. Notifications shall comply with the standard cancellation provisions in the Contractor's policy. In addition, Contractor is required to notify the OCD of policy cancellations or reductions in limits.

The acceptance of the completed work, payment, failure of the OCD to require proof of compliance, or OCD's acceptance of a non-compliant certificate of insurance shall not release the Contractor from the obligations of the insurance requirements or indemnification agreement.

The insurance companies issuing the policies shall have no recourse against the OCD for payment of premiums or for assessments under any form of the policies.

Any failure of the Contractor to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to the OCD, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

D. Acceptability of Insurers – All required insurance shall be provided by a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best's rating of A-:VI or higher. This rating requirement may be waived for workers compensation coverage only.

If at any time an insurer issuing any such policy does not meet the minimum A.M. Best rating, the Contractor shall obtain a policy with an insurer that meets the A.M. Best rating and shall submit another Certificate of Insurance within 30 days.

**E. Verification of Coverage** - Contractor shall furnish the OCD with Certificates of Insurance reflecting proof of required coverage. The Certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The Certificates are to be received and approved by the OCD before work commences and upon any Contract renewal or insurance policy renewal thereafter.

The Certificate Holder shall be listed as follows:

State of Louisiana
Office of Community Development, Its Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers 617 N. Third Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor
Environmental Services

In addition to the Certificates, Contractor shall submit the declarations page and the cancellation provision for each insurance policy. The OCD reserves the right to request complete certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

Upon failure of the Contractor to furnish, deliver and maintain required insurance, this Contract, at the election of the OCD, may be suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Contractor to purchase and/or maintain any required insurance shall not relieve the Contractor from any liability or indemnification under the Contract.

F. Subcontractors - Contractor shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies <u>OR</u> shall be responsible for verifying and maintaining the Certificates provided by each subcontractor. Subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein. Exceptions to the insurance requirements prescribed herein may be made with the written approval of the OCD. Contractor shall furnish the OCD with Certificates reflecting proof of required coverage for all first tier subcontractors. The OCD reserves the right to request copies of all subcontractor's Certificates at anytime.

#### 27 SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The work to be performed under this Agreement, including services performed under any related subcontract or subrecipient agreement, is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3), 24 CFR §75, and 85 FRN 2020 19183-85, and any directives, benchmarks and programmatic requirements hereafter issued by HUD or OCD in the implementation of Section 3 requirements. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, state, and local laws and regulations—recipients must ensure that within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the project is located: (1) employment and training opportunities arising in connection with Section 3 Projects are provided to Section 3 Workers; and (2) contracts for work awarded in connection with Section 3 Projects are provided to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to Section 3 Workers.

# 28 APPLICABLE LAW

This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to La. R.S. 39:1551-1736; rules and regulations; executive orders; standard terms and conditions, special terms and conditions, and specifications listed in the RFP (if applicable); and this Contract. Exclusive venue of any action brought with regard to this Contract shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

## 29 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENT

At the time of execution, Contractor and, each tier of subcontractors, certify that they have provided a drug-free workplace in compliance with The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701).

# 30 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All records, reports, documents, or other material or data, including electronic data, related to this Contract and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor, and all repositories and databases compiled or used, regardless of the source of information included therein, in connection with performance of the Services contracted for herein shall become the

property of the OCD, and shall, upon request, be returned by Contractor to the OCD at termination or expiration of this Contract. Cost incurred by Contractor to compile and transfer information for return to the OCD shall be billed on a time and materials basis, is subject to the maximum amount of this Contract. Software and other materials owned by Contractor prior to the date of this Contract and not related to this Contract shall be and remain the property of Contractor. The OCD will provide specific project information to Contractor necessary to complete Services described herein.

All records, reports, documents and other material delivered or transmitted to Contractor by the OCD shall remain the property of the OCD and shall be returned by Contractor to the OCD, upon request, at termination, expiration or suspension of this Contract.

#### 31 DELAY OR OMISSION

No delay or omission in the exercise or enforcement of any right or remedy accruing to a Party under this Agreement shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver of any breach theretofore or thereafter occurring. The waiver of any condition or the breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein or therein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other condition or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition herein or therein contained.

## 32 ELIGIBILITY STATUS

At the time of execution, Contractor, and each tier of subcontractors, certify that they are not on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs promulgated in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as set forth at 2 CFR part 2424.

Contractor has a continuing obligation to disclose any suspensions or debarment by any government entity, including but not limited to the General Services Administration (GSA). Failure to disclose may constitute grounds for suspension and/or termination of the Contract and debarment from future contracts.

#### 33 LEGAL AUTHORITY

Contractor assures and guarantees that it possesses the legal authority, pursuant to any proper, appropriate and official motion, resolution or action passed or taken, giving the Contractor legal authority to enter into this Agreement, receive funds, authorized by this Agreement and to perform the services the Contractor is obligated to perform under this Agreement.

#### 34 ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Contractor shall recognize mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency, which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to the extent applicable to Contractor and its subcontractors. The OCD will provide such standards and policies to Contractor as a pre-condition of this stipulation.

## 35 COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

Contractor shall warrant that no person or other organization has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warrant, the State shall have the right to annul this Contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Contract or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, or to seek such other remedies as legally may be available.

# 36 CODE OF ETHICS/DISASTER RECOVERY CONTRACT PROHIBITIONS

The Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S. 42:1101 et. seq., Code of Governmental Ethics) applies to the Contracting Party in the performance of services called for in this Contract. The Contractor agrees to immediately notify the state if potential violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics arise at any time during the term of this Contract.

In addition to the Louisiana Ethics Code, the Contractor and all its subcontractors must additionally comply with R.S. 42:114.3, which prohibits participation (either directly or through a subcontractor relationship) in the Contract by any statewide elected officials, legislators, the commissioner of administration, and the chief of staff or executive counsel to the governor, and any of their spouses, and any corporation, partnership, or other legal entity in which any such person owns at least 5%. Compliance of a subcontractor will be determined based on the value of the Contract between the State and Contractor.

#### 37 SEVERABILITY

If any term or condition of this Contract or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application; to this end the terms and conditions of this Contract are declared severable.

## 38 NOTICES

Any notice required or permitted to be given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be either hand-delivered or mailed, postage prepaid by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, or delivered by private, commercial carrier, express mail, such as Federal Express, or sent by, telecopy or other similar form of rapid transmission confirmed by written confirmation mailed (postage prepaid by first-class mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested or private, commercial carrier, express mail, such as Federal Express) at substantially the same time as such rapid transmission. All such communications shall be transmitted to the address or numbers set forth below, or such other address or numbers as may be hereafter designated by a Party in written notice to the other Party compliant with this Section.

#### To OCD:

Executive Director Division of Administration Office of Community Development P.O. Box 94095 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

#### To Contractor:

Program Management Staff
Ramboll US Consulting, Inc.
8235 YMCA Plaza Drive, Suite 300
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
225-408-2696
jhebert@ramboll.com; Bbrooks@ramboll.com

#### 39 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Contract does not create, nor is it intended to create, any third party beneficiaries or contain any stipulations pour autrui. The State and the Contractor are and shall remain the only parties to this Contract and the only parties with the right to enforce any provision thereof and shall have the right, without the necessity of consent of any third party, to modify or rescind this Contract The services under the Contract and all reports and deliverables issued hereunder are for the sole use and reliance of the State, unless expressly agreed in writing by the State and Contractor. This section does not affect the indemnity and insurance obligations under this Contract.

#### 40 PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Contractor shall not issue or participate in any public communications or public meetings or communications with elected officials or their representatives regarding the Program and Contractor's activities under this Contract without the prior consent of the OCD. All publications, press releases, articles, media requests/interviews or other forms of public communication must be submitted to the OCD for approval prior to issuance. Furthermore, the Contractor must receive prior written approval from the OCD prior to participating in oral presentations or presenting/distributing printed materials regarding the Program and/or the Contractor's activities under this Contract at any conferences, symposiums or topical meetings/gatherings of a similar nature.

The Contractor shall coordinate activities regarding the Program with the relevant OCD personnel, such as, OCD personnel in policy and resilience programs, environmental, labor, monitoring and compliance, legal and finance sections.

The Contractor shall not have any communication with federal or other state and/or local government agencies or their representatives regarding the Program and/or the Contractor's activities under this Contract without the prior consent of the OCD.

Any breach of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall constitute grounds for immediate termination of this Contract and the Contractor's forfeiture of outstanding financial obligations pursuant to the Program and the Contractor's activities under this Contract.

#### 41 SAFETY

Contractor shall exercise proper precaution at all times for the protection of persons and property and shall be responsible for all damages or property, either on or off the worksite, which occur as a result of its performance of the work. The safety provisions of applicable laws and building and construction codes, in addition to specific safety and health regulations described by 29 CFR 1925, shall be observed and Contractor shall take or cause to be taken such additional safety and health measures as Contractor may determine to be reasonably necessary.

# 42 COPYRIGHT

No materials, to include but not limited to reports, maps, or documents produced as a result of this Contract, in whole or in part, shall be available to Contractor for copyright purposes. Any such material produced as a result of this Contract that might be subject to copyright shall be the property of the OCD and all such rights shall belong to the OCD.

# 43 PROVISION REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the request of either Party the Contract shall forthwith be amended to make such insertion or correction.

# 44 NO AUTHORSHIP PRESUMPTIONS

Each of the Parties has had an opportunity to negotiate the language of this Contract in consultation with legal counsel prior to its execution. No presumption shall arise or adverse inference be drawn by virtue of authorship, and each Party hereby waives the benefit of any rule of law that might otherwise be applicable in connection with the interpretation of this Contract, including but not limited to any rule of law to the effect that any provision of this

Contract shall be interpreted or construed against the Party that (or whose counsel) drafted that provision. The rule of no authorship presumption set forth in this paragraph is equally applicable to any Person that becomes a Party by reason of assignment and/or assumption of this Contract and any successor to a signatory Party.

#### 45 ADVERTISING

The Contractor shall not refer to the Contract or the Contractor's relationship with the State hereunder in commercial advertising or press releases without prior approval from the Division of Administration.

Under no circumstances shall advertising or other communications with the media be presented in such a manner as to state or imply that the Contractor or the Contractor's services are endorsed by the State.

#### 46 WAIVER OF NON-COMPETITION ENFORCEMENT

Contractor agrees to waive enforcement of each and every Contract provision it may have restraining of Contractor's employees, any tier of subcontractors, or any of their employees, from employment or contracting with the State or any contractor/subcontractor thereof.

#### 47 CONTRACTOR'S COOPERATION

The Contractor has the duty to fully cooperate with the State and provide any and all requested information, documentation, etc. to the State when requested. This applies even if this Contract is terminated and/or a lawsuit is filed. Specifically, the Contractor shall not limit or impede the State's right to audit and shall not withhold State-owned documents.

#### 48 E-VERIFY

Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2212.10 and federal law pertaining to E- Verify in the performance of services under this Contract.

#### 49 COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENTS

Statements, acts and omissions made by or on behalf of the Commissioner of Administration regarding the RFP or RFP process, this Contract, any Contractor and/or any subcontractor of the Contractor shall not be deemed a conflict of interest when the Commissioner is discharging his/her duties and responsibilities under law, including, but no limited, to the Commissioner of Administration's authority in procurement matters.

#### 50 CYBERSECURITY TRAINING

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:1267(B)(3) and the State of Louisiana's Information Security Policy, if the Contractor, any of its employees, agents, or subcontractors will have access to State government information technology assets, the Contractor's employees, agents, or subcontractors with such access must complete cybersecurity training annually, and the Contractor must present evidence of such compliance annually and upon request. The Contractor may use the cybersecurity training course offered by the Louisiana Department of State Civil Service without additional cost.

For purposes of this Section, "access to State government information technology assets" means the possession of credentials, equipment, or authorization to access the internal workings of State information technology systems or networks. Examples would include but not be limited to State-issued laptops, VPN credentials to access the State network, badging to access the State's telecommunications closets or systems, or permissions to maintain or modify IT systems used by the State. Final determination of scope inclusions or exclusions relative to access to State government information technology assets will be made by the Office of Technology Services.

#### 51 OTHER REMEDIES

If the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract, or if any lien or claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like is asserted by or against the State, then, upon notice to the Contractor, the State may pursue all remedies available to it at law or equity, including retaining monies from amounts due the Contractor and proceeding against any surety of the Contractor.

## 52 DUTY TO DEFEND

Upon notice of any claim, demand, suit, or cause of action against the State, alleged to arise out of or be related to this Contract, Contractor shall investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend at its sole expense, even if the claim, demand, suit, or cause of action is groundless, false, or fraudulent. The State may, but is not required to, consult with or assist the Contractor, but this assistance shall not affect the Contractor's obligations, duties, and responsibilities under this section. Contractor shall obtain the State's written consent before entering into any settlement or dismissal.

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**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** by the Parties on the dates set forth below but effective as of the date given above.

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| Ву:                             |                        |  |  |  |
| Name:                           | Patrick W. Forbes      |  |  |  |
| Title:                          | Executive Director     |  |  |  |
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| Ву:                             | Bill.                  |  |  |  |
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| Date:                           | 11-18-22               |  |  |  |

CONTRACTOR

#### ATTACHMENT I SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Contractor will provide environmental consulting services for a broad range of programs administered by the OCD. All environmental evaluations and written analyses must follow applicable laws and regulations, which include, but are not limited to the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") environmental review procedures relating to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant ("HUD-CDBG") activities, and/or other applicable local, state or federal environmental laws and regulations. In addition, the Contractor shall also work with OCD staff and its other consultants to consult on environmental matters that may arise in connection with the planning, development, redevelopment, and revitalization of Louisiana. The Contractor must be familiar with federal regulations, including HUD regulations. These services may also be requested by the OCD to accommodate other federally funded (in whole or in part) disaster recovery or resilience/mitigation programs or initiatives, currently existing or yet to be defined, which the OCD administers or has a stakeholder interest, including programs occurring as a result of past and future disasters. The programs currently administered by the OCD and other programs yet to be defined are collectively known as the "Program". The programs currently administered by the OCD are described in Action Plans and their amendments and may be viewed online at <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action Plans.aspx">http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action Plans.aspx</a>.

The Contractor will be directly responsible for ensuring the accuracy, timeliness, and completion of all tasks assigned under the Contract. Work for specific tasks for properties requiring environmental reviews, lead-based paint inspections/assessments, asbestos inspections/assessments, contaminated drywall and other inspections/assessments will be initiated and performed through work orders issued by the OCD to Contractor. The scope of services presented is based upon circumstances existing currently. The State reserves the right to modify or delete the scopes listed and, if appropriate, add additional scopes prior to and during the term of the contract, subject to the approval of the State Program Manager (SPM) and the Office of State Procurement (OSP).

The Contractor is encouraged to maximize use of Section 3 low- and very low-income residents and eligible businesses to the greatest extent feasible. See

https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry/SearchResults.action?metropolitanArea=METRO12940M12940 for a list of Section 3 businesses.

The Contractor is encouraged to take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that small and minority businesses women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms, are used when possible.

# **Tasks and Services**

The OCD reserves the right to adjust staffing levels depending on the actual needs of the Program. Under the supervision of and in collaboration with the OCD, the Contractor shall perform the following tasks and services as requested by the OCD:

# 1. Conduct HUD-mandated Environmental Reviews per 24 CFR Part 58

In consultation with SPM, Contractor shall, upon request of the OCD, recommend the level of clearance required for all projects listed in Action Plans and Action Plan amendments issued by the OCD, <a href="http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action Plans.aspx">http://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd-dru/Action Plans.aspx</a>, now and in the future, according to 24 CFR Part 58. The Contractor shall conduct the environmental reviews (including required publication of notices) for all assigned Program activities according to the required level of clearance. The Contractor shall provide environmental reviews with tiering (preliminary environmental review on a geographic area or neighborhood when the specific sites or addresses are currently unknown), depending on the circumstances of the activity, when required.

The Contractor will provide Tier I and II reviews on assigned projects, as appropriate. (A Tier II Site Specific Review for Properties is also referred to in this document as a Tier II review.) The Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that all Tier II reviews are completed within thirty (30) calendar days or less from the time the particular Tier II review is requested in writing by the OCD. This deadline may be extended with the written approval of the SPM prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) days.

# 2. Assist in the coordination with oversight/regulatory agencies etc. special studies, additional assessments, environmental permitting, and/or compliance resolution to secure environmental clearances

Contractor shall consult with all required reviewers and agencies regarding the receipt of all necessary documents and permits for compliance resolution. This shall include liaison to resolve Section 106 review and requirements between the homeowner and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Historic Preservation Landmark Commission (HPLC), and the Neighborhood Conservation District Committee (NCDC), as well as liaison with tribal councils where archeological concerns exist.

- 3. Perform lead-based paint inspections and risk assessments
- 4. Perform asbestos inspections and risk assessments
- 5. Assist the OCD with responding to public comments
- 6. Assist with the management of OCD's Environmental Review Program

# 7. Use of OCD Application Software

The OCD owns the custom developed, web-based software that supports the Disaster Recovery Environmental Review Program, including a GIS database repository of environmental data. The Contractor will use this software or equivalent software approved by the OCD to produce its deliverables. In coordination with the Division of Administration, Office of Technology Services, the OCD will evaluate the proposed system and make certain it meets OCD's needs before granting approval. All software maintenance and operations, including for any alternative software used by proposer, will be provided by the OCD through the Division of Administration, Office of Technology Services.

Contractor will manage and update data residing in OCD's ESRI ArcGIS Server Geographical Information System ("GIS"); and will use the data to perform NEPA reviews in accordance with federal laws and authorities outlined in 24 CFR Part 58. Contractor may propose use of alternate GIS systems for OCD's consideration. If the OCD approves he use of such a system, no compensation or ODC will be paid for use of such alternate GIS system.

Contractor will use a web-based, workflow-enabled project management software approved by the OCD to complete work orders and produce deliverables. Contractor will administer and manage secure access to all data and application components for all users in accordance with state's security policy, <a href="https://www.doa.la.gov/OTS/InformationSecurity/InformationSecurityPolicy-LA-v.1.0.pdf">https://www.doa.la.gov/OTS/InformationSecurity/InformationSecurityPolicy-LA-v.1.0.pdf</a>.

#### 8. Provide technical assistance

Various parishes, cities, and other political subdivisions within the state of Louisiana may become eligible to receive federal funding as subrecipients of the OCD and be responsible for the environmental review for each activity they identify. The OCD may request Contractor to assist in providing technical assistance regarding the environmental review process for training of these entities and other stakeholders.

#### 9. Perform ASTM-1527-05 Environmental Site Assessments

Contractor shall perform ASTM-1527-05 environmental site assessments on federally-funded acquisitions of property, as assigned by the OCD.

## 10. Perform contaminated drywall inspection and risk assessments

Upon request of the OCD, Contractor shall be responsible for inspections to determine whether hydrogen sulfide contaminated drywall is present in housing units which received federal funding (in whole or in part) through a Program the OCD administers or has a stakeholder interest. Inspections will be in accordance with then-current protocols of the consumer safety product commission, any testing mandated by law or regulation and requested by the OCD in compliance with any relevant court issued case management order.

## 11. Perform Program administration services

As requested by the OCD, Contractor will work with the OCD on a daily basis to assist in the overall management of the Program with respect to preparing work orders, facilitating and expediting environmental reviews, assimilating data to be used in the preparation of the environmental databases and records for the management of the GIS repository, facilitating all work orders from the OCD, and acting as the liaison with various government agencies that are responsible for providing responses or approvals as part of the environmental review process.

These services will include managerial tasks necessary for the management and administrative aspects of the project that shall include the following elements:

- Program planning, organization, contracting, scheduling and reporting to the OCD;
- Assistance with organizing and scoping of work orders issued under various programs within the OCD;
- Liaise with agencies as necessary to facilitate environmental reviews:
- Research, analysis, acquisition, and maintenance of GIS data;
- Administrative, accounting and recordkeeping functions;
- Training for specific workflow procedures;
- Regular or requested meetings with the OCD, other affected agencies and other parties; and
- Development of programmatic agreements.
- a) <u>Coordination with the OCD</u> Contractor will maintain close coordination with the OCD as needed, with anticipated communication on a daily basis. The OCD will have "real time" access to all Program data through web-based tools and management systems. In addition, Contractor will coordinate with the OCD on a site-specific work order basis to assure the appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without the OCD concurrence or authorization.
- b) <u>Comment Assistance</u> Contractor shall assist the OCD in comment phases of environmental reviews, including:
  - Initial contact with state/federal agency resulting in further consultation and/or study;
  - More definitive comments from state/federal agency following completion and submittal of detailed study;
  - Comments by federal agency following receipt of the "Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact" and "Intent to Request a Release of Grant Funds"; and
  - Comments from public or private entities during the public comment period.

- c) <u>Prepare Programmatic Agreements</u> Contractor will assist the OCD in developing and implementing a programmatic agreement with regulatory agencies as necessary in order to provide for streamlined Program implementation and compliance resolutions.
- 12. Perform any other job duty that relates to 24 CFR Part 58 HUD Environmental Review Procedures For Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities, as requested by the OCD.

#### **Deliverables**

Work for specific tasks for properties requiring environmental reviews, lead-based paint inspections/assessments, asbestos inspections/assessments, contaminated drywall and other inspections/assessments will be initiated and performed through work orders. One or more work orders will be issued by the OCD to Contractor for each task to be performed. Multiple properties for environmental review/inspection/assessment may be listed on a single work order. Work orders will conform to a form and content provided by the OCD. Work involving any exempted clearance and any special studies required for a specific property will be initiated through specification in a work order. For each environmental review/inspection/assessment to be performed, the SPM will prepare and transmit to Contractor a work order which will include property information and project information to Contractor necessary to accomplish the work such as property site descriptions, physical address(es), nature and description of request(s), anticipated level of review needed, property contact information (i.e., grant applicant, owner, knowledgeable party, etc.) as necessary to access the interior and exteriors of properties under review, site descriptions, proposed recovery plan and anticipated level of clearance. Failure of third parties to allow access or to be present for necessary site reviews shall not be the responsibility of Contractor.

For each environmental review/inspection/assessment, Contractor will:

- a) Review each work order issued by the OCD, ascertain the level of environmental review/inspection/assessment required, and request an amendment to the work order to reflect a higher tier of review if needed.
- b) Proceed with the preparation of the environmental review/inspection/assessment once the OCD affirms the level of review/inspection/assessment.
- c) Coordinate with the OCD to determine all additional consultations, permits, etc. required to complete the environmental review/inspection/assessment.
- d) Complete and electronically submit the environmental review/inspection/assessment to the OCD.
- e) Provide to the OCD proof of publication of all necessary public notices published in the official journal of the affected political jurisdiction as required by 24 CFR 58 Environmental Review Procedures For Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities.
- f) Advise the OCD in writing accordingly and request an amendment to the work order before beginning any additional work at any time that Contractor has evidence that a further level of review is needed, or that additional assessments or studies are required.

For each work order indicating an environmental assessment with a site visit needed, Contractor will:

- a) Visit the site and obtain a GPS location reading, upload picture(s) of the property along with a checklist to be completed by Contractor regarding the site.
- b) Download from the GIS platform relevant available information prior to and during the initial assessment.
- c) Record any environmentally relevant spatial points (i.e., fuel storage tanks) which are observed in the field but not present in the downloaded GIS data. These observations will be digitized and attached to the shapefile by the OCD through the Division of Administration, Office of Technology Services.

- d) Contact the appropriate public officials to obtain information to complete the required checklists as needed.
- e) Submit all public notices and the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (NOFONSI) and Request for Release of Funds for publication in the required order and sequence. Costs for publication will be paid by Contractor and billed to the OCD for reimbursement of actual costs as an ODC.
- f) Upload all information obtained and reports developed to the designated system of record for reference by the OCD.
- g) Evaluate the need for environmental permits and compliance demonstrations or authorizations during the environmental assessment.

# **Project Requirements**

The Contractor will provide the following:

- <u>Project Management:</u> Oversight of all activities provided under the Contract is to be performed by the program
  director. Day-to-day direction, guidance, and decision making is to be performed by the program director
  and/or program manager.
- Monthly Meetings: The OCD may require formal monthly conferences no later than ten (10) calendar days
  following month end via teleconference or in person, at OCD's election, to discuss the progress of any work,
  problems encountered and proposed solutions.
- Reporting: The OCD will require a monthly progress report submitted in conjunction with invoices that include the status of all work orders in a format to be approved by the OCD.
- <u>Staffing Utilization Plan:</u> The OCD may require an initial staffing utilization plan within thirty (30) days of
  contract award and quarterly thereafter. All staffing utilization plans must be approved and accepted by the
  OCD, to include but not limited to the assignment of work levels to different labor categories. All personnel and
  their associated job classifications, including job classification changes for existing personnel, must be approved
  by the OCD prior to billing.
- <u>Certificates of Insurance</u>: The OCD will require Certificates of Insurance for the Contractor and all of its first-tier subcontractors that reflects the coverage required by the contract prior to commencing work and upon any insurance policy renewals thereafter.

The Contractor shall provide adequate staffing in number and qualifications to successfully complete the Attachment I, Scope of Services, described herein in a timely fashion. The Contractor will be responsible for the management of staff and subcontractors and all personnel issues related thereto. All staff will be reviewed and are subject to approval by the OCD. Staff changes from one job classification title to another are subject to OCD approval.

#### **Program Management Staff**

- 1. Principal Responsible for commitment of resources and personnel for execution of the project.
- 2. **Program Director** Responsible for overall coordination and execution of the project including quality, deliverables, scheduling and invoicing as well as oversight of Program Managers and staff conducting environmental reviews and performing environmental management consulting services.

- 3. **Program Manager** Responsible for implementation and coordination of field teams and quality review, finalization of assessment forms and consultations with agencies. Program Managers work directly with OCD staff in charge of the various grant Programs to facilitate work orders.
- 4. **Program Specialist** Critical role team members serving specific functions including assignment to key agencies such as State Historic Preservation Officer, Coastal Management Zone Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and manager of GIS platform systems. These functions include those of an architectural historian, a lead-based paint inspector and risk assessor and an asbestos inspector and risk assessor.

# **Project Field Staff**

- Regional Manager Typically, Principals of the subcontractor firms performing the field assessments and providing reviews of deliverables, and consistency with regulatory requirements of federal, state and local laws.
- 2. **Project Manager** Management of multiple Project Field Staff, coordination of activities, data consolidation and reporting.
- 3. **Project Professional** Field team leaders responsible for conducting field assessments and review of available site specific historical and land use agency databases.
- 4. Project Associate Field team members assisting in site visits and environmental reviews.
- 5. **Project Assistant** Technicians and professional assistance to Project Managers compilation and report preparation assistance.
- 6. Administrative Assistants/Clerical Support for professional staff.

**NOTE:** All personnel and their associated job classifications, including job classification title changes for existing personnel, must be approved by the OCD prior to billing. If, during the course of the contract, the Contractor adds personnel to the contract team, the Contractor will submit each individual's resume and proposed job classification to the OCD for prior review and approval. Once approved by the OCD, the individual will be added to the Contractor's roster. Personnel must be associated with one of the job classifications provided above and rate shall not exceed contract rate.

# ATTACHMENT II Rate Schedule (Hourly Rate Labor Costs and Unit Costs)

# **Hourly Rate Labor Costs**

| JOB CLASSIFCATION TABLE           | HOURLY RATE |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Principal                         | \$ 200.00   |
| Program Director                  | \$ 175.00   |
| Program Manager                   | \$ 155.00   |
| Program Specialist                | \$ 140.00   |
| Regional Manager                  | \$ 155.00   |
| Project Manager                   | \$ 130.00   |
| Project Professional              | \$ 120.00   |
| Project Associate                 | \$ 95.00    |
| Project Assistant                 | \$ 70.00    |
| Administrative Assistant/Clerical | \$ 55.00    |

# **Unit Costs**

| Description  |    | Cost Per Unit |  |
|--|----|---------------|--|
| 1. Certification of Categorical Exclusion subject to 24 CFR 58.5 | \$ | 7,800.00      |  |
| 2. Tier II Site Specific Review                                  |    | 530.00        |  |
| 3. Lead-Based Paint Inspection/Assessment                        |    | 1,200.00      |  |
| 4. Asbestos Inspection/Assessment                                |    | 1,000.00      |  |
| 5. Contaminated Drywall Inspection/Assessment                    |    | 850.00        |  |

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

BY AND BETWEEN

STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**AND** 

RAMBOLL US CONSULTING, INC.

EFFECTIVE March 1, 2023

**AMENDMENT PROVISIONS:** 

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# 2. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

## 2.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract term is six (6) months, from November 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. The State has the option to renew for up to one (1) additional six (6) month period, subject to approval by the Office of State Procurement and upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties.

# **CHANGE AGREEMENT TO:**

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# 2. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

## 2.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract term is <u>twelve (12)</u> months, from November 1, 2022 to <u>October 31, 2023, unless terminated prior to such time in accordance with the provisions herein.</u>

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## 4.2 OTHER DIRECT COSTS

ODCs may include, by example: major supplies (i.e., charrettes or plots/mapping and other physical presentation materials, etc.); cost of outreach and other public events; approved instate field travel that is not a normal part of Contractor's operations under the contract for these RFP services (per state PPM 49) (State does not anticipate any such travel); etc. Additional ODCs, if required, must be approved in advance of purchase by the SPM and the OCD Finance Manager.

Prior to purchasing or leasing with approval, any ODCs, the Contractor shall provide a list of ODCs to the SPM. The SPM will review that list and will either (a) authorize the Contractor to purchase, or lease the items or services and submit the expense for reimbursement (with proper documentation), or (b) deny the request. For any such purchases, the Contractor should obtain price quotations from a minimum of three (3) sources.

Invoices that include ODCs shall be accompanied by evidence of the actual costs including, but not limited to, vendor statements, payment records, or other acceptable evidence of the actual cost of the ODC. The Contractor shall not attach any fee or other "mark-up" to any ODC. The SPM must approve all ODC's prior to cost being incurred.

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# **REASON FOR CHANGE:**

To renew contract for an additional six (6) months to October 31, 2023 for continuation of the program and revise clause per DOA requirements.

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# ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Ramboll US Consulting, Inc., and the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the dates below but effective as of the date first set forth above.

(Signature)

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Name: Patrick Forbes
Title: Executive Director

Office of Community Development

Name: Desireé Honoré Thomas

Title: Assistant Commissioner, DOA

**Division of Administration** 

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Name:

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Title: Manaci

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CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

BY AND BETWEEN

STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**AND** 

RAMBOLL US CONSULTING, INC.

**EFFECTIVE August 1, 2023** 

AMENDMENT PROVISIONS:

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# 2. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

# 2.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract term is twelve (12) months, from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023, unless terminated prior to such time in accordance with the provisions herein.

# **CHANGE AGREEMENT TO:**

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# 2. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

# 2.1 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract term is from November 1, 2022 to <u>August 31, 2023</u>, unless terminated prior to such time in accordance with the provisions herein.

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# **REASON FOR CHANGE:**

To amend the contract end date in order to start a new contract awarded by Request for Proposals (RFP) and to prevent disruption of services.

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# ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Ramboll US Consulting, Inc., and the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the dates below but effective as of the date first set forth above.

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Name: Patrick Forbes Title: Executive Director

Office of Community Development

Name: Barbara Goodson

Title: Deputy Commissioner

**Division of Administration** 

(Signature)

Title:

Ramboll US Consulting, Inc.

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