

**CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation and Nebraska political subdivision (City) and

(Architect).

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, City hereby agrees to contract with Architect to perform architectural and related professional services hereinafter outlined in connection with

(Work).

SECTION I — SCOPE OF SERVICES

Architect agrees to timely and professionally complete the Work described above and herein, furnish and pay all costs, including any related taxes, and to furnish all labor, supplies and material and everything else reasonably necessary to complete the same unless specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement for the services listed in the Scope of Services (Scope), attached hereto. Such Scope of Services may also be referred to as “the Work.” To the extent that the Scope, Architect’s proposal, or any other attachment hereto is in conflict with this Agreement, this Agreement shall control.

SECTION II — COMPENSATION

For the services or Work covered by this Agreement, City agrees to pay Architect as follows:

1. **Basic Services.** Architect shall be paid the compensation set forth in the Scope attached hereto, plus all allowed actual expenses and the total of all fees and allowed actual expenses shall not exceed \$ _____ without written consent of City. City is not responsible for fees or expenses incurred prior to the Notice-to-Proceed date or after the completion deadline date stated in the Work Schedule attached to this Agreement unless otherwise agreed to by City.
2. **Additional Services or Change in Scope.** City may from time to time, require additional services or change in Scope. Such services, including the amount of compensation for such services, which are mutually agreed upon by and between City and Architect shall be effective when incorporated by written amendments to this Agreement. Additional services or change in Scope shall not begin until the amendment is executed.
3. **Cost Overruns.** Architect is responsible for determining if the actual fees or expenses will exceed the maximum amount stated above. If at any time during the Work, Architect determines that the fees or expenses will exceed, or have exceeded the maximum amount stated above, Architect must immediately notify City in writing and describe which fees or expenses are causing the overrun and the reason. Architect must also estimate the additional

fees or expenses needed to complete the Work. City will then determine if the maximum amount is to be increased, remain the same, or determine if the Scope of the Work needs to be modified or terminated. An amendment will be prepared if cost overruns are authorized by City.

4. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution of this Agreement by both parties unless otherwise set forth in the Scope of Work and shall continue until completion of all obligations of this Agreement, but in no event longer than _____, unless approved extensions are issued by written amendment. Use Engineering or Consulting Agreement language.
5. **Invoices.** Unless otherwise set forth in the attachments, invoices shall be payable as follows:
Monthly
Lump Sum
Other: _____
Invoices must present activities of Architect and/or any subcontractors showing not less than actual hours worked, hourly rates applied, actual expenses incurred unless otherwise specified in the Scope or Fee Schedule, and any applicable supporting documentation, such as, but not limited to, receipts. All invoices shall be in a format acceptable to City.
6. **Progress Reports.** Invoices shall be substantiated by written progress reports which indicate the percentage of the Work completed or other metrics of progress agreed to or reasonably requested by City or as set forth in the proposal or Scope. A written progress report shall be provided to City each month in which Work is done by Architect. Architect shall provide a progress report within a reasonable time after a request for such report by City, separate and apart from the billing process.
7. **Payment.** City shall pay Architect within thirty (30) days of approval of Architect's invoices. City may reject all or part of any invoice for any reasonable cause. Payment is dependent upon whether the monthly progress reports provide adequate substantiation for the Work and whether City determines that the Work is satisfactory. Upon determination that the Work was adequately substantiated and satisfactory, payment will be made in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the billed actual costs and hourly fees. After Architect has completed all Work required under this Agreement, a final invoice shall be submitted to City. Upon acceptance of the Work by City and final payment is made, an audit of all invoiced amounts may be completed by City or its authorized representative.
8. **Final Payment.** The acceptance of the final payment will constitute and operate as a release to City for all claims and liability of Architect, its representatives, and assigns, for any and all things done, furnished, or relating to the services and Work rendered by or in connection with this Agreement or any part thereof. Architect agrees to reimburse City for any overpayments.

SECTION III — CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

If available, City will furnish, as required for the Work and not at the expense of Architect, the following items:

1. Property, boundary, easement, right-of-way, utility surveys, and property descriptions when

such information is required.

2. All maps, drawings, records, audits, annual reports, and other data that are available in the files of City and which may be useful in the Work involved under this Agreement, including existing surveys, maps, and boring information for the site. Architect must identify and specifically request available information by itemized written request with sufficient detail to identify existing documents. City does not warrant or represent that such information is accurate or complete with regard to the Work.
3. Access to public and private property, as necessary, when required in conduct of field investigations.
4. Charges for review of drawings and specifications by governmental agencies required for concurrence or permits, if any.

SECTION IV — OTHER MATTERS

It is mutually understood and agreed:

1. **Termination of Agreement.** Termination may occur for any of the following reasons:
 - a) This Agreement may be terminated by City or Architect if the other party fails to adequately perform any material obligation required by this Agreement (Default). Termination rights under this section may be exercised only if the defaulting party fails to cure a Default within ten (10) calendar days after receiving written notice from the non-defaulting party specifying the nature of the Default.
 - b) City may terminate this Agreement, in whole or part, for any reason for City's own convenience upon at least ten (10) calendar days' written notice to Architect.
 - c) City may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when funding is not lawfully available for expenditure or when sources of funding are terminated, suspended, reduced, or otherwise not forthcoming through no fault of City. In the event of unavailability of funds to pay any amounts due under this Agreement, City shall immediately notify Architect, and this Agreement shall terminate without penalty or expense to City. Upon termination, City shall pay Architect for any approved and documented Work completed up to the date of termination, but not to exceed the maximum amount allowed by this Agreement.
 - d) If the Agreement is terminated by City as provided in (b) or (c) above, Architect shall be paid for all Work performed, and reimbursable expenses incurred, not to exceed the maximum amounts payable under the compensation section above, up until the date of termination. Architect hereby expressly waives any and all claims for damages or compensation arising under this Agreement except as set forth in this section in the event of termination.
 - e) Architect agrees that, upon termination as provided in this section (a) above, Architect shall not be employed by any developer or other party who is or may be interested in the Work, without prior written approval of City.

f) City reserves the right to withhold payment for Work rendered that is not in compliance with this Agreement or setoff against payments due.

2. **Project Representatives.** _____ will act as City's Authorized Representative for the Work and _____ will act as Architect's authorized representative. Architect's authorized representative shall have direct and responsible charge for timely completing Architect's responsibilities. All changes and other matters requiring decisions on the part of City will be administered and directed by City's authorized representative.
3. **Cost Estimates.** Architect represents that construction estimates are done according to the Scope and shall comply with the current applicable City of Lincoln Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction, using unit prices where possible. Architect does not warrant that contractor bids will be acceptable to City.
4. **Signatures and Approvals.** All submittals by Architect shall be complete for project purposes and include all required seals, signatures, and approvals.
5. **Construction Phase Changes.** All design changes made during construction must be approved by City in writing.
6. **Advisory Capacity for Disputes.** In disputes between City and any other party, Architect shall advise City on issues concerning the Work.
7. **Ownership of Drawings and Specifications.** Upon termination or final payment, drawings, specifications, electronic files, and other work product or deliverables (information) shall become the property of City as soon as payment for the same has been completed or termination has been affected. Architect may retain copies of all information for its records and use if it so desires. In the event City elects to use portions of or all of the information contained in the documents prepared for the Work, for any purpose other than the specific purpose for which they were prepared, City agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Architect for and against any and all liability in any manner whatsoever arising out of the utilization of such information.
8. **Architect's Supervision; Seal.** All required Work shall be performed under the direct supervision of a registered professional architect licensed to practice in the State of Nebraska. Architect, also, hereby agrees to affix the seal of a registered professional architect licensed to practice in the State of Nebraska on all plans and specifications prepared hereunder.
9. **Independent Contractor.** City is interested only in the results produced by this Agreement. Architect has sole and exclusive charge and control of the manner and means of performance. Architect shall perform as an independent contractor, and it is expressly understood that neither Architect nor any of its staff are employees of City and are not entitled to any City benefits including, but not limited to, overtime, retirement benefits, workers' compensation, sick leave, injury leave, or other leave provisions.

10. **Fair Employment.** Architect shall not discriminate against any employee (or applicant for employment) with respect to compensation, terms, advancement potential, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such person's race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, age, or marital status pursuant to the requirements of Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 11.08, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1122, as amended, or such similar federal law as may be applicable.
11. **Fair Labor Standards.** Architect shall maintain Fair Labor Standards in the performance of this Agreement as required by Chapter 73, Nebraska Revised Statutes, as amended.
12. **Insurance; Coverage.** Architect, prior to beginning the Work, agrees to City's Insurance requirements and shall provide proof of insurance coverage in a form satisfactory to City, which shall not withhold approval unreasonably, with the coverages, minimum limits, and endorsements described in the INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CITY OF LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, AND PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION AGREEMENTS, attached and incorporated herein.
13. **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law the Architect shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, and its elected officials, officers, agents, consultants, and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible or intangible property, including the Work itself, but only to the extent caused by the negligent, wrongful, or intentional acts or omissions of the Architect, a subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the negligence of a party indemnified hereunder. In the event the claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the negligence of a party indemnified hereunder, the indemnification by the Architect shall be prorated based on the extent of the liability of the party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or reduce obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist as to a party or person described in this Section.
14. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to waive the sovereign immunity of City.
15. **Copyrights, Royalties, and Patents; Warranty.**
 - a) Without exception, Architect represents and warrants that the consideration for this Agreement includes Architect's payment, if any, for any and all royalties or costs due any third party arising from patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other similar intangible rights claimed by any such third party in any way involved with or related to the Work provided herein by Architect pursuant to this Agreement. Further, Architect shall pay all related royalties, license fees, or other similar fees for any such intangible rights. Architect represents that all materials, processes, or other protected rights, if any, to be used in the creation of the Work have been duly licensed or authorized by the appropriate parties for such use. Architect agrees to furnish City upon demand written documentation of such license or authorization and if unable to do so, Architect agrees that City may withhold a

reasonable amount from Architect's compensation herein to defray any associated costs to secure such license or authorization or defend any infringement claim.

- b) Architect shall indemnify City and defend suits or claims for infringement for damages, including but not limited to attorney's fees, of any patent, copyright, trademark, or other intangible rights that Architect has used in the course of performing this Agreement.
- c) Architect represents and warrants to City that it is free to enter into this Agreement and that the performance thereunder will not conflict with any other Agreement to which Architect may be a party. Architect represents and warrants to City that the Work is unique and original, is clear of any claims or encumbrances, and does not infringe on the rights of any third parties.
- d) Architect agrees to and hereby transfers all right, title, and interest, including those of a property or copyright nature, in any reports, studies, data, website creation, digital files, imagery, metadata, maps, statistics, forms, and any other works or materials produced under the terms of this Agreement. No such work or materials produced, in whole or in part, under this Agreement, shall be subject to private use or copyright by Architect without express written consent of City. City shall have the unrestricted rights of ownership of such works or materials and may freely copy, reproduce, broadcast, or otherwise utilize such works or materials as City deems appropriate. Architect warrants that all materials, processes or other protected rights to be used have been duly licensed or authorized for City's use.

16. **Architect's Standard of Care.** In providing the Work under this Agreement, Architect shall perform in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same or similar locality. Upon notice to Architect and by mutual agreement between the parties, Architect will, without additional compensation, correct those services not meeting the standard set forth herein. Architect further agrees that the Work provided shall conform to the requirements of this Agreement.

17. **Notice.** Any notice, requests, demands, or other communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if personally delivered on the other party by the party giving such notice, or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or sent by overnight carrier, to the following addresses:

City of Lincoln, Nebraska
Department: _____
Attention: _____

Lincoln, NE 685_____

Architect: _____
Attention: _____

[ADDRESS]

[CITY, STATE, ZIP]

18. **Compliance with Law.** Architect shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the Work, including applying for and obtaining all necessary permits, certifications, licenses, and approvals required by the law or regulations that relate to the Work.
19. **Nebraska Law.** This Agreement shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska.
20. **Integration; Amendment; Assignment; Severability; Waiver.** This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior negotiations and representations are hereby expressly excluded from this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties. Any assignment or transfer of any of the Work to be performed by Architect is hereby prohibited unless prior written consent of City is obtained. This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto. Each section of this Agreement is hereby declared to be independent of every other section so far as inducement for the acceptance of this Agreement, and invalidity of any section of this Agreement shall not invalidate any other section thereof. The failure of either party to enforce any section of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce and compel strict compliance with every section of this Agreement.
21. **Audit and Review.** This Agreement shall be subject to audit pursuant to Chapter 4.66 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, and all parties shall make available to a contract auditor, as defined therein, copies of all financial and performance related records and materials germane to this Agreement, as allowed by law. Architect shall maintain, and also require that its Sub-Consultants/Subcontractors maintain, all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred and shall make such material available for examination at Architect's office at all reasonable times during the Agreement term and for five (5) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement or for such time period as provided in the Work. Such materials must be available for inspection by City, State, or any authorized representative of the state or federal governments and, when requested, Architect shall furnish copies.
22. **Federal Immigration Verification.** In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, Architect agrees to register with and use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a, otherwise known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized. Architect shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this section pursuant to the requirements of state law and 8 U.S.C. § 1324b. Architect shall require any sub-agreement or to comply with the provisions of this section. For information on the E-Verify Program, go to www.uscis.gov/verify.

- a) **Attestation Form.** If Architect is an individual or sole proprietor, Architect agrees to complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form as provided by City and attach it to the Agreement.
- b) **Public Benefits Eligibility Status Check.** If Architect is agreeing to determine eligibility for and provide a public benefit as public benefit is defined under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114, Architect agrees to have each applicant for public benefits attest that he or she is a U.S. citizen or qualified alien using the form attached. Architect agrees to register and use the SAVE Program as required under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 through 4-114. If the applicant indicates he or she is an alien, Architect shall verify the applicant's lawful presence in the United States as provided under the SAVE Program and retain all documentation and provide copies of such documentation at City's request. For information on the SAVE program, go to www.uscis.gov/SAVE.

23. **Living Wage.** If the compensation for the Work provided pursuant to this Agreement is equal to or exceeds \$25,000, this Agreement is subject to the Living Wage Ordinance Chapter 2.81 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. The ordinance requires that, unless specific exemptions apply or a waiver is granted, Architect shall provide payment of a minimum living wage to employees providing services pursuant to this Agreement. Under the provisions of the Living Wage Ordinance, City shall have authority to terminate this Agreement and to seek other remedies for violation of this ordinance.

24. **Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act Certification.** In accordance with the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act, LB 1300, Nebraska Legislature (2024), a public entity shall require a company that submits a bid, or proposal, or enters into any contract or contract renewal with any public entity, to certify that the company is not a scrutinized company and will not subcontract with any scrutinized company for any aspect of performance of the contemplated contract; and that any products or services to be provided do not originate with a scrutinized company. As such the Contractor agrees to do one of the following:

- (A) If the Contractor is providing technology related goods or services under the Act, Contractor agrees to complete and sign a [Certification Form](#) as provided by the City certifying that the Contractor is not a scrutinized company and attach it to the Agreement; or
- (B) If the Contractor is not providing technology related goods or services under the Act, Contractor agrees to complete and sign a [Certification Form](#) as provided by the City certifying that the Contractor is not providing such services and is not subject to the Act; or
- (C) If the Contractor is providing technology related goods under the Act, and Contractor is a scrutinized company that qualifies under Section 12(2) as an exception for the provision of manufactured goods only, Contractor agrees to complete and sign a [Certification Form](#) as provided by the City certifying that the contractor is a scrutinized company that meets the exception provided under the Act.

25. **Records Retention.** Unless City specifies in writing a different period of time, Architect agrees to preserve and make available at reasonable times all of its books, documents, papers, records, and other evidence involving transactions related to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of the expiration or termination of this Agreement. See City of Lincoln Records Retention Schedule. Matters involving litigation shall be kept for one (1) year following the termination of litigation, including all appeals, if the litigation exceeds five (5) years.

26. **Document Control Clause.** The Agreement includes the following documents in order of priority:

- a) Addendums, amendments, or change orders (if any) to the Scope of Services, Schedule, Fee, or this Agreement;
- b) Scope of Services, Schedule, and Fee;
- c) Insurance documents, certificates, and endorsements;
- d) _____
- e) _____

For Agreement documents submitted prior to execution, if terms and conditions therein conflict with other Agreement documents, those Agreement documents with the date closest to the date of execution of this Agreement shall control.

27. **Capacity.** Each party hereby represents and warrants to the other party that the execution of this Agreement is duly authorized and constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation of said party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and Architect do hereby execute this Agreement as of the date of execution set forth below.

ARCHITECT

Date: _____ By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

By: _____
Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor

OR *Department Director if \$50,000 or less*

Date: _____

Director: _____

Department: _____

[OR SEE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PAGE BELOW]