



CITY OF MILPITAS

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August 7, 2014

TO: PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS

Subject: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR: On-Call Assessment
Engineering/Special Tax Services

Dear Consultant:

The City of Milpitas seeks the professional services of a qualified engineering consultant to provide Assessment Engineering Services for the City's two Landscape Lighting Maintenance Assessment Districts. The selected firm(s) will provide On-Call comprehensive services; preparation of annual Engineers Reports; preparation of annual budgets; Assessment Roles; and review or prepare fiscal impact analysis reports with associated costs for maintenance and related services. Services shall include preparation notices and other documents required to comply with California Proposition 218. Consultant(s) shall assist City staff with preparation of reports; maps and exhibits required for approval of the annual Engineers Reports by the City Council; including submission of approved assessment roles to the County Auditor/Controller's Office by July 1 of each year. Daily operations and administration of the assessment districts will be maintained by City staff. All work shall be prepared in accordance with City and State practices, regulations, policies, procedures, manuals, and standards as appropriate.

The Consultant will also be "on-call", for a period of 24 months, or as otherwise established by the City. The time period is also contingent upon acceptable ongoing performance by the consultant. The City may use a ranked list for selecting one or more additional consultants if required. This ranked list will be maintained by the City, for a period of at least 24 months.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To be responsive to this RFP, proposals shall arrive in this office prior to the closing date listed. Five (5) complete proposals shall be bound in a simple 3-ring binder with tabs identifying each section, and shall not exceed 16 pages in length not counting cover sheets or dividers. Resumes for the proposed project team and sub consultants shall be provided in the appendix (Section 5).

The following information must be provided in the proposal for review of a firm's qualifications:

1. List of personnel to be assigned to be available for services provided to the City and a resume of qualifications for each. An organizational chart shall also be provided, including every person whose resume is submitted, and shall clearly show the

function which each person will be expected to fulfill. A Principal or Project Manager shall be named and have direct and continuous responsibility in matters dealing with the project and will handle the day-to-day activities through completion. A complete resume and list of relative project experience shall be included.

2. List of recently performed, or in process, relevant Assessment Engineer and Special Tax Consultant based projects that indicate the past performances and abilities of the proposed team. Include a key client contact with their current phone number.
3. An overview outlining the history of the firm showing its expertise in the field of property tax assessment, meeting deadlines to the County Auditor/Controller's Office, LMD assessment engineering, Special Tax maintenance districts and performing/analyzing fiscal impact analysis for new developments. Include a work statement that clearly demonstrates that the consultant understands the scope of the project.
4. An overview outlining the firms understanding of new and existing Assessment and Special Tax case law and the impacts set forth.
5. Provide a statement that accepts the terms, conditions and general form of the City of Milpitas standard Consultant Services Agreement including the Insurance and Workers Compensation requirements. Exceptions and/or modifications to the City's standard contract documents are not encouraged and may not be considered.
6. Sample(s): A collection of work samples may be submitted separately with the proposal. If samples are submitted they should reflect items originated and produced entirely by proposing firm. Only one copy of the sample(s) shall be submitted and be limited to no more than 40 total pages, 8 1/2" x 11", and will not be counted against the page limit of the package.

Firms interested in providing a proposal with the above noted information must submit five (5) copies of their Proposal. Please provide sufficient detail to allow for a thorough evaluation and comparative analysis.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Once contacted for a contracting opportunity, each consultant must formally comply with the following eligibility requirements:

The Principal or Project Manager or a designee's work location must be within an hour's travel time of the Milpitas City Hall. The consultants' key personnel identified in the proposal must be available for the project. Consultant must perform a minimum of 51% of the dollar value of the design contract.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Consultants interested in being considered must submit proposals in compliance with this notice. Based on evaluation of submitted proposals, a short list of the top ranked/qualified consultants will be established. It is anticipated that evaluations will be conducted by representatives from the City. The top ranked consultant(s) may be requested to provide an oral presentation and/or additional information. Upon completion of evaluation of the presentation/interviews, the City may select and contract with one or more consultants for

these services. The contract will provide a defined yearly budget drawn against as services are requested and performed. It is anticipated that the term of each contract will be for three years, with a City option for two one-year extensions. The City will assign work to the consultant as is deemed necessary and appropriate by the City. The City reserves the right to contract with additional consultants.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selection criteria to be used for this process will focus on the project manager, team resources, firm's expertise, and local knowledge. Individuals and firms submitting proposals for this contract will be evaluated based on qualifications and experience on similar and relevant projects. Emphasis will be placed on the capabilities of the key project individuals. Proposals failing to demonstrate credible firm and key staff shall be given no consideration.

WORK PERFORMED BY CITY PERSONNEL:

The City reserves the right to perform any portion of the service listed in the scope of work with City personnel. For the purpose of this proposal, the consultant is required to assume that no City staff will be available to perform any portions of the scope of services described in this RFP. However, City is not obligated to purchase any specified amount of services.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:

The City may accept, modify or reject proposal(s) as deemed in its best interest.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROPRIETARY DATA

All materials received relative to this RFP will be kept confidential, until such time an award is made or the RFP is canceled, at which time all materials received will be made available to the public. Proposals received will be subject to Government Code 6250, the Public Information Act. Proposal Submitters should mark information they consider proprietary or confidential in the event it is exempt from the requirements of the Act.

If you have any questions on this RFP, please contact Steve Erickson, CIP Manager at 408-586-3301.

Sincerely,



Steve Erickson, PE
CIP Manager

ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Distribution of RFP	August 7, 2014
Closing Date for RFP	August 28, 2014
Notification of Short List Selection	September 19, 2014
Oral Presentation/Interviews.....	September 22-26, 2014
Contract Negotiation.....	September 30 – October 15, 2014
City Council Award of Contract	November 4, 2014
Issuance of Notice to Proceed	November 15, 2014

INQUIRIES

All inquiries to the Request for Proposal (RFP) should be submitted to:

City of Milpitas
Attn: Steve Erickson CIP Manager
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Phone: 408-586-330
Email: serickson@ci.milpitas.ca.gov

SUBMISSIONS

All submissions to the Request for Proposal (RFP) should be submitted to:

City of Milpitas
Attn: Steve Erickson CIP Manager
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

The proposal must arrive in this office before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the closing date, which is August 28, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Milpitas administers Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District (L&LMD) No. 95-1 McCarthy Blvd. and (L&LMD) No. 98-1 Sinclair Horizons.

L&LMD No. 95-1 McCarthy Blvd. maintains and services public streetscape and median landscaping, irrigation systems, decorative lighting, pedestrian lighting, water and power usage along portions of McCarthy Boulevard from State Route 237 to Dixon Landing Road including portions along the Ranch Drive loop road. There are 32 commercial parcels within the Assessment District with a net assessable area of 285.8 acres. The 2014-15 total district assessment is \$276,676. The City desires that the total amount of assessment is adequate to cover all costs related to the servicing and maintenance of the district. The total value of the assessment has not been increased in many years. The City contracts the servicing and maintenance for the landscape and irrigation with the district. L&LMD No. 95-1 was formed in 1994 under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

L&LMD No. 98-1 Sinclair Horizons maintains and services public streetscape landscaping, irrigation systems, walking pathways, PAR course and benches including water and power usage along portions of Los Coches Street from Sinclair Frontage Road to Berryessa Creek. The assessment area includes the strip of land along Berryessa Creek adjacent to the limits of the Sinclair Horizons subdivision. There are 98 residential parcels within the district. The 2014-15 total district assessment is \$36,591. The City desires that the total amount of assessment is adequate to cover all costs related to the servicing and maintenance of the district. The City contracts the servicing and maintenance for the landscape and irrigation with the district. L&LMD No. 98-1 was formed in 1998 under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

APPENDIX A - SAMPLE SCOPE OF SERVICES

The types of services may include but are not limited to the following:

1. Coordinate with City staff to obtain all necessary information needed to provide the services requested, such as assessor's files, copies of secured rolls, boundary maps, Final Maps with COA and CC&R's, and budget information.
2. The City contracts the maintenance and services for L&LMD No. 95-1 and No. 98-1. It is desired that the total assessment from each district covers all costs associated with the servicing and maintenance of the districts. The total assessments for the districts have not been increased for many years, and the City desires to increase the annual assessments to cover costs and adjust to the CPI. Consultant shall prepare all reports, correspondence, and necessary information to allow for the increase of assessments in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218.
3. Prepare sections up to and including complete report of all annual and future annexations Engineer's and Special Tax Reports, which will include the appropriate fiscal year budget information, listing of improvements being maintained, benefit spread methodology, and a listing of parcels being assessed and their corresponding assessment amount. These reports will meet all legal requirements and will provide continued justification for the levies, budgets for levy expenditures by expenditure type, and specific levies for each parcel.
4. Sign and approve all annual and future annexation Engineer's and Special Tax Reports and provide an original plus one copy in printed format and a copy in PDF format.
5. Prepare cost estimate as needed for work assigned from City to Assessment Engineer.
6. Provide all the same services as called out in this agreement for future annexations to L&LMD No. 95-1 McCarthy Ranch and L&LMD 98-1 Sinclair Horizons. Significant changes or annexations may result in additional fees which will be addressed in an amendment to this contract.
7. Annually prepare and submit to City and/or County assessment data in an acceptable media format compatible with the Santa Clara County Auditor-Controller's Office for its use in entering individual parcel levy amounts onto the tax bill, included with the enabling resolution.
8. Prepare required correspondence to City and/or County: summary statement, sample signature sheet of those authorized to request changes to the tax roll and correction of fixed charges, and Proposition 218 compliance letters.
9. Upon receipt of a reject list from the County, revise parcel numbers and report the remaining levy amount to the County.
10. Provide for meetings with the City for budgets, findings, recommendations, and development review meetings.
11. Assist City in addressing property owners or residents with questions concerning charges on property tax bills, and other related issues.

12. In addition to any meetings with Staff, a representative of the engineering firm may be requested to attend the public hearings at the City Council meetings for new annexations, and the annual public hearing to respond to any questions that may be asked concerning the annexation or levy.
13. All working papers and reports must be retained, at the engineering firm's expense for a minimum of five (5) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the City of the need to extend the retention period. The engineering firm will be required to make working papers available upon request of the City. In addition, the engineering firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor engineering firms and allow the review of working papers relating to matters of continuing significance.
14. Perform other related duties as may be directed by the City.

APPENDIX B, SAMPLE AGREEMENT
CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MILPITAS AND

THIS AGREEMENT for consulting services is made by and between the City of Milpitas, a municipal corporation of the State of California referred to herein as the ("City"), and _____ ("Consultant") as of _____.

AGREEMENT

Section 1. SERVICES. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Consultant shall provide to City the services described in the Scope of Work attached as Exhibit A at the time and place and in the manner specified therein. In the event of a conflict in or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and Exhibit A, the Agreement shall prevail.

- 1.1 **Term of Services.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date first noted above and shall end on _____, the date of completion specified in Exhibit A, and Consultant shall complete all the work described in Exhibit A prior to that date, unless the term of the Agreement is otherwise terminated or extended, as provided for in Section 8. The time provided to Consultant to complete the services required by this Agreement shall not affect the City's right to terminate the Agreement, as provided for in Section 8.
- 1.2 **Standard of Performance.** Consultant shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the professional standards normally observed by a practitioner of the profession in which Consultant is engaged in the geographical area in which Consultant practices its profession. Consultant shall prepare all work products required by this Agreement in a substantial manner and shall conform to the professional standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in Consultant's profession.
- 1.3 **Professional Skill.** It is mutually agreed by the parties that City is relying upon the professional skill of the consultant as a specialist in the work, and Consultant represents to the City that its work shall conform to the normal professional standards of the profession. Acceptance of the Consultant's work by the City does not operate as a release of Consultant's representations. It is intended that Consultant's work shall conform to normal standards of accuracy, completeness and coordination.
- 1.4 **Assignment of Personnel.** Consultant shall assign only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. Exhibit A shall name any specific personnel who shall be performing services. In the event that City, in its sole discretion, at any time during the term of this Agreement, desires the reassignment of any such persons, Consultant shall, immediately upon receiving notice from City of such desire of City, reassign such person or persons.

- 1.5 **Time.** Consultant shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Agreement as may be reasonably necessary to meet the standard of performance provided in Section 1.1 above and to complete Consultant's obligations hereunder.

Section 2. COMPENSATION. City hereby agrees to pay Consultant an amount not to exceed \$ _____ based on time and materials for all services to be performed and reimbursable costs incurred under this Agreement. City shall pay Consultant for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement at the time and in the manner set forth herein. The payments specified below shall be the only payments from City to Consultant for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall submit all invoices to City in the manner specified herein. Except as specifically authorized by City, Consultant shall not bill City for duplicate services performed by more than one person.

Consultant and City acknowledge and agree that compensation paid by City to Consultant under this Agreement is based upon Consultant's estimated costs of providing the services required hereunder, including salaries and benefits of employees and subcontractors of Consultant. Hourly rates for personnel performing services shall be as shown in Exhibit B. Consequently, the parties further agree that compensation hereunder is intended to include the costs of contributions to any pensions and/or annuities to which Consultant and its employees, agents, and subcontractors may be eligible. City therefore has no responsibility for such contributions beyond compensation required under this Agreement.

- 2.1 **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit invoices, not more often than once a month during the term of this Agreement, based on the cost for services performed and reimbursable costs incurred during the billing period. Invoices shall contain the following information:

- Serial identification of bills;
- The beginning and ending dates of the billing period;
- A Task Summary containing the original contract amount, the amount of prior billings, the total due this period, the balance available under the Agreement, and the percentage of completion, if applicable;
- At City's option, for each work item in each task, a copy of the applicable time entries or time sheets shall be submitted showing the name of the person doing the work, the hours spent by each person, a brief description of the work, and each reimbursable expense;
- The total number of hours of work performed under the Agreement by Consultant and each employee, agent, and subcontractor of Consultant performing services hereunder, as well as a separate notice when the total number of hours of work by Consultant and any individual employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant reaches or exceeds 800 hours, which shall include an estimate of the time necessary to complete the work described in Exhibit A;
- The Consultant's signature.

- 2.2 **Monthly Payment.** City shall make monthly payments, based on invoices received, for services satisfactorily performed, and for authorized reimbursable costs incurred. City shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt of an invoice that complies with all of the requirements above and is otherwise acceptable to the City to pay Consultant. Ten (10) percent shall be retained by the City from each Agreement billing until the

completion of the Agreement unless authorized differently by City. In the event that an invoice is not acceptable to the City, said invoice shall be returned to Consultant within thirty (30) days of the City's receipt of the invoice with a detailed explanation of the deficiency. City's obligation to pay a returned invoice shall not arise earlier than thirty (30) days after resubmission of the corrected invoice.

- 2.3 Total Payment.** City shall pay for the services to be rendered by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. City shall not pay any additional sum for any expense or cost whatsoever incurred by Consultant in rendering services pursuant to this Agreement. City shall make no payment for any extra, further, or additional service pursuant to this Agreement.

In no event shall Consultant submit any invoice for an amount in excess of the maximum amount of compensation provided above either for a task or for the entire Agreement, unless the Agreement is modified prior to the submission of such an invoice by a properly executed change order or amendment. In the event that Consultant identifies additional work outside the scope of services specified in Exhibit A that may be required to complete the work required under this Agreement, Consultant shall immediately notify the City and shall provide a written not-to-exceed price for performing this additional work.

- 2.4 Hourly Fees.** Fees for work performed by Consultant on an hourly basis shall not exceed the amounts shown on Exhibit B.
- 2.5 Payment of Taxes.** Consultant is solely responsible for the payment of employment taxes incurred under this Agreement and any other applicable federal or state taxes.
- 2.6 Reimbursable Expenses.** Reimbursable expenses are shown on Exhibit B, and shall not exceed _____ dollars (\$00). Expenses not listed in Exhibit B are not chargeable to City. Reimbursable expenses are included in the total not-to-exceed amount of compensation provided under this Agreement.
- 2.7 Payment upon Termination.** In the event that the City or Consultant terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 8, the City shall compensate the Consultant for all outstanding costs and reimbursable expenses incurred for work satisfactorily completed as of the date of written notice of termination. Consultant shall maintain adequate logs and timesheets in order to verify costs incurred to that date. The City shall have no obligation to compensate Consultant for work not verified by logs or timesheets.
- 2.8 Authorization to Perform Services.** The Consultant is not authorized to perform any services or incur any costs whatsoever under the terms of this Agreement until receipt of a written Notice to Proceed from the City.

Section 3. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. Except as set forth herein, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide all facilities and equipment that may be necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement. City shall make available to Consultant only the facilities and equipment listed in this section, and only under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

City shall furnish physical facilities such as desks, filing cabinets, and conference space, as may be reasonably necessary for Consultant's use while consulting with City employees and reviewing records and the information in possession of the City. The location, quantity, and time of furnishing those facilities shall be in the sole discretion of City. In no event shall City be obligated to furnish any facility that may involve incurring any direct expense, including but not limited to computer, cellular telephone, long-distance telephone, or other communication charges, vehicles, and reproduction facilities.

If the performance of the work specified in Exhibit A requires destructive testing or other work within the City's public right-of-way, Consultant, or Consultant's subconsultant, shall obtain an encroachment permit from the City.

Section 4. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall procure "occurrence coverage" insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant and its agents, representatives, employees, and subcontractors. Consultant shall provide proof satisfactory to City of such insurance that meets the requirements of this section and under forms of insurance satisfactory in all respects to the City. Consultant shall maintain the insurance policies required by this section throughout the term of this Agreement and shall produce said policies to the City upon demand. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the Consultant's price. Consultant shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until Consultant has obtained all insurance required herein for the subcontractor(s) and provided evidence thereof to City. Verification of the required insurance shall be submitted and made part of this Agreement prior to execution.

4.1 Workers' Compensation. Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, maintain Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for any and all persons employed directly or indirectly by Consultant. The Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance shall be provided with limits of not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) per accident. In the alternative, Consultant may rely on a self-insurance program to meet those requirements, but only if the program of self-insurance complies fully with the provisions of the California Labor Code. Determination of whether a self-insurance program meets the standards of the Labor Code shall be solely in the discretion of the City Attorney. The insurer, if insurance is provided, or the Consultant, if a program of self-insurance is provided, shall waive all rights of subrogation against the City and its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers for loss arising from work performed under this Agreement.

An endorsement shall state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City.

4.2 Commercial General and Automobile Liability Insurance.

4.2.1 General requirements. Consultant, at its own cost and expense, shall maintain commercial general and automobile liability insurance for the term of this Agreement in an amount not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, combined single limit coverage for risks associated with the work contemplated by this Agreement. If a Commercial

General Liability Insurance or an Automobile Liability form or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the work to be performed under this Agreement or the general aggregate limit shall be at least twice the required occurrence limit. Such coverage shall include but shall not be limited to, protection against claims arising from bodily and personal injury, including death resulting therefrom, and damage to property resulting from activities contemplated under this Agreement, including the use of owned and non-owned automobiles.

4.2.2 Minimum scope of coverage. Commercial general coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability occurrence form CG 0001 (ed. 11/88) or Insurance Services Office form number GL 0002 (ed. 1/73) covering comprehensive General Liability and Insurance Services Office form number GL 0404 covering Broad Form Comprehensive General Liability. Automobile coverage shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Automobile Liability form CA 0001 (ed. 12/90) Code 1 ("any auto"). No endorsement shall be attached limiting the coverage.

4.2.3 Additional requirements. Each of the following shall be included in the insurance coverage or added as an endorsement to the policy:

- a. City and its officers, employees, agents, contractors, consultants, and volunteers shall be covered as insureds with respect to each of the following: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of Consultant, including the insured's general supervision of Consultant; products and completed operations of Consultant; premises owned, occupied, or used by Consultant; and automobiles owned, leased, or used by the Consultant. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City or its officers, employees, agents, contractors, consultants, or volunteers.
- b. The insurance shall cover on an occurrence or an accident basis, and not on a claims-made basis.
- c. An endorsement must state that coverage is primary insurance with respect to the City and its officers, officials, employees, contractors, consultants, and volunteers, and that no insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City shall be called upon to contribute to a loss under the coverage.
- d. Any failure of CONSULTANT to comply with reporting provisions of the policy shall not affect coverage provided to CITY and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.
- e. An endorsement shall state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, or canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City.

4.3 **Professional Liability Insurance.** If Consultant shall be performing licensed professional services, Consultant shall maintain for the period covered by this Agreement professional liability insurance for licensed professionals performing work pursuant to this Agreement in an amount not less than TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) covering the licensed professionals' errors and omissions.

4.3.1 Any deductible or self-insured retention shall not exceed \$150,000 per claim.

4.3.2 An endorsement shall state that coverage shall not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City.

4.3.3 The policy must contain a cross liability clause.

4.3.4 The following provisions shall apply if the professional liability coverages are written on a claims-made form:

a. The retroactive date of the policy must be shown and must be before the date of the Agreement.

b. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least three years after completion of the Agreement or the work, unless waived in writing by the City.

c. If coverage is canceled or not renewed and it is not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date that precedes the date of this Agreement, Consultant must provide extended reporting coverage for a minimum of five years after completion of the Agreement or the work. The City shall have the right to exercise, at the Consultant's sole cost and expense, any extended reporting provisions of the policy, if the Consultant cancels or does not renew the coverage.

d. A copy of the claim reporting requirements must be submitted to the City prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement.

4.4 **Requirements for All Policies.**

4.4.1 **Acceptability of insurers.** All insurance required by this section is to be placed with insurers with a Bests' rating of no less than A.

4.4.2 **Verification of coverage.** Prior to beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish City with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required herein. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time.

4.4.3 Subcontractors. Consultant shall include all subcontractors as insureds under its policies or shall furnish separate certificates and endorsements for each subcontractor. All coverages for subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements stated herein.

4.4.4 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Consultant shall disclose to and obtain the approval of City for the self-insured retentions and deductibles before beginning any of the services or work called for by any term of this Agreement.

During the period covered by this Agreement, only upon the prior express written authorization of the City, Consultant may increase such deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to City, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, consultants, and volunteers. The City may condition approval of an increase in deductible or self-insured retention levels with a requirement that Consultant procure a bond, guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses that is satisfactory in all respects to the City.

4.4.5 Notice of Reduction in Coverage. In the event that any coverage required by this section is reduced, limited, or materially affected in any other manner, Consultant shall provide written notice to City at Consultant's earliest possible opportunity and in no case later than five days after Consultant is notified of the change in coverage.

4.5 Remedies. In addition to any other remedies City may have if Consultant fails to provide or maintain any insurance policies or policy endorsements to the extent and within the time herein required, City may, at its sole option exercise any of the following remedies, which are alternatives to other remedies City may have and are not the exclusive remedy for Consultant's breach:

- Obtain such insurance and deduct and retain the amount of the premiums for such insurance from any sums due under the Agreement;
- Order Consultant to stop work under this Agreement or withhold any payment that becomes due to Consultant hereunder, or both stop work and withhold any payment, until Consultant demonstrates compliance with the requirements hereof; and/or
- Declare Consultant in material breach of the Agreement and terminate the Agreement.

4.6 Waiver. The Risk Manager of the City has the authority to waive or vary any provision of Sections 4.2 through 4.5. Any such waiver or variation shall not be effective unless made in writing.

Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION AND CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Consultant shall indemnify, defend with counsel reasonably acceptable to the City, and hold harmless the City and its officials, officers, employees, agents, contractors, consultants, and

volunteers from and against any and all losses, liability, claims, suits, actions, damages, and causes of action arising out of any personal injury, bodily injury, loss of life, or damage to property, or any violation of any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, by the willful misconduct or negligent acts or omissions of Consultant or its employees, subcontractors, or agents, by acts for which they could be held strictly liable, or by the quality or character of their work. The foregoing obligation of Consultant shall not apply when (1) the injury, loss of life, damage to property, or violation of law arises wholly from the negligence or willful misconduct of the City or its officers, employees, agents, contractors, consultants, or volunteers and (2) the actions of Consultant or its employees, subcontractor, or agents have contributed in no part to the injury, loss of life, damage to property, or violation of law. It is understood that the duty of Consultant to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code. Acceptance by City of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.

In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

Section 6. STATUS OF CONSULTANT.

- 6.1 Independent Contractor.** At all times during the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall be an independent contractor and shall not be an employee of City. City shall have the right to control Consultant only insofar as the results of Consultant's services rendered pursuant to this Agreement and assignment of personnel pursuant to Subparagraph 1.3. Otherwise, City shall not have the right to control the means by which Consultant accomplishes services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other City, state, or federal policy, rule, regulation, law, or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing services under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any and all claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by City, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of City and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.
- 6.2 Consultant No Agent.** Except as City may specify in writing, Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of City in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. Consultant shall have no authority, express or implied, pursuant to this Agreement to bind City to any obligation whatsoever.

Section 7. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

- 7.1 **Governing Law.** The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.
- 7.2 **Compliance with Applicable Laws.** Consultant and any subcontractors shall comply with all laws applicable to the performance of the work hereunder.
- 7.3 **Other Governmental Regulations.** To the extent that this Agreement may be funded by fiscal assistance from another governmental entity, Consultant and any subcontractors shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations to which City is bound by the terms of such fiscal assistance program.
- 7.4 **Licenses and Permits.** Consultant represents and warrants to City that Consultant and its employees, agents, and any subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature that are legally required to practice their respective professions. Consultant represents and warrants to City that Consultant and its employees, agents, any subcontractors shall, at their sole cost and expense, keep in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement any licenses, permits, and approvals that are legally required to practice their respective professions and to perform this Agreement. In addition to the foregoing, Consultant and any subcontractors shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Agreement valid business license from City.
- 7.5 **Nondiscrimination and Equal Opportunity.** Consultant shall not discriminate, on the basis of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical or mental handicap or disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation, against any employee, applicant for employment, subcontractor, bidder for a subcontract, or participant in, recipient of, or applicant for any services or programs provided by Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, policies, rules, and requirements related to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in employment, contracting, and the provision of any services that are the subject of this Agreement, including but not limited to the satisfaction of any positive obligations required of Consultant thereby.

Consultant shall include the provisions of this Subsection in any subcontract approved by the City or this Agreement.

Section 8. TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION.

- 8.1 **Termination.** City may terminate this Agreement at any time and without cause upon written notification to Consultant.

In the event of termination, Consultant shall be entitled to compensation for services performed prior to the effective date of termination as provided in Section 2. City, however, may condition payment of such compensation upon Consultant delivering to City any or all documents, photographs, computer software, video and audio tapes, and other materials provided to Consultant or prepared by or for Consultant or the City in connection with this Agreement.

- 8.2 **Extension.** City may, in its sole and exclusive discretion, extend the end date of this Agreement beyond that provided for in Subsection 1.1. Any such extension shall require a written amendment to this Agreement, as provided for herein. Consultant

understands and agrees that, if City grants such an extension, City shall have no obligation to provide Consultant with compensation beyond the maximum amount provided for in this Agreement. Similarly, unless authorized by the City, City shall have no obligation to reimburse Consultant for any otherwise reimbursable expenses incurred during the extension period.

8.3 Amendments. The parties may amend this Agreement only by a writing signed by all the parties.

8.4 Assignment and Subcontracting. City and Consultant recognize and agree that this Agreement contemplates personal performance by Consultant and is based upon a determination of Consultant's unique personal competence, experience, and specialized personal knowledge. Moreover, a substantial inducement to City for entering into this Agreement was and is the professional reputation and competence of Consultant. Consultant may not assign this Agreement or any interest therein without the prior written approval of the City. Consultant shall not subcontract any portion of the performance contemplated and provided for herein, other than to the subcontractors listed in the Consultant's proposal, without prior written approval of the City.

8.5 Survival. All obligations arising prior to the termination of this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating liability between City and Consultant shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8.6 Options upon Breach by Consultant. If Consultant materially breaches any of the terms of this Agreement, City's remedies shall include, but not be limited to, any or all of the following:

8.6.1 Immediate cancellation of the Agreement;

8.6.2 Retention of the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, design documents, and any other work product prepared by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement prior to cancellation; and

8.6.3 Retention of a different consultant at Consultant's cost to complete the work described in Exhibit A not finished by Consultant.

Section 9. KEEPING AND STATUS OF RECORDS.

9.1 Records Created as Part of Consultant's Performance. All reports, data, maps, models, charts, studies, surveys, photographs, memoranda, plans, studies, specifications, records, files, or any other documents or materials, in electronic or any other form, that Consultant prepares or obtains pursuant to this Agreement and that relate to the matters covered hereunder shall be the property of the City. Consultant hereby agrees to deliver those documents to the City at any time upon demand of the City. It is understood and agreed that the documents and other materials, including but not limited to those described above, prepared pursuant to this Agreement are prepared specifically for the City and are not necessarily suitable for any future or other use. Failure by Consultant to deliver these documents to the City within the time period specified by the City shall be a material breach of this

Agreement. City and Consultant agree that, until final approval by City, all data, plans, specifications, reports and other documents are preliminary drafts not kept by the City in the ordinary course of business and will not be disclosed to third parties without prior written consent of both parties.

- 9.2 **Consultant's Books and Records.** Consultant shall maintain any and all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to charges for services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the City under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement.
- 9.3 **Inspection and Audit of Records.** Any records or documents that Section 9.2 of this Agreement requires Consultant to maintain shall be made available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the City. Under California Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), the Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of City or as part of any audit of the City, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement.

Section 10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 10.1 **Attorneys' Fees.** If a party to this Agreement brings any action, including an action for declaratory relief, to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled. The court may set such fees in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose.
- 10.2 **Venue.** In the event that either party brings any action against the other under this Agreement, the parties agree that trial of such action shall be vested exclusively in the state courts of California in the County of Santa Clara or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
- 10.3 **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction finds or rules that any provision of this Agreement is invalid, void, or unenforceable, the provisions of this Agreement not so adjudged shall remain in full force and effect. The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement.
- 10.4 **No Implied Waiver of Breach.** The waiver of performance or any breach of a specific provision of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of any other breach of that term or any other term of this Agreement.
- 10.5 **Successors and Assigns.** The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties.

10.6 Use of Recycled Products. Consultant shall prepare and submit all reports, written studies and other printed material on recycled paper to the extent it is available at equal or less cost than virgin paper.

10.7 Conflict of Interest. Consultant may serve other clients, but none whose activities within the corporate limits of City or whose business, regardless of location, would place Consultant in a "conflict of interest," as that term is defined in the Political Reform Act, codified at California Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*

Consultant shall not employ any City official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No officer or employee of City shall have any financial interest in this Agreement that would violate California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.*

Consultant hereby warrants that it is not now, nor has it been in the previous twelve (12) months, an employee, agent, appointee, or official of the City. If Consultant were an employee, agent, appointee, or official of the City in the previous twelve months, Consultant warrants that it did not participate in any manner in the forming of this Agreement. Consultant understands that, if this Agreement is made in violation of Government Code §1090 *et seq.*, the entire Agreement is void and Consultant will not be entitled to any compensation for services performed pursuant to this Agreement, including reimbursement of expenses, and Consultant will be required to reimburse the City for any sums paid to the Consultant. Consultant understands that, in addition to the foregoing, it may be subject to criminal prosecution for a violation of Government Code § 1090 and, if applicable, may be disqualified from holding public office in the State of California.

Consultant certifies that it has not paid any direct or contingent fee, contribution, donation or consideration of any kind to any firm, organization, or person (other than a bona fide employee of Consultant) in connection with procuring this Agreement, nor has Consultant agreed to employ or retain any firm, organization, or person in connection with the performance of this Agreement as a condition for obtaining this Agreement.

10.8 Solicitation. Consultant agrees not to solicit business at any meeting, focus group, or interview related to this Agreement, either orally or through any written materials.

10.9 Contract Administration. This Agreement shall be administered by _____ who is authorized to act for, and on behalf of, City. All correspondence shall be directed to or through the Contract Administrator or his or her designee.

10.10 Notices. Any written notice to Consultant shall be sent to:

Any written notice to City shall be sent to:
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, California 95035

10.11 Professional Seal. Where applicable in the determination of the City, the first page of a technical report, first page of design specifications, and each page of construction drawings shall be stamped/sealed and signed by the licensed professional responsible for the report/design preparation.

10.12 Integration. This Agreement, including the exhibits, represents the entire and integrated agreement between City and Consultant and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral.

10.13 Exhibits. All exhibits referenced in this Agreement are incorporated by reference herein.

CITY OF MILPITAS

CONSULTANT

Thomas C Williams, City Manager

Name & Title

Taxpayer Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney

Corporate Entity Number

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR _____

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT C
INSURANCE DOCUMENTS