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Agenda Item **No. 5(c)**
Meeting of October 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Investment and Infrastructure Commissioners

FROM: Thor Kaslofsky, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorizing a Personal Services Contract between the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco and lowercase Productions ("lowercase"), a California limited liability company, to provide website development services for a term of three years in an amount not-to-exceed \$176,775

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, now known as the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure's ("OCII"), selected lowercase Productions ("lowercase"), for a personal services contract ("Contract") to provide website design and technological maintenance ("Web Development Services"). In 2020, OCII selected lowercase to provide additional Web Development Services and convert OCII's Annual Housing Report for use on OCII's website ("Second Amendment"). Over time, OCII's website template became outdated and OCII contracted ("Third Amendment") with lowercase to update the website to create a more modern web identity to engage with the public. The scopes of work under the previous contracts were completed in August 2024. lowercase is a City and County of San Francisco ("City") certified local business enterprise ("LBE").

OCII proposes to enter into a new personal services contract ("New Contract") with lowercase, for a term of three years in an amount not-to-exceed \$176,775, to provide additional Web Development Services including;

- Website design and content updates.
- Updates to the content management system.
- Complete a CCSF-DT Digital Accessibility and Inclusion Standard Audit.
- General technological maintenance.

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Staff recommends approval of a New Contract with lowercase to provide Website Development Services for a term of three years in an amount not-to-exceed \$176,775.

DISCUSSION

Through Resolution No. 30-2018 (June 19, 2018), Resolution 27-2020 (October 20, 2020), and then through Resolution No. 29-2021 (August 17, 2021), OCII selected lowercase for various Web Development Services. OCII procured lowercase utilizing the sole-source solicitation method of the OCII Purchasing Policy which states, *a proposal may be solicited from a single source and contract may be awarded by the sole source method if; “the proposed Contractor has previously provided the needed Goods or Services to the Agency and, in doing so, has performed satisfactorily and gained specific information and experience making the proposed contractor uniquely qualified to provide the needed Goods or Services.”* As an LBE, lowercase has history of successfully providing Web Development and similar services for various affordable housing developments in the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area and also has done extensive work for other City Agencies.

New Contract Scope of Work and Budget

The OCII website requires design and content updates to its homepage, housing and project areas and overall design updates; an update to the content management system used to create, manage, modify and publish digital content; general service and maintenance; and a Digital Accessibility and Inclusion Standard (“DAIS”) Audit.

OCII is required to complete a DAIS Audit of our website in alignment with current City technology standards. The standard applies to public-facing digital content that is primarily intended for use by City residents and visitors; DAIS ensures that OCII’s website is accessible to those with learning differences; available in multiple languages; and accessible to mobile devices. The budget for the New Contract is not-to-exceed \$176,775, and is for a three-year term (October 2025 to October 2028).

Contract Terms and Funding Source

Funding to support the New Contract with lowercase is contained within OCII’s Commission approved Fiscal Year 25-26 budget and Recognized Obligations Payments Schedule 25-26, Line 1.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Web Development Services is an OCII administrative activity that does not constitute a “Project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), will not independently result in a physical change in the environment, and is not subject to environmental review under CEQA.

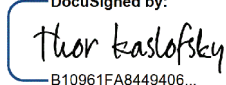
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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a New Contract with lowercase for Website Development Services in amount not-to-exceed \$176,775 for a term of three years (October 7, 2025 to October 7, 2028).

(Originated by Monica Davis Stean, Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager)

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Thor Kaslofsky
Executive Director

Attachment 1: lowercase productions Personal Services Contract

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE/
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (“**Contract**”) is entered into as of October 7, 2025, by and between the SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a public body, corporate and politic, also known as the OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (“**OCII**”), and lowercase productions, a California Limited Liability Company (“**Contractor**”).

RECITALS

- A.** WHEREAS, OCII, as successor to the Redevelopment Agency retains the obligations to implement state-approved enforceable obligations in three Major Approved Development Projects (Hunters Point Shipyard/Candlestick Point, Transbay, and Mission Bay. OCII is strongly committed to maintaining a high-level of public communication and understands that the website is in need of a revamp which will allow the agency to shift towards a more streamlined, modern, service-based site.
- B.** WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section IX.D(1)(d) of the OCII Purchasing Policy, (“Purchasing Policy”) amended November 15, 2011, OCII employed the sole-source solicitation method to select Contractor, a small, local business enterprise (LBE) based on Contractor’s history of successfully providing similar services related to OCII Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) for various affordable housing developments in the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area, and their extensive work with the City’s content management system, Drupal, when providing services for other City Agencies.
- C.** WHEREAS, The OCII Commission, authorized, by Resolution 30-2018, the Executive Director to enter into a sole source personal services contract not-to-exceed \$100,00 with Contractor to provide Web Development Services for a term beginning on June 19, 2018 (“Original Contract”).
- D.** WHEREAS, After OCII entered the Original Contract, OCII identified a need to convert OCII’s Annual Housing Report into a format compatible with the OCII website. This scope was additional to the scope authorized in the Original Contract.
- E.** WHEREAS, The OCII Commission amended, by Resolution 27-2020, the Original Contract to increase the contract amount by \$41,585 from \$100,000 to \$141,585, to compensate Contractor for additional design and programming work required to convert OCII’s Annual Housing Report for use on OCII website (the “First Amendment”).

- F. WHEREAS, The OCII Commission amended, by Resolution 29-2021, the First Amendment to increase the contract amount by 52,552 from \$141,585 to \$194,137 to compensate, for a three-year term, Contractor for monthly website maintenance; as-needed development and design support; and project administration, which was completed August in 2024.
- G. WHEREAS, The proposed Contractor has previously provided the needed Goods or Services to the Agency and, in doing so, has performed satisfactorily and gained specific information and experience making the proposed Contractor uniquely qualified to provide the needed Goods or Service.
- H. WHEREAS, The OCII website requires design and content updates to its homepage, housing and project areas and overall design updates.
- I. WHEREAS, The OCII website requires an update to the content management system used to create, manage, modify and publish digital content.
- J. WHEREAS, OCII is required to complete Digital Accessibility and Inclusion Standard (DAIS) Audit of our website in alignment with current City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) Department of Technology standards. The standard applies to public-facing digital content that is primarily intended for use by CCSF residents and visitors; DAIS ensures that OCII's Website is accessible to those with learning differences; available in multiple languages; and accessible to mobile devices.
- K. WHEREAS, This contract will also include general service support to ensure ongoing maintenance and troubleshooting of the OCII Website.
- L. WHEREAS, OCII wishes to enter into a contract for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed in the amount of \$176,775.00.
- M. WHEREAS, Current year funding is contained within the Fiscal Year 25-26 budget, consistent with the administrative budget and OCII's Recognized Obligations Payments Schedule 25-26, Line 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, OCII and Contractor agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Contractor shall provide the services described on **Attachment A**, "Scope of Services".

2. COMMENCEMENT OF CONTRACT TERM / TERMINATION

A. Commencement of Contract Term: The term of this Contract ("Contract Term") will begin on the October 7, 2025 and end on October 7, 2028.

B. Termination. OCII may terminate this Contract at any time without cause upon written Notice of Termination to Contractor; provided, however, that in the event of such termination, OCII shall compensate Contractor for work completed to the satisfaction of OCII as of the date of such notice or the date of termination specified in and directed by such notice.

3. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. Compensation. The maximum amount payable under this Contract is One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$176,775). Payment shall be made according to the terms and schedule described in **Attachment B, "Budget."** All expenses of Contractor are included in the amounts payable pursuant to **Attachment B**, and no expenses shall be reimbursed separately. Contractor will submit monthly billing invoices to OCII. The invoices must include the billing amount, total hours invoiced, hourly billing rate, description of services rendered, supporting documentation and Contractor's signature. OCII staff will review and approve these invoices for payment."

B. Taxes. No payroll or employment taxes of any kind will be withheld or paid by OCII on behalf of Contractor. OCII will not treat Contractor as an employee with respect to the Contract services for any purpose, including federal and state tax purposes. Contractor understands and agrees that it is Contractor's responsibility to pay all taxes required by law, including self-employment social security tax. OCII will issue an IRS 1099 Form, or other appropriate tax-reporting document, to Contractor for the Contract services.

C. Benefits. Contractor will neither be eligible for, nor participate in, any health, pension, or other benefit that exists solely for the benefit of OCII employees.

4. NO PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, official or employee of OCII shall be liable personally to Contractor or any successor in interest in the event of any default or breach by OCII or for any amount that may become due to Contractor or any successor or on any obligation under the terms of this Contract.

5. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Contractor shall not assign this Contract, or any part thereof, without the prior express written consent of OCII.

6. "INTENTIONALLY OMMITTED"

7. NON-FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS

All employees performing work or services for Contractor will be subject to the state and local laws governing prevailing wage rates, hours and working conditions, and benefits applicable to similar work or services performed in San Francisco. In addition, the inclusion of the above provision in this Contract will not be construed to relieve Contractor or any subcontractor from the pertinent requirements of any applicable federal labor standards provision. Where minimum rates of pay required under state or local law are higher than the minimum rates of pay required by or set forth in applicable federal labor standards, said state or local minimum rates will be the applicable minimum rates of pay for such classifications.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

A. General Indemnification. below, to the fullest extent allowable by law, Contractor shall hold harmless, defend at its own expense and indemnify OCII, the City and County of San Francisco (the “**City**”), and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents and employees against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising directly or indirectly from all of Contractor’s acts or omissions, including those of Contractor’s officers, agents or employees, in rendering services under this Contract; excluding, however, such liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses: (i) to the extent that they arise from OCII’s gross negligence or willful misconduct; or (ii) that are contributed to by any act or failure to perform a duty imposed by law or agreement on Contractor, its officers, agents or employees. In addition to Contractor’s obligation to indemnify OCII, Contractor specifically acknowledges and agrees that it has an immediate and independent obligation to defend OCII from any claim that actually or potentially falls within this indemnification provision, even if the allegations are or may be groundless, false or fraudulent, which obligation arises at the time such claim is tendered to Contractor by OCII and continues at all times thereafter.

9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor hereby declares that it is engaged in an independent business and agrees to perform its services as an independent contractor and not as the agent or employee of OCII. Contractor has, and hereby retains, the right to exercise full control and supervision of the services and work to be provided under this Contract and full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons assisting it in the performance of the services and work hereunder. For the purposes of this section, “**Contractor**” shall be deemed to include not only Contractor, but also any agent or employee of Contractor. Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for all matters relating to payment of employees and/or agents, including, but not limited to, compliance with all federal, state and local payroll tax and withholding requirements, workers’ compensation requirements and all regulations governing such matters as further set forth in **Section 3.B**, above. Contractor will be solely responsible for its own acts and those of its subordinates and employees during the Contract Term.

10. INSURANCE

Contractor must procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract, including any extensions, the insurance set forth in **Attachment C**.

11. RECORDS, REPORTS AND AUDITS

A. Records

- (1) Records shall be established and maintained in accordance with OCII requirements, with respect to all matters covered by this Contract. Except as otherwise authorized by OCII, such records shall be maintained for a period of four years from the date of the termination of the Contract; except that records that are the subject of audit findings shall be retained for four years or until such audit findings have been resolved, whichever is later.
- (2) All costs shall be supported by properly executed payrolls, time records, invoices, contracts, vouchers or other official documentation evidencing in proper detail the nature and propriety of the charges. All checks, payrolls, invoices, contracts, vouchers, orders or other accounting documents pertaining in whole or in part to this Contract shall be clearly identified and readily accessible.

B. Reports and Information. At such times and in such forms as OCII or the City, may require, there shall be furnished to OCII or its designated representative such statements, records, reports, data and information as OCII or the City may request pertaining to matters covered by this Contract.

C. Audits and Inspections. At any time during normal business hours and as often as OCII or the City may deem necessary, there shall be made available to OCII or its representatives for examination all records with respect to all matters covered by this Contract and Contractor will permit OCII or the City States to audit, examine and make excerpts or transcripts from such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

12. CONFLICTS

Except for approved eligible administrative or personnel costs, no employee, agent, contractor, officer or official of OCII who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to this Contract or who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to it, shall obtain a personal or financial interest in, or benefit from, any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for himself or herself or for those with whom they have family or business ties, during their tenure or for two years thereafter. The term "Contractor" also includes the employees, officers (including board members), agents and subcontractors of a Contractor under this Contract. In order to carry

out the purposes of this Section, Contractor shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all contracts and subcontracts relating to activities pursuant to this Contract, a provision similar to that of this Section.

By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it does not know of any facts which constitute a violation of Section 15.103 of the City's Charter; Article III, Chapter 2 of City's Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code; or (Section 87100 et seq.), or (Section 1090 et seq). of the California Government Code of the State of California and further agrees promptly to notify the OCII if it becomes aware of any such fact during the Contract Term.

13. CONTRACTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY

Contractor for itself and its subcontractors, if any, agrees to abide by OCII's duty of loyalty, which appears at Section IX.H. (Prohibited Activities of Present and Former Employees, Commissioners and Consultants) of OCII's Personnel Policy and which states, in part, the following:

Unless approved in advance in writing by OCII, no present or former employee, Commissioner or consultant of OCII shall knowingly act for anyone other than OCII in connection with any particular matter in which OCII is a party, or has a direct and substantial interest, and in which he or she participated personally and substantially as an OCII employee, Commissioner or consultant whether through decisions, recommendations, advice, investigation or otherwise. Violation of this section by a present employee, consultant or Commissioner may, in the case of an employee or consultant, be grounds for discharge or termination of the consultant contract, and in the case of a Commissioner, be considered misconduct in office pursuant of California Health and Safety Code Section 33115.

14. LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS

Contractor acknowledges that it is familiar with section 1.126 of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, which prohibits any person who contracts with OCII for the rendition of personal services, for the furnishing of any material, supplies or equipment, for the sale or lease of any land or building, or for a grant, loan or loan guarantee, from making any campaign contribution to (1) an individual holding a City elective office if the contract must be approved by such individual, the board on which that individual serves, or a state agency on whose board an appointee of that individual serves; (2) a candidate for the office held by such individual; or (3) a committee controlled by such office holder or candidate, at any time from the commencement of negotiations for the contract until the later of either the termination of negotiations for such contract or 12 months after the date the contract is approved. Contractor acknowledges that the foregoing restriction applies only if the contract or a combination or series of contracts approved by the same individual or board in a fiscal year have a total anticipated or actual value of \$100,000 or more. Contractor further acknowledges that the prohibition on contributions applies to each prospective party to the contract; each member of Contractor's board of directors; Contractor's chairperson, chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief operating officer; any person with an ownership interest of more than 20 percent in Contractor; any subcontractor listed in the bid or contract; and any committee that is sponsored or controlled

by Contractor. Additionally, Contractor acknowledges that Contractor must inform each of the persons described in the preceding sentence of the prohibitions contained in section 1.126.

Contractor will provide OCII with the names of: (i) each member of Contractor's board of directors, including its chairperson; (ii) Contractor's chief executive officer, chief financial officer and chief operating officer; (iii) any person with an ownership interest of more than 20% in Contractor; and, (iv) any subcontractor listed in the bid or Contract.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY/PROPERTY OF AGENCY

All of the reports, information, data or other materials prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Contract, including Contractor's opinions and conclusions based upon such items ("**Confidential Information**") are confidential. Contractor will not make such Confidential Information available to, or discuss it with, any individual or organization, including the news media, without OCII's prior written approval. Contractor must exercise the same standard of care to protect the confidentiality of Confidential Information as a reasonably prudent contractor would use to protect its own proprietary or confidential information. Unless otherwise stated in the Scope of Services, all such reports, information, data or other materials and work product shall become the property of OCII, but may be subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§7920 et seq., and OCII's Public Records Policy (Resolution No. 182-2005 (Nov. 1, 2005)).

16. COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

Contractor must comply with California Government Code Section 7550, which provides, in part, that when the total cost for work performed for a local agency by nonemployees of such agency exceeds \$5,000.00, any document or written report prepared in whole or in part by nonemployees for such agency shall contain, in a separate section, the numbers and dollar amount of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of such document or written report.

17. NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL BENEFITS

A. There shall be no discrimination against or segregation of any person, or group of persons, on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, marital or domestic partner status, sexual orientation or disability (including HIV or AIDS status) in the performance of this Contract. Contractor will ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, marital or domestic partner status, sexual orientation or disability (including HIV or AIDS status) or other protected class status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training, including apprenticeship; and provision of any services or accommodations to clients or the general public.

B. Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it or on its behalf, state it is an equal opportunity employer.

C. Contractor will cause the foregoing provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered by this Contract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

D. Contractor will not discriminate in the provision of benefits between employees with domestic partners and employees with spouses, and/or between the domestic partners and spouses of such employees, and shall comply fully with all provisions of OCII's Nondiscrimination in Contracts Policy , adopted by Agency Resolution No. 175-97, as may be amended from time to time.

E. Contractor shall provide all services to the public under this Contract in facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities as required by state and federal law and execute **Attachment D** "Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits Form".

18. COMPLIANCE WITH SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

OCII implements a Small Business Enterprises ("SBE") Program (as amended and restated by OCII Resolution No. 07-2022) that requires priority consideration in awarding contracts in the following order: 1) Project Area SBEs, 2) San Francisco-based SBEs (outside an OCII Project Area), and 3) all other SBEs. Non-San Francisco-based SBEs should be used to satisfy participation goals only if Project Area SBEs or San Francisco-based SBEs are unavailable or unqualified, or if their bids or fees are significantly higher than those of non-San Francisco-based SBEs (see **Attachment E** "SBE Agreement").

Under the SBE Program, Contractor, in awarding subcontracts, must make good faith efforts to achieve SBE participation of 50% for professional, personal services, and construction contracts; provided, however, that this goal may vary depending on the extent of subcontracting opportunities under this Contracts and the availability of SBE subcontractors capable of providing the required goods or services; and provided further, that OCII has the sole discretion to modify the 50% SBE participation goal consistent with the SBE Program, as specified in the SBE Agreement.

OCII relies on the information that a business may have provided to qualify under another public entities' business certification program in determining whether that business qualifies as an SBE under OCII's SBE Program. Those other programs include: City and County of San Francisco Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (LBE) certification, *information available at - <https://www.sf.gov/14b-local-business-enterprise-lbe-program>*; and State of California – Small Business Enterprises certification – <https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/sbdvbe-index.aspx>. OCII retains the discretion, however, to determine if the information provided for those other programs meets SBE eligibility under OCII's SBE Program.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH MINIMUM COMPENSATION POLICY AND HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY

Throughout the Contract Term, Contractor must comply with OCII's Minimum Compensation Policy and Health Care Accountability Policy ("**Policies**"), adopted by Agency Resolution 168-

2001, as may be amended from time to time (See **Attachment F** “Minimum Compensation Policy” and **Attachment G** “Health Care Accountability Policy”). Such compliance includes providing all “Covered Employees,” as defined under Section 2.7 of the Policies, a minimum level of compensation and offering health plan benefits to such employees or to make payments to the City’s Department of Public Health, or to participate in a health benefits program developed by the City’s Director of Health.

20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Notices. All notices, demands, consents or approvals required under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered personally or by facsimile transmission or three (3) business days after being deposited in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to OCII: Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure/Successor
Agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency
One South Van Ness Avenue, Fifth Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
Attention: Executive Director

If to Contractor: lowercase productions
309 Lyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
Attention: Daniel Reider

or to such other addresses as the parties may designate by notice as set forth above.

B. Time of Performance

(1) Time is of the essence in the performance of all the terms and conditions of this Contract.

(2) All performance and cure periods expire at 5 p.m., San Francisco, California time, on the applicable date.

(3) A performance or cure date which otherwise would be a Saturday, Sunday or OCII holiday shall be extended to the next OCII working day.

C. Successors and Assigns. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of OCII and Contractor. Where the term “Contractor” or “Agency” is used in this Contract, it shall mean and include their respective successors and assigns; provided, however, that OCII shall have no obligation under this Contract to, nor shall any benefit of this Contract accrue to, any unapproved successor or assign of Contractor where OCII approval of a successor or assign is required by this Contract.

D. Modification, Waiver and Amendment. Any modification, waiver or amendment of any provision of this Contract must be in writing and signed by both OCII and Contractor.

E. Entire Contract. This Contract represents the complete agreement between the parties as to the matters described herein, and there are no oral understandings between Contractor and OCII affecting this Contract not set forth herein. This Contract supersedes all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements and understandings between Contractor and OCII with respect to the subject matter hereof.

F. Severability. If any provision of this Contract shall be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other provision and all such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

G. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. It is the responsibility of Contractor to be informed of local, state and federal laws and requirements applicable to this Contract and to perform all work in compliance with those laws and requirements.

H. Headings. Titles of parts or sections of this Contract are inserted for convenience only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting its provisions.

I. Attorneys' Fees. In any action or proceeding arising out of this Contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

J. Authority. The undersigned represents and warrants that they have full power and authority to enter into this Contract and to bind Contractor in accordance with its terms.

K. Designated Representative. The initial designated representative for OCII for this Contract is Monica Davis Stean, OCII representative's phone number is (628) 652-8534. The initial Contractor designated representative for this Contract is Daniel Reider Contractor's designated representative's phone number is (415) 994-6653

Signatures of parties are on the following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OCII and Contractor have executed this Contract as of the date of last signature by the parties below (“**Effective Date**”).

lowercase productions, a California Limited Liability Company.

By: _____
Daniel Reider
Owner
Federal Tax Identification No. 81-3998345

Date: _____

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a public body, corporate and politic

By: _____
Thurston Kaslofsky
Executive Director

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
James B. Morales
Agency General Counsel

Authorized by Resolution No. 25-2025, adopted October 7, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Scope of Services
- Attachment B: Budget
- Attachment C: Insurance
- Attachment D: Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits Form
- Attachment E: Small Business Enterprise Agreement
- Attachment F: Minimum Compensation Policy Declaration
- Attachment G: Health Care Accountability Policy Declaration

ATTACHMENT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Systems / Meetings

- Systems
 - Invoicing and monthly budget reporting administration
 - Communications tools set-up
 - Detailed project schedule set-up
 - Scope and time tracking tools set-up
- Meetings for Phase 1 & 2
 - Project Review meeting w/ client: 1hr every two weeks
 - Project Standup w/ client: 30 mins every two weeks
 - Internal all teams meeting: 30 mins every two weeks

Phase 1: Design Updates

- Research and propose new web host
 - Set up new web host best practices / governance with client
 - Stake holder Internal Survey (Focus group survey)
 - Update master Information Architecture / Flows
 - Technology Audit
- Homepage
 - Precedent / Examples Search
 - Digital Mocks (includes simple widget)
 - Digital Refinements
 - Programming (includes simple widget)
- Housing Pages
 - Digital Mocks
 - Digital Refinements
 - Programming
- CMS Updates
 - Font color highlight
 - Supporting Docs
 - Enhance tracking and control admin changes to the website
 - Programming
- General design
 - Set up sandbox account
 - Digital screen development

ATTACHMENT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES
(Continued)

Phase 2: DAIS Audit

- Preparation
 - Google Spreadsheet creation for OCII efforts
 - Keep / merge / add / delete
 - Governance system
- Implementation
 - Programming schedule
 - Coordination with programmer
 - Programming
 - QA/QC
 - Approved beta site
- Post Audit
 - On call edits and fixex
 - QA/QC
 - PM

Content Management System Update (Major Drupal Update 10.x-11.x)

- Drupal Updates 10-11

Maintenance Plan (Three Year Plan)

ATTACHMENT B

BUDGET

The maximum amount payable under this Contract is One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$176,775). . Compensation for database migration is at a fixed rate. Compensation for post-project annual support shall be made on a time and materials basis based upon a mutually accepted agreement upon “Scope of Services” (Attachment A). All expenses of the Contractor are included and no expenses shall be reimbursed separately.

Scope of Work	Budget
Systems & Meetings	\$12,630.00
Phase 1 Design Updates	\$64,300.00
Phase 2 DAIS Audit	\$20,760.00
Content Management Update	\$5,470.00
Maintenance Plan (Three Year)	\$73,615.00
Total	\$176,775.00

Fiscal Year Annual Limits	
FY 25/26	\$58,925.00
FY 26/27	\$58,925.00
FY 27/28	\$58,925.00
Total	\$176,775.00

ATTACHMENT C

INSURANCE

Contractor must procure and maintain for the duration of the Contract, including any extensions, insurance against claims for injuries to person or damages to property that may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Work by Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. If Contractor maintains additional coverages and/or higher limits than the minimums shown in this Article 10, OCII requires and shall be entitled to the additional coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Contractor.

B. Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage must be at least as broad as:

- (1) Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form CG 00 01).
- (2) Insurance Services Office Automobile Liability coverage, code 1 (form number CA 00 01- any auto).
- (3) Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.
- (4) Professional Liability Insurance appropriate to Contractor's profession covering all negligent acts, errors and omissions.

C. Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor must maintain limits no less than:

- (1) General Liability:
 - a. For contracts not involving demolition or construction, or during phases of contracts prior to demolition or construction: \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with a general aggregate limit is used, either the general aggregate limit must apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit must be twice the required occurrence limit (\$4,000,000). Applicable Umbrella or Excess Liability limits may be used to meet the terms of this paragraph.
- (2) Automobile Liability: \$2,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (3) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability: Workers' Compensation limits as required by the State of California and Employer's

Liability limits of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury by accident and \$1,000,000 per person and in the annual aggregate for bodily injury by disease. (Required only if Contractor has employees).

(4) Professional Liability Insurance: \$2,000,000 per claim and in the annual aggregate. If Contractor's Professional Liability Insurance is "claims made" coverage, these minimum limits shall be maintained by Contractor for no less than five (5) years beyond completion of the Scope of Services.

D. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by OCII. At the option of OCII, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects to OCII, the City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents and employees; or Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to OCII guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

E. Other Insurance Provisions. The general liability and automobile liability policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- (1) The "Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, the City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents and employees" are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of Contractor; and liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor.
- (2) For any claims related to this Contract, Contractor's insurance coverage must be primary insurance as respects to OCII, the City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents, and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by OCII, the City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents or employees shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- (3) Any failure to comply with reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to OCII, the City and County of San Francisco and their respective commissioners, members, officers, agents or employees.
- (4) Each insurance policy required by this clause must be endorsed to state that coverage will not be suspended, voided, canceled by either party, or reduced in coverage or in limits, except after thirty (30) days' prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to OCII.

(5) Contractor hereby grants to OCII a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Contractor may acquire against OCII by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not OCII has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.

(6) If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:

- a. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
- b. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five years after completion of the contract of work.
- c. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, Contractor must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five years after completion of contract work.

F. Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise approved by OCII's Risk Manager.

G. Verification of Coverage. Contractor must furnish OCII with **certificates of insurance** and **with original endorsements evidencing coverage required by this clause**. 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 certificates and endorsements may be on forms provided by OCII. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by OCII before work commences. OCII reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements demonstrating the coverage required by these specifications at any time.

H. Subcontractors. Contractor 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 the requirements stated herein.



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE (OCII)
(SUCCESSOR TO THE SAN FRANCISCO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)

DECLARATION FORM
Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits

Section A

Is your company/organization currently certified by the City and County of San Francisco in compliance with Administrative Code 12B Equal Benefits Ordinance and will your company/organization ensure nondiscrimination in contracts and benefits pursuant to 12B on OCII contracts? If yes, please indicate below, skip Section B, and execute the Declaration in Section C. If no, please skip Section A and complete Sections B and C.

- ☐ My company/organization is certified and compliant with the 12B Equal Benefits Ordinance of the City and County of San Francisco and there has been no change in our 12B Declaration since certification. My company/organization agrees to ensure nondiscrimination in contracts and benefits pursuant to 12B on OCII contracts. (Please check box to affirm, if applicable)

Section B

1. Nondiscrimination—Protected Classes

- a. Is it your company/organization's policy that you will not discriminate against your employees, applicants for employment, employees of the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (successor to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency) (Agency), or City and County of San Francisco (City), or members of the public for the following reasons:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Race | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • color | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Creed | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Religion | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • ancestry | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • national origin | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Age | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • sex | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • sexual orientation | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • gender identity | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • marital status | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • domestic partner status | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • Disability | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| • AIDS or HIV status | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

- b. Do you agree to insert a similar nondiscrimination provision in any subcontract you enter into for the performance of a substantial portion of the contract that you have with the Agency or the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "no" to any part of Question 1a or 1b, the Agency or the City cannot do business with you.

2. Nondiscrimination—Equal Benefits (Question 2 does not apply to subcontracts or subcontractors)

- a. Do you provide, or offer access to, any benefits to employees with spouses or to spouses of employees?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b. Do you provide, or offer access to, any benefits to employees with domestic partners (Partners) or to domestic partners of employees?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "no" to both Questions 2a and 2b, skip 2c and 2d, and sign, date and return this form. If you answered "yes" to Question 2a or 2b, continue to 2c.

- c. If "yes," please indicate which ones. This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Please list any other benefits you provide (even if the employer does not pay for them).

ATTACHMENT D

Benefit	Yes, for Spouses	Yes, for Partners	No
• Medical (health, dental, vision)	☐	☐	☐
• Pension	☐	☐	☐
• Bereavement	☐	☐	☐
• Family leave	☐	☐	☐
• Parental leave	☐	☐	☐
• Employee assistance programs	☐	☐	☐
• Relocation and travel	☐	☐	☐
• Company discounts, facilities, events	☐	☐	☐
• Credit union	☐	☐	☐
• Child care	☐	☐	☐
• Other _____	☐	☐	☐
• Other _____	☐	☐	☐

- d. If you answered “yes” to Question 2a or 2b, and in 2c indicated that you do not provide equal benefits, you may still comply with the Policy if you have taken all reasonable measures to end discrimination in benefits, have been unable to do so, and now provide employees with a cash equivalent.

- (1) Have you taken all reasonable measures? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- (2) Do you provide a cash equivalent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Documentation for Nondiscrimination in Benefits (Questions 2c and 2d only)

If you answered “yes” to any part of Question 2c or Question 2d, you must attach to this form those provisions of insurance policies, personnel policies, or other documents you have which verify your compliance with Question 2c or Question 2d. Please include the policy sections that list the benefits for which you indicated “yes” in Question 2c. If documentation does not exist, attach an explanation, e.g., some of your personnel policies are unwritten. If you answered “yes” to Question 2d(1) complete and attach form SFRA/CC-103, “Nondiscrimination in Benefits—Reasonable Measures Affidavit,” which is available from the Agency. You need not document your “yes” answer to Question 1a or Question 1b.

Section C

I declare (or certify) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am authorized to bind this entity contractually.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____, _____
(City) (State)

Name of Company/Organization: _____

Doing Business As (DBA): _____

Also Known As (AKA): _____

General Address: _____

Remittance Address (if different from above): _____

Name of Signatory: _____ Title: _____

(Please Print)

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____ Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

Approximate number of employees in the U.S.: _____ Vendor Number: _____
(if known)

- ☐ Check here if your address has changed.
- ☐ Check here if your organization is a non-profit.
- ☐ Check here if your organization is a governmental entity.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE

Please return this form to: Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (successor to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency), One South Van Ness Avenue, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103

	OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DECLARATION FORM Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits
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A. What is the Nondiscrimination in Contracts Policy?

The Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (successor agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency) (“Agency”) has adopted a Nondiscrimination in Contracts Policy (“Policy”) which requires companies or organizations providing products or services to, or leasing a real property from, the Agency to agree not to discriminate against groups who are protected from discrimination under the Policy, and to include a similar provision in subcontracts and other agreements. Those provisions are the subjects of this form. The Policy is posted on the Web at: <http://sfocii.org/policies-and-procedures>.

If you do not comply with the Policy, the Agency cannot do business with you, except under certain very limited circumstances.

B. What Agency contracts are covered by the Policy?

- Contracts or purchase orders where the Agency purchases products, services or construction with contractors/vendors whose total amount of business with the Agency exceeds a cumulative amount of \$5,000 in a 12-month period.
- Leases of property owned by the Agency for a term of 30 days or more. In these cases, the Agency is the landlord. The Policy also applies to leases for a term of 30 days or more where the Agency is the tenant.

C. What are the groups protected from discrimination under the Policy?

You may not discriminate against:

- your employees
- an applicant for employment
- any employee of the Agency or the City and County of San Francisco
- a member of the public having contact with you.

D. What are prohibited types of discrimination?

You may not discriminate against the specified groups for the following reasons (see Question 1a on the declaration form).

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| • race | • color |
| • creed | • religion |
| • ancestry | • national origin |
| • age | • sex |
| • sexual orientation | • gender identity |
| • marital status | • domestic partner status |
| • disability | • AIDS/HIV status |

In the provision of benefits, you also may not discriminate between employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners, or between the spouses and domestic partners of employees, subject to the conditions listed in F.2 below.

E. How are subcontracts affected?

For any subcontract, sublease, or other subordinate agreement you enter into which is related to a contract you have with the Agency, you must include a nondiscrimination provision (See Question 1b on the Declaration Form). The subcontracting provision need not include nondiscrimination in benefits as part of the nondiscrimination requirements. If you’re unsure whether a contract qualifies as a subcontract, contact the Agency division administering your contract with the Agency. “Subcontract” also includes any subcontract of your subcontractor for performance of 10% or more of the subcontract.

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Nondiscrimination in Contracts and Benefits

F. Nondiscrimination in benefits for spouses and domestic partners

1. Who are domestic partners?

If your employee and another person are currently registered as domestic partners with a state, county or city that authorizes such registration, then those two people are domestic partners. It doesn't matter where the domestic partners now live or whether they are a same-sex couple or an opposite sex couple. A company/organization may also institute its own domestic partnership registry (contact the Agency for more information).

2. What is nondiscrimination in benefits?

You must provide the same benefits to employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners, and to spouses and domestic partners of employees, subject to the following qualifications (See Question 2c on the Declaration Form).

- If your cost of providing a benefit for an employee with a domestic partner exceeds that of providing it for an employee with a spouse, or vice versa, you may require the employee to pay the excess cost.
- If you are unable to provide the same benefits, despite taking all reasonable measures to do so, you must provide the employee with a cash equivalent. This qualification is intended to address situations where your benefits provider will not provide equal benefits and you are unable to find an alternative source or state or federal law prohibit the provision of equal benefits. (See Question 2d on the Declaration form).
- The Policy does not require any benefits be offered to spouses or domestic partners. It does require, however, that whatever benefits are offered to spouses be offered equally to domestic partners, and vice versa.

3. Examples of benefits

The law is intended to apply to all benefits offered to employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners. A sample list appears in Question 2c on the Declaration Form.

G. Form required

Complete the Declaration Form to tell the Agency whether you comply with the Policy. All parties to a Joint Venture must submit separate Declarations.

Please submit an original of the Declaration Form and keep a copy for your records. If an Agency division should ask you to complete the form again, you may submit a copy of the form you originally submitted (if the information has not changed), unless you are advised otherwise.

H. Attachments

If you provide equal benefits, as indicated by your answers to Question 2c on the Declaration form, **YOU MUST ATTACH DOCUMENTATION TO THIS FORM**, unless such documentation does not exist. See item 3, "Documentation for Nondiscrimination in Benefits." If documentation does not exist, attach an explanation (e.g., some of your policies are unwritten).

I. If your answers change

If, after you submit the Declaration, your company/organization's nondiscrimination policy or benefits change such that the information you provided to the Agency is no longer accurate, you must advise the Agency promptly by submitting a new Declaration.

ATTACHMENT E

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

The company or entity executing this Small Business Enterprise Agreement, by and through its duly authorized representative, hereby agrees to use good faith efforts to comply with all of the following:

I. PURPOSE. The purpose of entering into this Small Business Enterprise Program agreement (“**SBE Program**”) is to establish a set of Small Business Enterprise (“SBE”) participation goals and good faith efforts designed to ensure that monies are spent in a manner which provides SBEs with an opportunity to compete for and participate in contracts by or at the behest of the Successor Agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (“**Agency**”) and/or the Agency-Assisted Contractor. A genuine effort will be made to give First Consideration to Project Area SBEs and San Francisco-based SBEs before looking outside of San Francisco.

II. APPLICATION. The SBE Program applies to all Contractors and their subcontractors seeking work on Agency-Assisted Projects on or after November 17, 2004 and any Amendment to a Pre-existing Contract.

III. GOALS. The Agency’s SBE Participation Goals are:

CONSTRUCTION	50%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	50%
SUPPLIERS	50%

IV. TRAINEE HIRING GOAL. In addition to the goals set forth above in Section III, there is a trainee hiring goal for all design professionals (architects, engineers, planners, and environmental consultants) on contracts or subcontracts over \$100,000. The trainee hiring goal requires architects, engineers and other design professionals only to hire qualified San Francisco residents as trainees. The trainee hiring goal is based upon the total amount of the design professional’s contract as follows:

<u>Trainees</u>	<u>Design Professional Fees</u>
0	\$ 0 – \$99,000
1	\$ 100,000 – \$249,999
2	\$ 250,000 – \$499,999
3	\$ 500,000 – \$999,999
4	\$1,000,000 – \$1,499,999
5	\$1,500,000 – \$1,999,999
6	\$2,000,000 - \$4,999,999
7	\$5,000,000 - \$7,999,999
8	\$8,000,000 – or more

A. Procedures For Trainee Hires

1. Compliance with the Trainee Hiring Goal

Design professionals will be deemed in compliance with this Agreement by meeting or exceeding the trainee hiring goal or by take the following steps in good faith towards compliance.

2. Execution and Incorporation of this Agreement to Sub-agreements

The Agency-Assisted Contractor shall execute this Agreement and shall incorporate by reference or attach this Agreement to its contract(s) with the architects, engineers and other design professionals. Thus, each design professional (regardless of tier) will be obligated to comply with the terms of this Agreement. The Agency-Assisted Contractor and/or the design professionals shall retain the executed Agreements and make them available to the Agency Compliance Officer upon request.

3. Contact Educational Institutions

Each design professional shall call the City and County of San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) or educational institution(s) and request referrals for the required trainee positions. The request will indicate generally: (1) the number of trainees sought; (2) the required skills set (keeping in mind that these are trainee positions); (3) a brief description of job duties; (4) the duration of the trainee period; and (5) any other information that would be helpful or necessary for the educational institution or OEWD to make the referral. The minimum duration of assignment is part-time for one semester. However, design professionals are strongly encouraged to offer longer trainee employment periods to allow a more meaningful learning experience. (For example, a half-time or full-time assignment over the summer.) Although the initial contact shall be made by phone, the educational institution(s) or OEWD may require the design professionals to send a confirming letter or complete its form(s). Each design professional is required to timely provide all of the information requested by the OEWD or educational institution(s) in order to get the referrals.

4. Response from Educational Institutions

Each educational institution may have a different way of referring applicants, such as: sending resumes directly to the design professional; having the applicant contact the design professional by phone; require design professionals to conduct on-campus interviews; or some other method. The timing and method of the response will normally be discussed with the design professional during the initial phone request. The design professional is required to follow the process set by the educational institution(s) in order to get the referrals.

5. Action by Design Professionals When Referrals Available

The design professional shall interview each applicant prior to making the decision to hire or not to hire. The design professional shall make the final determination whether the applicant is qualified for the trainee position and the ultimate hiring decision. The Agency strongly encourages the design professional to hire a qualified San Francisco resident referred by the educational institution(s). The design professional shall notify the educational institution in writing of the hiring decision.

6. Action by Design Professionals When Referrals Unavailable

If after contacting two or more educational institutions the design professional is informed that no San Francisco residents are currently available, then the design professional should wait thirty (30) days and contact the educational institutions a second time to inquire whether qualified San Francisco residents are currently available for hire as trainees. If no qualified San Francisco residents are currently available after the second request, then the design professional has fulfilled its obligation under this Agreement, provided that the design professional has acted in good faith. The design professional must retain its file on all of the steps it took to comply with this Section IV and submit a copy of its file to the Agency Compliance Officer upon request.

7. Action by Design Professional When No Response From Educational Institutions

If a design professional has not received a response to its request for referrals from any of the

educational institutions within five (5) business days after the design professional has fully complied with the procedures, if any, set by the educational institution(s) for obtaining referrals, then the design professional should immediately advise the Agency Compliance Officer by phone, fax or email. The Agency Compliance Officer or his/her designee shall cause the educational institution(s) to respond to the design professional within five (5) business days of the Agency Compliance Officer being notified. If the design professional still has not received a response from the educational institution(s) after this additional five (5) business day period has run, then the design professional has fulfilled its obligation under this Section IV, provided that the design professional has acted in good faith. Each design professional must retain its file on all of the steps it took to comply with this Agreement and submit a copy of its file to the Agency Compliance Officer upon request.

8. Termination of Trainee for Cause

If at any time during the Term, it becomes necessary to terminate for cause a trainee who was hired under this Agreement and the design professional has not met the minimum duration requirements under this policy, then the design professional shall hire a new trainee by following the process set forth above.

B. Reporting Requirements For Trainee Hires

1. Reporting

Upon completion of the Term of the Agreement or the term of the design professional's contract with the Agency-Assisted Contractor, whichever is less, the design professional (i.e. Employer) shall fax or email a report to the Agency Compliance Officer stating in detail: (1) the names of the San Francisco resident(s) interviewed for trainee positions; (2) the date(s) of each interview; (3) the reasons for not hiring the San Francisco resident(s) interviewed; (4) the name, address, gender and racial/ethnic background of the successful candidate for the trainee position; and (5) the number of San Francisco residents hired as trainees.

2. Report on Terminations

In the event a San Francisco resident hired pursuant to this Agreement is terminated for cause, the responsible design professional shall within five (5) days fax or email a termination report to the Agency Compliance Officer stating in detail: (1) the name of the trainee(s) terminated; (2) his/her job title and duties; (3) the reasons and circumstances leading to the termination(s); and (4) whether the design professional replaced the trainee(s).

V. TERM. The obligations of the Agency-Assisted Contractor and/or Contractor(s) with respect to SBE Program shall remain in effect until completion of all work to be performed by the Agency-Assisted Contractor in connection with the original construction of the site and any tenant improvements on the site performed by or at the behest of the Agency-Assisted Contractor unless another term is specified in the Agency-Assisted Contract or Contract.

VI. FIRST CONSIDERATION. First consideration will be given by the Agency or Agency-Assisted Contractor in awarding contracts in the following order: (1) Project Area SBEs, (2) San Francisco-based SBEs (outside an Agency Project or Survey Area, but within San Francisco), and (3) Non-San Francisco-based SBEs. Non-San Francisco-based SBEs should be used to satisfy participation goals only if Project Area SBEs or San Francisco-based SBEs are not available, qualified, or if their bids or fees are significantly higher than those of non-San Francisco-based SBEs.

VII. ASSOCIATIONS AND JOINT VENTURES (JV). OCII will recognize JVs and Associations

between non-SBE firms and SBE firms where the SBE partner performs at least 35% of the work defined in the JV or Association agreement, and receives at least 35% (or a proportionate share, whichever is higher) of the dollars to be earned by the JV or Association. Under this arrangement, OCII will deem the JV or Association to be an SBE for the purposes of meeting the SBE goal. Due to the technical nature of the disciplines and the various standards of each industry, OCII will not require a standardized agreement. However, each JV and Association agreement must be in writing and contain, at a minimum, the following terms:

- Define the management of the agreement between the parties;
- Define the technical and managerial responsibilities of each party;
- Define the scope of work to be performed by each party, and where possible identify the percentage and break-down of scope of work for each party;
- Identify any additional subcontractors or consultants that will perform the work under the agreement;
- Define the schedule, duration, and deliverable of the agreement;
- Detail the fee schedule, fee breakdown, or division of compensation;
- Specify insurance requirements and/or if each party shall maintain its own insurance;
- Specify how additional work or changes in scope shall be negotiated or determined and which party shall be responsible for notifying OCII of the changes;
- Specify how claims and disputes will be resolved.

A copy of the JV or Association agreement must be provided to OCII for approval in order for the JV or Association to be recognized.

VIII. CERTIFICATION. The Agency no longer certifies SBEs but instead relies on the information provided in other public entities' business certifications to establish eligibility for the Agency's program. Only businesses certified by the Agency as SBEs whose certification has not expired and economically disadvantaged businesses that meet the Agency's SBE Certification Criteria will be counted toward meeting the participation goals. The SBE Certification Criteria are set forth in the SBE Policy.

IX. INCORPORATION. Each contract between the Agency, Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor on the one hand, and any subcontractor on the other hand, shall physically incorporate as an attachment or exhibit and make binding on the parties to that contract, a true and correct copy of this SBE Agreement.

X. DEFINITIONS. Capitalized terms not otherwise specifically defined in this SBE Agreement have the meaning set forth in the Agency's SBE Policy adopted on November 16, 2004 and amended on July 21, 2009 ("**Policy**") or as defined in the Agency-Assisted Contract or Contract. In the event of a conflict in the meaning of a defined term, the SBE Policy shall govern over the Agency-Assisted Contract or Contract which in turn shall govern over this SBE Agreement.

Affiliates means an affiliation with another business concern is based on the power to control, whether exercised or not. Such factors as common ownership, common management and identity of interest (often found in members of the same family), among others, are indicators of affiliation. Power to control exists when a party or parties have 50 percent or more ownership. It may also exist with considerably less than 50 percent ownership by contractual arrangement or when one or more parties own a large share compared to other parties. Affiliated business concerns need not be in the same line of business.

Agency-Assisted Contract means, as applicable, the Development and Disposition Agreement

(“DDA”), Land Disposition Agreement (“LDA”), Lease, Loan and Grant Agreements, and other similar contracts, and agreement that the Agency executed with for-profit or non-profit entities.

Agency-Assisted Contractor means any person(s), firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof, who is negotiating or has executed an Agency-Assisted Contract.

Agency Contract means personal services contracts, purchase requisitions, and other similar contracts and operations agreements that the Agency executes with for-profit or non-profit entities.

Amendment to a Pre-existing Contract means a material change to the terms of any contract, the term of which has not expired on or before the date that this Small Business Enterprise Policy (“SBE Policy”) takes effect, but shall not include amendments to decrease the scope of work or decrease the amount to be paid under a contract.

Annual Receipts means “total income” (or in the case of a sole proprietorship, “gross income”) plus “cost of goods sold” as these terms are defined and reported on Internal Revenue Service tax return forms. The term does not include net capital gains or losses; taxes collected for and remitted to a taxing authority if included in gross or total income, such as sales or other taxes collected from customers and excluding taxes levied on the concern or its employees; proceeds from transactions between a concern and its domestic or foreign affiliates; and amounts collected for another by a travel agent, real estate agent, advertising agent, conference management service provider, freight forwarder or customs broker. For size determination purposes, the only exclusions from receipts are those specifically provided for in this paragraph. All other items, such as subcontractor costs, reimbursements for purchases a contractor makes at a customer's request, and employee-based costs such as payroll taxes, may not be excluded from receipts. Typically, receipts are averaged over a concern's latest three (3) completed fiscal years to determine its average annual receipts. However, to the extent a public entity considers a five-year average in its certification program, OCII will accept the five-year average provided the remaining certification criteria of the public entity is consistent with OCII’s criteria stipulated in this Policy. If a concern has not been in business for three (3) years, the average weekly revenue for the number of weeks the concern has been in business is multiplied by 52 to determine its average annual receipts.

Arbitration Party means all persons and entities who attend the arbitration hearing pursuant to Section XIII, as well as those persons and entities who are subject to a default award provided that all of the requirements in Section XIII.L. have been met.

Association means an agreement between two parties established for the purpose of completing a specific task or project. The associate agreement shall provide the SBE associate a significant project management role and the SBE associate shall be recognized in marketing and collateral material. The Association shall be distinguished from traditional subcontracting arrangements via a written Association agreement that defines the management of the agreement, technical and managerial responsibilities of the parties, and defined scopes and percentages of work to be performed by each party with its own resources and labor force. Unlike the more formal Joint Venture, an Association does not require formation of a new business enterprise between the parties. The Associate agreement shall contain, at a minimum, provisions required by Section VII and be subject to OCII approval.

Commercially Useful Function means that the business is directly responsible for providing the materials, equipment, supplies or services in the City and County of San Francisco (“City”) as required by the solicitation or request for quotes, bids or proposals. Businesses that engage in the business of providing brokerage, referral or temporary employment services shall not be deemed to perform a “commercially useful function” unless the brokerage, referral or temporary employment services are required and sought by the Agency.

Contract means any agreement between the Agency and a person(s), firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof, to provide or procure labor, supplies or services to, for, or on behalf of the Agency.

Contractor means any person(s), firm, partnership, corporation, or combination thereof, who is negotiating or has executed a Contract.

Joint Venture means an entity established between two parties for the purposes of completing a venture or project. The Joint Venture agreement typically creates a separate business entity and requires acquisition of additional insurance for the newly created joint business entity. The Joint Venture agreement shall contain, at a minimum, provisions required by Section VII and be subject to OCII approval.

Non-San Francisco-based Small Business Enterprise means a SBE that has fixed offices located outside the geographical boundaries of the City.

Office” or “Offices means a fixed and established place(s) where work is performed of a clerical, administrative, professional or production nature directly pertinent to the business being certified. A temporary location or movable property or one that was established to oversee a project such as a construction project office does not qualify as an “office” under this SBE Policy. Work space provided in exchange for services (in lieu of monetary rent) does not constitute an “office.” The office is not required to be the headquarters for the business but it must be capable of providing all the services to operate the business for which SBE certification is sought. An arrangement for the right to use office space on an “as needed” basis where there is no office exclusively reserved for the business does not qualify as an office. The prospective SBE must submit a rental agreement for the office space, rent receipt or cancelled checks for rent payments. If the office space is owned by the prospective SBE, the business must submit property tax or a deed documenting ownership of the office.

Project Area Small Business Enterprise means a business that meets the above-definition of Small Business Enterprise and that: (a) has fixed offices located within the geographical boundaries of a Redevelopment Project or Survey Area where a commercially useful function is performed; (b) is listed in the Permits and License Tax Paid File with a Project Area or Survey Area business street address; (c) possesses a current Business Tax Registration Certificate at the time of the application for certification as a SBE; (d) has been located and doing business in a Project Area or Survey Area for at least six months preceding its application for certification as a SBE; and (e) has a Project Area or Survey Area office in which business is transacted that is appropriately equipped for the type of business for which the enterprise seeks certification as a SBE. Post office box numbers of residential addresses alone shall not suffice to establish a firms’ location in a Project Area or Survey Area.

Project Area means an area of San Francisco that meets the requirements under Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Section 33320.1. These areas currently include the Bayview Industrial Triangle, Bayview Hunters Point (Area B), Hunters Point Shipyard, Mission Bay (North), Mission Bay (South), Rincon Point/South Beach, South of Market, and Transbay.

San Francisco-based Small Business Enterprise means a SBE that: (a) has fixed offices located within the geographical boundaries of the City where a commercially useful function is performed; (b) is listed in the Permits and License Tax Paid File with a San Francisco business street address; (c) possesses a current Business Tax Registration Certificate at the time of the application for certification as a SBE; (d) has been located and doing business in the City for at least six months preceding its application for certification as a SBE; and (e) has a San Francisco office in which business is transacted

that is appropriately equipped for the type of business for which the enterprise seeks certification as a SBE. Post office box numbers or residential addresses alone shall not suffice to establish a firm's status as local.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) means an economically disadvantaged business that is certified by another public entity (either municipal, State, or federal agency) that considers the certification criteria stipulated in this Policy. In general, such criteria shall include a determination by the public entity as to whether an economically disadvantaged business is an independent and continuing business for profit; performs a commercially useful function; is owned and controlled by persons residing in the United States or its territories; and has average gross annual receipts in at least the three years (and no more than five years, if practiced by the public entity) immediately preceding its application for certification as a SBE that do not exceed the following limits:

Industry	OCII SBE Size Standard
Construction Contractors	\$24,000,000
Specialty Construction Contractors	\$14,000,000
Suppliers (goods/materials/ equipment and general services)	\$12,000,000
Professional Services	\$5,000,000
Trucking	\$5,000,000

In addition, an economically disadvantaged business shall meet the other certification criteria described in Exhibit I of the SBE Policy in order to be considered an SBE by the Agency.

In order to determine whether or not a firm meets the above economic size definitions, the Agency will use the firm's most recent business tax returns (i.e., 1040 with Schedule C for Sole Proprietorships, 1065s with K-1s for Partnerships, and 1120s for Corporations) to calculate the firm's average annual gross receipts. In addition, the calculation of a firm's size shall include the receipts of all affiliates.

Once a business reaches the average size threshold for the applicable industry the business ceases to be economically disadvantaged, it is not an eligible SBE and it will not be counted towards meeting SBE contracting requirements (or goals).

Specialty Construction Contractor means a contractor licensed by the Contractors State License Board under the "C" classification license pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 7058.

Survey Area means an area of San Francisco that meets the requirements of the Community Redevelopment Law, Health and Safety Code Section 33310. These areas currently include the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Survey Area C.

XI. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET SBE GOALS Compliance with the following steps will be the basis for determining if the Agency-Assisted Contractor and/or Consultant has made good faith efforts to meet the goals for SBEs:

A. Outreach. Not less than 30 days prior to the opening of bids or the selection of contractors, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor shall:

1. **Advertise.** Advertise for SBEs interested in competing for the contract, in general circulation media, trade association publications, including timely use of the ***Bid and Contract Opportunities*** newsletter published by the City and County of San Francisco Purchasing Department and media focused specifically on SBE businesses such as the ***Small Business Exchange***, of the opportunity to submit bids or proposals and to attend a pre-bid meeting to learn about contracting opportunities.

2. **Request List of SBEs.** Request from the Agency's Contract Compliance Department a list of all known SBEs in the pertinent field(s), particularly those in the Project and Survey Areas and provide written notice to all of them of the opportunity to bid for contracts and to attend a pre-bid or pre-solicitation meeting to learn about contracting opportunities.

B. Pre-Solicitation Meeting. For construction contracts estimated to cost \$5,000 or more, hold a pre-bid meeting for all interested contractors not less than 15 days prior to the opening of bids or the selection of contractors for the purpose answering questions about the selection process and the specifications and requirements. Representatives of the Contract Compliance Department will also participate.

C. Follow-up. Follow up initial solicitations of interest by contacting the SBEs to determine with certainty whether the enterprises are interested in performing specific items involved in work.

D. Subdivide Work. Divide, to the greatest extent feasible, the contract work into small units to facilitate SBE participation, including, where feasible, offering items of the contract work which the Contractor would normally perform itself.

E. Provide Timely and Complete Information. The Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor shall provide SBEs with complete, adequate and ongoing information about the plans, specifications and requirements of construction work, service work and material supply work. This paragraph does not require the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor to give SBEs any information not provided to other contractors. This paragraph does require the Agency Assisted Contractor and Contractor to answer carefully and completely all reasonable questions asked by SBEs and to undertake every good faith effort to ensure that SBEs understand the nature and the scope of the work.

F. Good Faith Negotiations. Negotiate with SBEs in good faith and demonstrate that SBEs were not rejected as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capacities.

G. Bid Shopping Prohibited. Prohibit the shopping of the bids. Where the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor learns that bid shopping has occurred, it shall treat such bid shopping as a material breach of contract.

H. Other Assistance. Assist SBEs in their efforts to obtain bonds, lines of credit and insurance. (Note that the Agency has a Surety Bond Program that may assist SBEs in obtaining necessary bonding.) The Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) shall require no more stringent bond or insurance standards of SBEs than required of other business enterprises.

I. Delivery Scheduling. Establish delivery schedules which encourage participation of SBEs.

J. Utilize SBEs as Lower Tier Subcontractors. The Agency-Assisted Contractor and its Contractor(s) shall encourage and assist higher tier subcontractors in undertaking good faith efforts to utilize SBEs as lower tier subcontractors.

K. Maximize Outreach Resources. Use the services of SBE associations, federal, state and local SBE assistance offices and other organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of SBEs, including the Small Business Administration and the Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce. However, only SBEs certified by the Agency shall count towards meeting the participation goal.

L. Replacement of SBE. If during the term of this SBE Agreement, it becomes necessary to replace any subcontractor or supplier, the Agency's Contract Compliance Specialist should be notified prior to replacement due to the failure or inability of the subcontractor or supplier to perform the required services or timely delivery the required supplies, then First Consideration should be given to a certified SBE, if available, as a replacement.

XII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. No Retaliation. No employee shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or relating to enforcement of this Agreement.

B. No Discrimination. There shall be no discrimination against or segregation of any person, or group of persons, on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, marital or domestic partner status, sexual orientation or disability (including HIV or AIDS status) in the performance of an Agency-Assisted Contract or Contract. The Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor will ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, marital or domestic partner status, sexual orientation or disability (including HIV or AIDS status) or other protected class status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training, including apprenticeship; and provision of any services or accommodations.

C. Compliance with Prompt Payment Statute. Construction contracts and subcontracts awarded for \$5,000 or more shall contain the following provision:

“Amounts for work performed by a subcontractor shall be paid within seven (7) days of receipt of funds by the contractor, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 7108.5 *et seq.* Failure to include this provision in a subcontractor or failure to comply with this provision shall constitute an event of default which would permit the Agency to exercise any and all remedies available to it under contract, at law or in equity.”

In addition to and not in contradiction to the Prompt Payment Statute (California Business and Professions Code Section 7108.5 *et seq.*), if a dispute arises which would allow a Contractor to withhold payment to a subcontractor due to a dispute, the Contractor shall only withhold that amount which directly relates to the dispute and shall promptly pay the remaining undisputed amount, if any.

D. Submission Of Electronic Certified Payrolls. For any Agency-Assisted Contract which requires the submission of certified payroll reports, the requirements of Section VII of the Agency's Small Business Enterprise Policy shall apply. Please see the Small Business Enterprise Policy for more details.

XIII. PROCEDURES

A. Notice to Agency. The Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) shall provide the Agency with the following information within 10 days of awarding a contract or selecting subconsultant:

1. the nature of the contract, e.g. type and scope of work to be performed;
2. the dollar amount of the contract;
3. the name, address, license number, gender and ethnicity of the person to whom the contract was awarded; And
4. SBE status of each subcontractor or subconsultant.

B. Affidavit. If the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) contend that the contract has been awarded to a SBE, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) shall, at the same time also submit to the Agency a SBE Application for Certification and its accompanying Affidavit completed by the SBE owner. However, a SBE that was previously certified by the Agency shall submit only the short SBE Eligibility Statement.

C. Good Faith Documentation. If the 50% SBE Participation Goals are not met in each category (Construction, Professional Services and Suppliers), the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) shall meet and confer with the Agency at a date and time set by the Agency. If the issue of the Agency-Assisted Contractor's or Contractor's good faith efforts is not resolved at this meeting, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor shall submit to the Agency within five (5) days, a declaration under penalty of perjury containing the following documentation with respect to the good faith efforts ("**Submission**"):

1. A report showing the responses, rejections, proposals and bids (including the amount of the bid) received from SBEs, including the date each response, proposal or bid was received. This report shall indicate the action taken by the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) in response to each proposal or bid received from SBEs, including the reasons(s) for any rejections.

2. A report showing the date that the bid was received, the amount bid by and the amount to be paid (if different) to the non-SBE contractor that was selected. If the non-SBE contractor who was selected submitted more than one bid, the amount of each bid and the date that each bid was received shall be shown in the report. If the bidder asserts that there were reasons other than the respective amounts bid for not awarding the contract to an SBE, the report shall also contain an explanation of these reasons.

3. Documentation of advertising for and contacts with SBEs, contractor associations or development centers, or any other agency which disseminates bid and contract information to small business enterprises.

4. Copies of initial and follow-up correspondence with SBEs, contractor associations and other agencies, which assist SBEs.

5. A description of the assistance provided SBE firms relative to obtaining and explaining plans, specifications and contract requirements.

6. A description of the assistance provided to SBEs with respect to bonding, lines of credit, etc.

7. A description of efforts to negotiate or a statement of the reasons for not negotiating with SBEs.

8. A description of any divisions of work undertaken to facilitate SBE participation.
9. Documentation of efforts undertaken to encourage subcontractors to obtain small business enterprise participation at a lower tier.
10. A report which shows for each private project and each public project (without a SBE program) undertaken by the bidder in the preceding 12 months, the total dollar amount of the contract and the percentage of the contract dollars awarded to SBEs and the percentage of contract dollars awarded to non-SBEs.
11. Documentation of any other efforts undertaken to encourage participation by small business enterprises.

D. Presumption of Good Faith Efforts. If the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) achieves the Participation Goals, it will not be required to submit Good Faith Effort documentation.

E. Waiver. Any of the SBE requirements may be waived if the Agency determines that a specific requirement is not relevant to the particular situation at issue, that SBEs were not available, or that SBEs were charging an unreasonable price.

F. SBE Determination. The Agency shall exercise its reasonable judgment in determining whether a business, whose name is submitted by the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) as a SBE, is owned and controlled by a SBE. A firm's appearance in any of the Agency's current directories will be considered by the Agency as prima facie evidence that the firm is a SBE. Where the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) makes a submission the Agency shall make a determination, as to whether or not a business which the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor(s) claims is a SBE is in fact owned and controlled by San Francisco-based SBEs. If the Agency determines that the business is not a SBE, the Agency shall give the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor a Notice of Non-Qualification and provide the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor with a reasonable period (not to exceed 20 days) in which to meet with the Agency and if necessary make a Submission, concerning its good faith efforts. If the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor disagrees with the Agency's Notice of Non-Qualification, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor may request arbitration pursuant to Section XIII.

G. Agency Investigation. Where the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor makes a Submission and, as a result, the Agency has cause to believe that the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor has failed to undertake good faith efforts, the Agency shall conduct an investigation, and after affording the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor notice and an opportunity to be heard, shall recommend such remedies and sanctions as it deems necessary to correct any alleged violation(s). The Agency shall give the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor a written Notice of Non-Compliance setting forth its findings and recommendations. If the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor disagrees with the findings and recommendations of the Agency as set forth in the Notice of Non-Compliance, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor may request arbitration pursuant to this SBE Agreement.

XIV. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.

A. Arbitration by AAA. Any dispute regarding this SBE Agreement shall be determined by arbitration through the American Arbitration Association, San Francisco, California office ("AAA") in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the AAA then applicable, but subject to the further revisions

thereof. The arbitration shall take place in the City and County of San Francisco.

B. Demand for Arbitration. Where the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor disagrees with the Agency's Notice of Non-Qualification or Notice of Non-Compliance, **the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor shall have seven (7) business days, in which to file a Demand for Arbitration**, unless otherwise stipulated by the parties. The Demand for Arbitration shall contain at a minimum: (1) a cover letter demanding arbitration under this provision and identifying any entities believed to be involved in the dispute; (2) a copy of the Notice of Non-Qualification or Notice of Non-Compliance; and (3) any written response to the Notice of Non-Qualification or Notice of Non-Compliance. If the Agency-Assisted Contractor and Contractor fail to file a timely Demand for Arbitration, the Agency-Assisted Contractor and Contractor shall be deemed to have accepted and to be bound by the finding of Non-Qualification or the findings and recommendations contained in the Notice of Non-Compliance.

C. Parties' Participation. The Agency and all persons or entities who have a contractual relationship affected by the dispute shall be made an Arbitration Party. Any such person or entity not made an Arbitration Party in the Demand for Arbitration may intervene as an Arbitration Party and in turn may name any other such person or entity as an Arbitration Party, provided however, that the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor made an initial timely Demand for Arbitration pursuant to Section XIII.B. above.

D. Agency Request to AAA. Within seven (7) business days after service of a Demand for Arbitration, the Agency shall transmit to AAA a copy of the Demand for Arbitration, the Notice of Non-Qualification or Notice of Non-Compliance, and any written response thereto from the affected party. Such material shall be made part of the arbitration record.

E. Selection of Arbitrator. One arbitrator shall arbitrate the dispute. The arbitrator shall be selected from the panel of arbitrators from AAA by the parties to the arbitration in accordance with the AAA rules. The parties shall act diligently in this regard. If the Arbitration Parties fail to agree on an arbitrator within seven (7) days from the receipt of the panel, AAA shall appoint the arbitrator. A condition to the selection of any arbitrator shall be that person's agreement to render a decision within ninety (90) days from the arbitrator's fulfillment of the disclosure requirements set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1281.9.

F. Setting of Arbitration Hearing. A hearing shall be held within ninety (90) days of the date of the filing of the Request, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The arbitrator shall set the date, time and place for the arbitration hearing(s) within the prescribed time periods by giving notice by hand delivery or first class mail to each Arbitration Party.

G. Discovery. In arbitration proceedings hereunder, discovery shall be permitted in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure §1283.05.

H. Burden of Proof. The burden of proof with respect to SBE status and/or Good Faith Efforts shall be on the Agency-Assisted Contractor and/or Contractor. The burden of proof as to all other alleged breaches by the Agency-Assisted Contractor and/or Contractor shall be on the Agency.

I. California Law Applies. Except where expressly stated to the contrary in this SBE Agreement, California law, including the California Arbitration Act, Code of Civil Procedure §§ 1280 through 1294.2, shall govern all arbitration proceedings.

J. Arbitration Remedies and Sanctions. The arbitrator may impose only the remedies and

sanctions set forth below:

1. Order specific, reasonable actions and procedures, in the form of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction or permanent injunction, to mitigate the effects of the non-compliance and/or to bring any non-compliant Arbitration Party into compliance.
2. Require any Arbitration Party to refrain from entering into new contracts related to work covered by the Agency-Assisted Contract or this SBE Agreement, or from granting extensions or other modifications to existing contracts related to services covered by the Agency-Assisted Contract or this SBE Agreement, other than those minor modifications or extensions necessary to enable compliance with this SBE Agreement.
3. Direct any Arbitration Party to cancel, terminate, suspend or cause to be cancelled, terminated or suspended, any contract or portion(s) thereof for failure of any party to the arbitration to comply with any of the SBE Program requirements in the Agency-Assisted Contract or this SBE Agreement. Contracts may be continued upon the condition that a program for future compliance is approved by the Agency.
4. If any Arbitration Party is found to be in willful breach of its obligations hereunder, the arbitrator may impose a monetary sanction not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the breaching party's contract, whichever is less, for each such willful breach; provided that, in determining the amount of any monetary sanction to be assessed, the arbitrator shall consider the financial capacity of the breaching party. No monetary sanction shall be imposed pursuant to this paragraph for the first willful breach of this SBE Agreement unless the breaching party has failed to cure after being provided notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure. Monetary sanctions may be imposed for subsequent willful breaches by any Arbitration Party whether or not the breach is subsequently cured. For purposes of this paragraph, "willful breach" means a knowing and intentional breach.
5. Direct any Arbitration Party to produce and provide to the Agency any records, data or reports which are necessary to determine if a violation has occurred and/or to monitor the performance of any Arbitration Party.

K. Arbitrator's Decision. The arbitrator shall make his or her award within twenty (20) days after the date that the hearing is completed; provided that where a temporary restraining order is sought, the arbitrator shall make his or her award not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the hearing on the motion. The arbitrator shall send the decision by certified or registered mail to each Arbitration Party.

L. Default Award; No Requirement to Seek an Order Compelling Arbitration. The arbitrator may enter a default award against any person or entity who fails to appear at the hearing, provided that: (1) said person or entity received actual notice of the hearing; and (2) the complaining party has a proof of service for the absent person or entity. In order to obtain a default award, the complaining party need not first seek or obtain an order to arbitrate the controversy pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §1281.2.

M. Arbitrator Lacks Power to Modify. Except as otherwise provided, the arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, modify or otherwise alter the terms of the Agency-Assisted Contract, this SBE Agreement or any other agreement between the Agency, the Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor or to negotiate new agreements or provisions between the parties.

N. Jurisdiction/Entry of Judgment. The inquiry of the arbitrator shall be restricted to the

particular controversy which gave rise to the Demand for Arbitration. A decision of the arbitrator issued hereunder shall be final and binding upon all Arbitration Parties. The non-prevailing Arbitration Party(ies) shall pay the arbitrator's fees and related costs of arbitration (or reimburse the Arbitration Parties that advanced such arbitration fees and costs). Each Arbitration Party shall pay its own attorneys' fees, provided, however, that attorneys' fees may be awarded to the prevailing party if the arbitrator finds that the arbitration action was instituted, litigated, or defended in bad faith. Judgment upon the arbitrator's decision may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

O. Exculpatory Clause. Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor (regardless of tier) expressly waive any and all claims against the Agency for damages, direct or indirect, including, without limitation, claims relative to the commencement, continuance and completion of construction and/or providing professional and consulting services ("the Work"). Agency-Assisted Contractor or Contractor (regardless of tier) acknowledge and agree that the procedures set forth herein for dealing with alleged breaches or failure to comply with the obligations and requirements of this SBE Agreement are reasonable and have been anticipated by the parties in securing financing, in inviting, submitting and receiving bids and proposals for the planning, design and construction of the improvements and in determining the times for commencement and completion of the planning, design and construction and/or for providing consulting, professional or personal services.

P. Severability. The provisions of this SBE Agreement are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or portion of this SBE Agreement or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this SBE Agreement or the validity of their application to other persons or circumstances.

Q. Arbitration Notice: BY INITIALING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AS PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LAW AND YOU ARE GIVING UP ANY RIGHTS YOU MIGHT POSSESS TO HAVE THE DISPUTE LITIGATED IN COURT OR JURY TRIAL. BY INITIALING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR JUDICIAL RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY AND APPEAL, UNLESS SUCH RIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION. IF YOU REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION AFTER AGREEING TO THIS PROVISION, YOU MAY BE COMPELLED TO ARBITRATE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. YOUR AGREEMENT TO THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION IS VOLUNTARY.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AND AGREE TO SUBMIT DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION TO NEUTRAL ARBITRATION.

Agency

Agency-Assisted Contractor

XV. AGREEMENT EXECUTION

I, hereby certify that I have authority to execute this SBE Agreement on behalf of the business,

organization or entity listed below and that it will use good faith efforts to comply with the Agency's 50% SBE Participation Goals. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statement is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Print Your Name

Title

Company Name and Phone Number

ATTACHMENT F

MINIMUM COMPENSATION POLICY (MCP) DECLARATION

What the Policy does. The Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (“OCII”) (Successor Agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency) adopted the Minimum Compensation Policy (“MCP”), which became effective on September 25, 2001. The MCP requires contractors and subcontractors to pay Covered Employees a minimum hourly wage and to provide 12 compensated and 10 uncompensated days off per year. The Minimum Compensation rate adjusts automatically to match the wage rate required by the City and County of San Francisco’s Minimum Compensation Ordinance. Contractor is obligated to keep informed of the then-current requirements, which are published at <https://sfgov.org/olse/minimum-compensation-ordinance-mco>.

The OCII may require contractors to submit reports on the number of employees affected by the MCP.

Effect on OCII contracting. For contracts and amendments signed on or after September 25, 2001, the MCP will have the following effect:

- in each contract, the contractor will agree to abide by the MCP and to provide its employees the minimum benefits the MCP requires, and to require its subcontractors subject to the MCP to do the same.
- if a contractor does not provide the MCP minimum benefits, OCII can award a contract to that contractor only if the contract is exempt under the MCP, or if the contract has received a waiver from OCII.

What this form does. Your signed declaration will help OCII’s contracting practice. Sign this form if you can assure OCII that, beginning with the first OCII contract or amendment you receive after September 25, 2001 and until further notice, you will provide the minimum benefit levels specified in the MCP to your covered employees, and will ensure that your subcontractors also subject to the MCP do the same.

If you cannot make this assurance now, please do not return this form.

For more information, please see the complete text of the MCP, available from the OCII's Contract Compliance Department at (415) 749-2400 or <http://sfocii.org/policies-and-procedures>.

Routing. Return this form to: Contract Compliance Department, Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, 1 South Van Ness, Fifth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Declaration

Effective with the first OCII contract or amendment this company receives on or after September 25, 2001, this company will provide the minimum benefit levels specified in the MCP to our covered employees, and will ensure that our subcontractors also subject to the MCP do the same, until further notice. This company will give such notice as soon as possible.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Company Name

Phone

ATTACHMENT G

HEALTH CARE ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY (HCAP) DECLARATION

What the Policy does. The Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (“OCII”) (as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency) adopted the San Francisco Health Care Accountability Policy (the “HCAP”), which became effective on September 25, 2001. The HCAP requires contractors and subcontractors that provide services to OCII, contractors and subcontractors that enter into leases with OCII, and parties providing services to tenants and sub-tenants on OCII property to offer health plan benefits to their employees.

Specifically, contractors can either: (1) offer the employee minimum standard health plan benefits established by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (“SFDPH”), as approved by the OCII Commission; (2) pay OCII an amount equivalent to the current fee established by the SFDPH for each hour the employee works on the covered contract or subcontract or on property covered by a lease and OCII will appropriate the money for staffing and other resources to provide medical care for the uninsured; or (3) participate in a health benefits program developed and offered by SFDPH. The minimum health plan standards and fees established by SFDPH are published at <https://sfgov.org/olse/health-care-accountability-ordinance-hcao>.

The OCII may require contractors to submit reports on the number of employees affected by the HCAP.

Effect on OCII contracting. For contracts and amendments signed on or after September 25, 2001, the HCAP will have the following effect:

- in each contract, the contractor will agree to abide by the HCAP and to provide its employees the minimum benefits the HCAP requires, and to require its subcontractors to do the same.
- if a contractor does not provide the HCAP’s minimum benefits, OCII can award a contract to that contractor **only if** the contract is exempt under the HCAP, or if the contract has received a waiver from OCII.

What this form does. Your signed declaration will help OCII’s contracting practice. Sign this form if you can assure OCII that, beginning with the first OCII’s contract or amendment you receive after September 25, 2001 and until further notice, you will provide the minimum benefit levels specified in the HCAP to your covered employees, and will ensure that your subcontractors also subject to the HCAP do the same.

If you cannot make this assurance now, please do not return this form.

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Routing. Return this form to: Contract Compliance Department, Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure, 1 South Van Ness Avenue, Fifth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Declaration

Effective with the first OCII contract or amendment this company receives on or after September 25, 2001, this company will provide the minimum benefit levels specified in the HCAP to our covered employees, and will ensure that our subcontractors also subject to the HCAP do the same, until further notice. This company will give such notice as soon as possible.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Company Name

Phone