

GENERAL CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT made on _____, by and between the CITY OF MERCED, a municipal corporation of the State of California, hereinafter called the Owner, and EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, hereinafter called the Contractor:

WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto have mutually covenanted and agreed, and by these presents do covenant and agree with each other, as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The complete contract consists of the following documents, to wit:

- (1) This General Contract;
- (2) Special Provisions for **PROJECT NO. 115048**;
- (3) Proposal;
- (4) Instructions to Bidders;
- (5) Notice Inviting Bids;
- (6) Bidder's Bond.

Any and all obligations of the Owner and the Contractor are fully set forth and described therein.

All of the above documents are intended to cooperate so that any work called for in one and not mentioned in the other, or vice versa, is to be executed the same as if mentioned in all said documents. The documents comprising the complete contract are sometimes hereinafter referred to as the Contract Documents. In case of conflict between any of the documents, the order of documents first listed above shall be the order of precedence, with the first item listed having the highest precedence.

2. THE WORK. Said Contractor agrees to furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor, transportation, and material necessary to perform and complete in a good and workmanlike manner all work of improvement in accordance with Contract Documents in the manner designated in, and in strict conformity with, the Plans and Specifications for **PROJECT NO. 115048**, which said Plans and Specifications are entitled, "**GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON FOR WATER TREATMENT**," for construction in Merced County in Merced, and which were included in the award of bid made by the City Council of the City of Merced on _____, 2015.

It is understood and agreed that said tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor, transportation and material, except materials to be supplied by the City as designated in the Contract Documents, shall be furnished and said work performed and completed as required in said Plans and Specifications under the sole direction and control of the Contractor, and subject to inspection and approval of the Owner or its representative. The Owner hereby designates the City Engineer as its representative for the purpose of this Contract.

3. **CONTRACT PRICE.** The Owner agrees to pay, and the Contractor agrees to receive and accept the following prices as full compensation for furnishing all materials and doing all work contemplated and embraced in this agreement to wit:

ITEM NO.	ITEM	UNIT OF MEASURE	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE (IN FIGURES)	ITEM TOTAL (IN FIGURES)
1	Remove, Reactivate/Destroy Spent GAC, and then Furnish and Install Virgin GAC	Lbs.	80,000	\$ <u>1.30</u>	\$ <u>104,000.00</u>
2	Remove, Reactivate/Destroy Spent GAC, and then Furnish and Install Reactivated GAC	Lbs.	-not used-	\$ <u>0.85</u>	-not used-
3	Furnish and Install Virgin GAC	Lbs.	80,000	\$ <u>1.20</u>	\$ <u>96,000.00</u>

TOTAL BID ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 \$ 200,000.00

4. **TERMINATION.** If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt or if he should make a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed on account of his insolvency, or if he or any of his subcontractors should violate any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Owner may serve written notice upon him and his surety of its intention to terminate the Contract; such notice to contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the Contract, and, unless within ten (10) days after serving of such notice such violation shall cease and satisfactory arrangements for correction thereof be made, the Contract shall, upon the expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate.

In the event of any such termination, the Owner shall immediately serve written notice thereof upon the surety and the Contractor, and the surety shall have the right to take over and perform the Contract; provided however, that if the surety within fifteen (15) days after the serving upon it of notice of termination does not give the Owner written notice of its intention to take over and perform the Contract or does not commence performance thereof within thirty (30) days from the date of the serving of such notice, the Owner may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or by any other method it may deem advisable, for the account and at the expense of the Contractor, and the Contractor and his surety shall be liable to the Owner for any excess cost occasioned the Owner thereby, and in such event the Owner may, without liability for so doing, take possession of and utilize in completing the work such materials, appliances, plant, and other property belonging to the Contractor as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefor.

5. **NOTICE AND SERVICE THEREOF.** Any notice from one party to the other under the Contract shall be in writing and shall be dated and signed by the party giving such notice, or by a duly authorized representative of such party. Any such notice shall not be effective for any purpose whatsoever unless served in the following manner; namely, (a) if the notice is given to the Owner, per personal delivery thereof to the City Engineer of said Owner, or by depositing the same in the United States mails enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Owner, postage prepaid and registered; (b) if the notice is given to the Contractor, by personal delivery thereof to said Contractor or to his duly authorized representative at the site of the project, or by depositing the same in the United States mails enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to said Contractor at 6617 SAN LEANDRO STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94621 postage prepaid and registered; and (c) if the notice is given to the surety or any other person, by personal delivery to such

surety or other person, or by depositing the same in the United States mails enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to such surety or person, as the case may be, at the address of such surety or person last communicated by him to the party giving the notice, postage prepaid and registered.

6. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT. Neither the Contract nor any part thereof, nor moneys due, or to become due thereunder, may be assigned by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Owner.

7. INSURANCE. The Contractor shall not commence work under this Contract until he has obtained all insurance, and such insurance has been approved by the City Attorney of Owner, nor shall the Contractor allow any subcontractor to commence work on his subcontract until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained and approved. Contractor shall furnish the Owner with satisfactory proof of the carriage of insurance required, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending the Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by the Contractor pursuant to this Contract, and particularly paragraph 9 hereof. Said insurance obtained by the Contractor shall be primary and noncontributory as to any insurance maintained by owner. ***Endorsement for additional insured shall be submitted on Standard form CG 20101185. Endorsement forms CG 20101001 and CG 20371001, when used together, are acceptable in lieu of CG 20101185 for Public Works projects.*** Any policy of insurance required of the Contractor under this Contract shall also contain an endorsement providing that thirty (30) days' notice must be given in writing to the Owner of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy. All insurance required by this section shall be from a California admitted insurance company.

9. HOLD HARMLESS. The Contractor will indemnify, defend with counsel selected by the Owner, save, keep, and hold harmless, the Owner and all officers, employees, and agents thereof from all damages, costs, or expenses, in law or in equity, that may at any time arise or be set up because of personal injury or damage to property sustained by any person or persons by reason of, or in the course of the performance of said work, or by reason of any infringement or alleged infringement of the patent rights of any person or persons, firm or corporation, in consequence of the use in, on, or about said work, of any article or material supplied or installed under this Contract. It is understood that the duty of Contractor to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall, wherever it is necessary, keep and maintain at his sole cost and expense during the course of his operations under this Contract such warnings, signs, and barriers as may be required to protect the public. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not impose any liability upon the Owner and are for the express benefit of the general public.

Acceptance by City of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Contractor from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.

It is expressly understood that Contractor is an independent contractor and that its employees shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City. Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes, workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance. Should Contractor desire any insurance protection, the Contractor is to acquire such protection at its expense.

In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the City, Contractor

shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

9. ACCIDENT PREVENTION. Precaution shall be exercised at all times for protection of persons (including employees) and property. The safety provisions of applicable laws, building and construction codes shall be observed. Machinery, equipment, and other hazards shall be guarded or eliminated in accordance with the safety provisions of the Construction Safety Orders issued by the Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California.

10. PAYMENT. The Owner will make partial and final payment to the Contractor in accordance with Section 9-3.2 of the Standard Specifications, as amended, except that the Owner will retain the five percent (5%) of the final payment amount until the expiration of thirty-five (35) days from the date of recording by Owner of notice of acceptance of completion of all work covered by this Contract, if such notice be recorded within ten (10) days after the acceptance of completion of such Contract; or, if such notice be not so recorded within ten (10) days, until the expiration of ninety-five (95) days after the acceptance of completion of such work of improvement, at which time and not before, Owner shall pay to Contractor the whole of the remaining five percent (5%) of said contract price so held back as provided.

The payment of progress payments by the Owner shall not be construed as an absolute acceptance of the work done up to the time of such payments, but the entire work is to be subjected to the inspection and approval of the Owner and subject to whatever inspection and approval may be required by law.

11. CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE. The Contractor is aware of, and hereby agrees to comply with Section 1776 of the California Labor Code.

12. CLAIMS. This clause applies to all Contractor claims of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000), or less, which arise out of this Contract.

- (a) "Claim" means a separate demand by the Contractor for (1) a time extension, (2) payment of money or damages arising from work done by, or on behalf of, the Contractor pursuant to this contract, and payment of which is not otherwise expressly provided for or the Contractor not otherwise entitled to, or (3) an amount the payment of which is disputed by the City.
- (b) The claim shall be in writing and include the documents necessary to substantiate the claim. Claims must be filed on or before the date of final payment. Nothing herein shall extend the time limit or supersede notice requirements otherwise provided by Contract for the filing of claims.
- (c) For claims of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the City shall respond in writing to any written claim within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the claim or may request, in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim or relating to defenses or claims the City may have against the Contractor.

(1) If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided upon mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

(2) The City's written response to the claim as further documented shall be submitted to the Contractor within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period

of time no greater than that taken by the Contractor in producing the additional information, whichever is greater.

- (d) For claims of over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and less than, or equal to, three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000), the City shall respond in writing to all written claims within sixty (60) days of receipt of the claim or may request, in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim, any additional documentation supporting the claim, or relating to defenses or claims the City may have against the Contractor.

- (1) If additional information is thereafter required, it shall be requested and provided upon mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

- (2) The City's written response to the claim as further documented shall be submitted to the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receipt of the further documentation, or within a period of time no greater than that taken by the Contractor in producing the additional information or requested documentation, whichever is greater

- (e) If the Contractor disputes the City's written response, or the City fails to respond within the time prescribed, the Contractor may so notify the City, in writing, either within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the City's response, or within fifteen (15) days of the City's failure to respond within the time prescribed, respectively, and demand an informal conference to meet and confer for settlement of the issues in dispute. Upon a demand, the City shall schedule to meet and confer conference within thirty (30) days for settlement of the dispute.

- (f) If, following the meet and confer conference, the claim or any portion remains in dispute, the Contractor may file a claim pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 900) and Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 910) of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of Title I of the Government Code. For purposes of those provisions, the running of the period of time within which a claim must be filed shall be tolled from the time the Contractor submits its written claim pursuant to Subdivision (b) until the time the claim is denied, including any period of time utilized by the meet and confer conference.

- (g) The following procedures shall be followed for all civil actions filed to resolve claims subject to this clause:

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, but no earlier than thirty (30) days following the filing or responsive pleadings, the court shall submit the matter to non-binding mediation unless waived by mutual stipulation of both parties. The mediation process shall provide for the selection within fifteen (15) days by both parties of a disinterested third person as mediator, shall be commenced within thirty (30) days of the submittal, and shall be concluded within fifteen (15) days from the commencement of the mediation unless a time requirement is extended upon a good cause showing to the court.

- (2) If the matter remains in dispute, the case shall be submitted to judicial arbitration pursuant to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding Section 1141.11 of that code. The Civil Discovery Act of 1986 (Article 3 commencing with Section 2016) of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of Part 4 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall apply to any proceeding brought under this subdivision consistent with the rules pertaining to judicial arbitration.

(3) In addition to Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 1141.10) of Title 3 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, (A) arbitrators shall, when possible, be experienced in construction law, and (B) any party appealing an arbitration award who does not obtain a more favorable judgment shall, in addition to payment of costs and fees under that chapter, also pay the attorney's fees on appeal of the other party.

- (h) The City shall not fail to pay money as to any portion of a claim that is undisputed, except as otherwise provided in this contract.
- (i) In any suit filed under Section 20104.4, the City shall pay interest at the legal rate on any arbitration award or judgment. The interest shall begin to accrue on the date the suit is filed in a court of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, three (3) identical counterparts of this Contract, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original thereof, have been duly executed by the parties hereinabove named, on the day and year first herein written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF MERCED, a Municipal Corporation
(Herein called Owner)

By: _____
Deputy City Clerk

By: _____
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
(Herein called Contractor)

By: _____
City Attorney

By:  _____
Contractor

ACCOUNT DATA:

TAXPAYER I.D. NO: 80-0909020

PROJECT NO. 115048

VENDOR NUMBER: _____

Project Account Number:

ADDRESS: 6617 SAN LEANDRO ST.
OAKLAND, CA 94621

557-1106-637.65-00-115048

PHONE: (510) 639-7274

Amount: \$ 200,000.00

FAX: (510) 639-7762

EMAIL: JEREMY.COOK@EVOQUA.COM

By: _____
Finance Officer Verification

(SEAL)

CITY OF MERCED BID SPECIFICATIONS

PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT FOR GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON FOR WATER TREATMENT

PROJECT NO. 115048

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

TERM OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall be in effect for 1 year(s) from the date of the Notice to Proceed ("Initial Term"). The Contract may be extended, with the mutual consent of both parties, for 2 (Two) 1-year increments with price increases/decreases in accordance with the provisions set forth herein, all other terms and conditions specified herein remaining the same. If either the City or Contractor elects not to extend the Contract, or upon expiration of the final one-year extension term, the Contractor shall aid the City in continuing, uninterrupted, the requirements of the Contract, by continuing to perform on a temporary basis, when specifically requested to do so in writing by the Purchasing Manager, for a specified term not to exceed twelve months. Such continuance shall be subject to price increases/decreases in accordance with the provisions set forth herein, and all other terms and conditions remaining the same as if the Contract had been extended for such a temporary period by an amendment hereto.

PRICING CONDITIONS

For the first 12-month period of the Contract, pricing will be fixed at the Bid Proposal price. Sixty days prior to the 1-year anniversary date of the Contract, the Contractor may submit proposed pricing revisions for the following 12-month period to the Purchasing Manager of the City of Merced. The Contractor must provide adequate documentation to substantiate any request for price increase. Any increase in unit price for any item included in this Contract shall not exceed, unless otherwise approved by the Purchasing Manager, the percent change for the following Producer's Price Index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics: Bituminous Coal and Lignite Surface Mining (**Product Code 212111**). In the event that the index drops, the Contractor shall pass on to the City an equivalent reduction in pricing. The basis of the index shall be established as the last available month at the date of the Notice to Proceed.

If, during the course of this Contract, the Contractor's selling price of any of the item(s) bid, is below the Contract Bid Proposal price, the City will receive the lowest pricing.

AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE ORDERS

Names of individuals authorized to place orders will be provided in writing by the City upon or following the issuance by the City of the Notice to Proceed. City may modify such writing from time to time by notice to the Contractor.

CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

The name, mailing address, telephone number, any e-mail address and any facsimile number of Contractor's authorized representative shall be provided in writing by Contractor no later than 5 calendar days following the issuance by the City of the Notice to Proceed.

DELIVERY

No minimum value will be guaranteed for will call orders. Cancellation of backorders is not acceptable. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, delivery(ies) shall be made within 30 (Thirty) calendar days from the respective City notification of release of goods against this Contract. The Contractor must fill orders in their entirety within 30 (Thirty) calendar days or must receive written approval from the City for an extension of the delivery date. **Any goods deemed by the City to be defective, or any wrong parts shipped in error, must be replaced within 30 (Thirty) calendar days of notification. The City must be notified 24 (Twenty Four) hours in advance of delivery or shipment may be refused.**

Delivery of items is to be F.O.B. DESTINATION, FREIGHT PREPAID AND ALLOWED, to:

City of Merced Well 3C
511 West 12th Street
Merced, CA 95340

Delivery is to be made between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. and during regular City of Merced working days.

NON-DELIVERY

If the Contractor fails to meet delivery requirements, the City may, but is not obligated to, procure the goods from another source and recover any loss occasioned thereby (including, without limitation, any increase in cost and liquidated damages for Contractor's delay up to date of delivery and acceptance by City of goods from another source), from any unpaid balance due the Contractor or through reduction of future invoices. Otherwise, Contractor will reimburse City within 30 days of receipt of invoice from the City. The price paid by the City shall be considered the prevailing market price at the time purchase is made. City will notify Contractor of any decision to procure the goods from another source. Such notification may be by telephone, electronic mail, or facsimile to Contractor or Contractor's authorized representative.

PAYMENT

The Contractor shall be eligible for progress payments upon delivery and acceptance of any number of items.

The Contractor must invoice the correct division in the City of Merced [Water Division] in order to initiate the payment process. Invoices shall be supplied in duplicate and conspicuously displayed with the City of Merced Purchase Order Number and shall be sent to:

City of Merced
Public Works Department – Water Division
678 W. 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340