

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by and between the City of Merced, a California Charter Municipal Corporation, whose address of record is 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, California 95340, (hereinafter referred to as "City") and the County of Merced, on behalf of its Department of Workforce Investment, a political subdivision of the State of California, whose address of record is 2222 M Street, Merced, California 95340, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

WHEREAS, City is undertaking a project to provide a youth job training program as permitted under the American Rescue Plan Act;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) ("ARPA") was signed into law providing federal funding relief for American workers, families, industries, and state and local governments;

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the United States Department of Treasury released an interim final guide on allowed uses of funds and allocated \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund;

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021, the Merced City Council approved a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) appropriation of the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the youth job training program; and,

WHEREAS, Consultant represents that its Department of Workforce Investment possesses the professional skills to provide job training services in connection with said project and will follow all applicable rules and regulations set forth in the American Rescue Plan Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter recited, hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES. The Consultant through its Department of Workforce Investment shall furnish the following services: Consultant shall provide the program services described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

No additional services shall be performed by Consultant unless approved in advance in writing by both parties, stating the dollar value of the services, the

method of payment, and any adjustment in contract time. All such services are to be coordinated with City and the results of the work shall be monitored by the City Manager or designee. However, the means by which the work is accomplished shall be the sole responsibility of the Consultant.

In addition to the services provided in Exhibit "A," the Consultant shall have full use of the Stephen Leonard Community Center to house the program. A lease agreement for the Stephen Leonard Park Community Center between the City of Merced and the County of Merced will follow this Agreement.

2. TIME OF PERFORMANCE. All of the work outlined in the Scope of Services shall be completed in accordance with the Schedule outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. By mutual agreement and written addendum to this Agreement, the City and the Consultant may change the requirements in said Schedule.

3. TERM OF AGREEMENT. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the day first above written and end on June 30, 2024.

4. COMPENSATION. Payment by the City to the Consultant for actual services rendered under this Agreement shall be made upon presentation of an invoice detailing services performed under the Scope of Services, in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Consultant agrees to provide all services required under the Scope of Services in Exhibit "A" within the compensation amount set forth in Exhibit "A". For Consultant's services rendered under this Agreement, City shall pay Consultant the not to exceed sum of One Million Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,025,000).

Year One	\$525,000.00
Year Two	\$500,000.00

5. METHOD OF PAYMENT. Compensation to Consultant shall be paid by the City after submission by Consultant of an invoice delineating the services performed.

6. RECORDS. It is understood and agreed that all plans, studies, specifications, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer or computer diskettes, records, files, reports, etc., in possession of the Consultant relating to the matters covered by this Agreement shall be the property of the City, and Consultant hereby agrees to deliver the same to the City upon termination of the

Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the documents and other materials including but not limited to those set forth hereinabove, prepared pursuant to this Agreement are prepared specifically for the City and are not necessarily suitable for any future or other use.

7. **CONSULTANT'S BOOKS AND RECORDS.** Consultant shall maintain any and all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to charges for services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the City for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement. Any records or documents required to be maintained shall be made available for inspection, audit and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the City.

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

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

9. **INDEMNITY.** Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold City, its officers, employees, and agents, harmless from any and all claims or causes of action for death or injury to persons, or damage to property resulting from intentional or negligent acts, errors, or omissions of Consultant or Consultant's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents during performance of this Agreement; Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend, save and hold City, its officers, employees and agents harmless from any and claims or causes of action for any violation of any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, by the willful misconduct, negligent acts, or omissions of Consultant or its employees, subcontractors, or agents, or by the quality or

character of Consultant's work,. Where fault is determined to have been comparative, Consultant's liability under this section shall be limited to the proportionate cost of any damage attributable to the fault of Consultant, its employees, subcontractors, or agents. It is understood that the duty of Consultant to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code. Acceptance by City of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.

10. **INSURANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect at its own cost and expense, the following insurance coverage:

a. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Full workers' compensation insurance shall be provided with a limit of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for any one person and as required by law, including Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000.00 per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive the insurer's subrogation rights against the City.

b. **General Liability.**

- (i) Consultant shall obtain and keep in full force and effect general liability coverage at least as broad as ISO commercial general liability coverage occurrence Form CG 0001.
- (ii) Consultant shall maintain limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
- (iii) The City, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are to be named as additional insureds under the policy, as respects liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Consultant.
- (iv) The policy shall stipulate that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Consultant and its

sub-contractors, and that any other insurance or self insurance maintained by City or other named insureds shall be excess and non-contributory.

- (v) Consultant shall maintain its commercial general liability coverage for three (3) years after completion of the work and shall add an additional insured endorsement form acceptable to the City naming the City of Merced, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers for each year thereafter for at least three (3) years after completion of the work. Copies of the annual renewal and additional insured endorsement form shall be sent to the City within thirty (30) days of the annual renewal.

c. Automobile Insurance.

- (i) Consultant shall obtain and keep in full force and effect an automobile policy of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (ii) The City, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are to be named as additional insureds under the policy, as respects automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (iii) The policy shall stipulate that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Consultant and its sub-contractors, and that any other insurance or self insurance maintained by City or other named insureds shall be excess and non-contributory.

d. Reserved.

e. Qualifications of Insurer. The insurance shall be provided by an acceptable insurance provider, as determined by City, which satisfies all of the following minimum requirements:

- (i) An insurance carrier admitted to do business in California and maintaining an agent for service of process within this State; and,

- (ii) An insurance carrier with a current A.M. Best Rating of A:VII or better (except for workers' compensation provided through the California State Compensation Fund).

f. Certificate of Insurance. Consultant shall complete and file with the City prior to engaging in any operation or activity set forth in this Agreement, certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as set forth above and which shall provide that no cancellation or expiration by the insurance company will be made during the term of this Agreement, without thirty (30) days written notice to City prior to the effective date of such cancellation—including cancellation for nonpayment of premium.

## 11. PREVAILING WAGES.

A. Labor Code Compliance. If the work performed under this Agreement falls within Labor Code Section 1720(a)(1) definition of a "public works" the Consultant agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions of the Labor Code including, those provisions requiring the payment of not less than the general prevailing rate of wages. The Consultant further agrees to the penalties and forfeitures provided in said Code in the event a violation of any of the provisions occurs in the execution of this Agreement.

B. These wage rate determinations are made a specific part of this Agreement by reference pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773.2. General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations may be obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations Internet site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>.

C. After award of the Agreement, and prior to commencing work, all applicable General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations, if applicable, are to be obtained by the Consultant from the Department of Industrial Relations. These wage rate determinations are to be posted by the Consultant at the job site in accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code.

D. Consultant agrees to include prevailing wage requirements, if applicable, in all subcontracts when the work to be performed by the subcontractor under this Agreement is a "public works" as defined in Labor Code Section 1720(a)(1) and Labor Code Section 1771.

12. ASSIGNABILITY OF AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement contemplates personal performance by the Consultant and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and

upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Consultant under this Agreement will be permitted only with the express written consent of the City.

13. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF CITY.** The City may terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) days notice by mailing a notice in writing to Consultant that the Agreement is terminated. Said Agreement shall then be deemed terminated, and no further work shall be performed by Consultant. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Consultant shall be paid for that percentage of the phase of work actually completed, based on a pro rata portion of the compensation for said phase satisfactorily completed at the time the notice of termination is received.

14. **CONFORMANCE TO APPLICABLE LAWS.** Consultant shall comply with its standard of care regarding all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules and ordinances. No discrimination shall be made by Consultant in the employment of persons to work under this contract because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex or religion of such person.

Consultant hereby promises and agrees to comply with all of the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.A. 1101 *et seq.*), as amended; and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Consultant so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of work and/or services covered by this Agreement, and should any agency or instrumentality of the federal or state government, including the courts, impose sanctions against the City for such use of unauthorized aliens, Consultant hereby agrees to, and shall, reimburse City for the cost of all such sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City in connection therewith.

15. **WAIVER.** In the event that either City or Consultant shall at any time or times waive any breach of this Agreement by the other, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach of this Agreement, whether of the same or any other covenant, condition or obligation. Waiver shall not be deemed effective until and unless signed by the waiving party.

16. **INCONSISTENT OR CONFLICTING TERMS IN AGREEMENT AND EXHIBITS.** In the event of any contradiction or inconsistency between any attached document(s) or exhibit(s) incorporated by reference herein and the provisions of the Agreement itself, the terms of the Agreement shall control.

Any exhibit that is attached and incorporated by reference shall be limited to the purposes for which it is attached, as specified in this Agreement. Any contractual terms or conditions contained in such exhibit imposing additional obligations on the City are not binding upon the City unless specifically agreed to in writing, and initialed by the authorized City representative, as to each additional contractual term or condition.

17. **AMBIGUITIES.** This Agreement has been negotiated at arms' length between persons knowledgeable in the matters dealt with herein. Accordingly, any rule of law, including, but not limited to, Section 1654 of the Civil Code of California, or any other statutes, legal decisions, or common-law principles of similar effect, that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against the party that drafted this Agreement is of no application and is hereby expressly waived.

18. **VENUE.** This Agreement and all matters relating to it shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and any action brought relating to this agreement shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Merced.

19. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement shall not be amended, modified, or otherwise changed unless in writing and signed by both parties hereto.

20. **INTEGRATION.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes all previous and/or contemporaneous understanding or agreement between the parties with respect to all or any part of the subject matter hereof.

21. **AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE.** The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrants and represents that he/she/they has/have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of their entity and has/have the authority to bind their party to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

22. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts with each counterpart being deemed an original. No counterpart shall be deemed to be an original or presumed delivered unless and until the counterparts executed by the other parties hereto are in the physical possession of the party or parties seeking enforcement thereof.

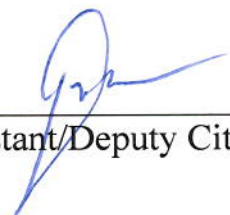
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first above written.

CITY OF MERCED  
A California Charter Municipal  
Corporation

BY:  AC M  
City Manager

ATTEST:  
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK


BY:   
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY:  4-12-22  
City Attorney Date

301937 PO# 144913  
ACCOUNT DATA:

BY:   
Verified by Finance Officer V-15153  
Funds available contingent upon Council approval. 4/21/22  
087-1201-542-29-00 143024 PL 4/21/22

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\$550,000.00  
Funds available contingent upon Council approval of FY22/23 budget. 4/24/22  
087-1201-542-29-00 243024 PL 4/21/22  
\$ 475,000.00

CONSULTANT  
COUNTY OF MERCED, a Political  
Subdivision of the State of California

BY:   
(Signature) APR 26 2022

Lloyd Pareira Jr.  
(Typed Name)

Its: Chairman  
(Title)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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(Typed Name)


Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Taxpayer I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

FORREST W. HANSEN  
MERCED COUNTY COUNSEL

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **CONSULTANT Scope of Work**

This Scope of Work describes the tasks to be completed by the Consultant for the City of Merced's youth employment program ("Program"). The purpose of the Program is to provide Merced City youth with work readiness and employment activities and, wherever possible, a bridge to long-term employment, career development and career-centered education opportunities.

The Program is made possible with City funds, drawn from the City's allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Where allowable, Consultant will complement these funds with federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and State workforce grant programs. The program would assist four hundred (400) young people ages 16-24 through an earn-and-learn model in which they are paid as they complete twenty (20) hours of work readiness training and an average of one hundred (100) hours of work at local small businesses. Youth ages 16 and 17 would earn minimum wage (\$14.00-\$15.00/hour) for the one-hundred and twenty (120) hours of the program. Youth ages 18-24 would earn minimum wage as they complete the 20 hours of work readiness training, and then be hired by a participating employer at the rate job-specific rate of pay, likely sixteen dollars and no cents (\$16.00) or more.

The scope of work includes overall coordination and delivery of program services, administrative and financial management, participant and employer recruitment, reporting and communication, and presentation of program progress to City staff and Council.

- i. **Program Administration.** Consultant will administer the Program, including the hiring of personnel and procurement of vendors and subcontractors, payment for services and the proper calculation and distribution of wages for Program participants.
- ii. **Collaborative Program Design.** Consultant will develop and administer a design process in which three youth will collaborate on the design of various program features, such as work readiness content, supportive services, communication strategies, and related career development content. Youth will be paid for their participation across these series of meetings.
- iii. **Participant Recruitment.** Consultant will recruit eligible participants from the City's priority populations using a variety of methods, including social media, presentations to organizations, coordination with high schools. Consultant will develop and host an informational website ([www.mercedyouthjobs.com](http://www.mercedyouthjobs.com)) that will include a registration and inquiry form.
- iv. **Work Readiness Training.** Consultant will make available, either directly or through a vendor, meaningful work readiness training that prepares youth for success on the job. The training will be made available in-person at the Program site or online, over multiple days, culminating in a work readiness certificate. The training will be approximately fifteen to twenty (15-20) hours.
- v. **Employer Recruitment and Placement.** Consultant will recruit a sufficient number of employers to provide job assignments for all participants, drawn from a diversity of industry sectors. As much as is possible, participants will have choice in selecting their job sites, and Program staff will help facilitate job matching based on interest, future career and education goals and skills demonstrated during work readiness training. For older youth, Consultant will facilitate longer-term job placement, utilizing Program funds to support On-the-Job Training opportunities in which the employer retains the worker beyond the subsidy period.
- vi. **Temporary Employment.** Consultant, through an Employer-of-Record (EOR), will ensure wages are correctly calculated, recorded and paid to participants on a biweekly basis. All workers' compensation, payroll fees and related costs will be properly administered and paid through the program, at no cost to the employer. All youth will have access to a minimum one hundred (100) hours of employment. Wherever possible, additional hours will be made available through non-City grant programs to extend the employment opportunity.

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- vii. **Supportive Services.** Consultant will make available basic supportive services including support for required work gear, transportation vouchers or other services as needed and as determined by Program staff.

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act

Funding Amount: One-Million Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,025,000.00)

Term: Two (2) Years, but no later than June 2024

Point of Contact: Erick Serratto, Director, Department of Workforce Investment