

**AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BURLESON, TEXAS
AND
VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, L.L.C.**

It is understood and agreed that the City of Burleson (the *Investor*) will have money available for investment (the *Investable Funds*) and Valley View Consulting, L.L.C. (the *Advisor*) has been requested to provide professional services to the Investor with respect to the Investable Funds. This agreement (the *Agreement*) constitutes the understanding of the parties with regard to the subject matter hereof.

1. This Agreement shall apply to any and all Investable Funds of the Investor during the period in which this Agreement shall be effective.
2. The Advisor agrees to provide its professional services to direct and coordinate all programs of investing as may be considered and authorized by the Investor.
3. The Advisor agrees to perform the following duties, as requested:
 - a. Assist the Investor in developing cash flow projections,
 - b. Suggest appropriate investment strategies to achieve the Investor's objectives,
 - c. Advise the Investor on market conditions, general information and economic data,
 - d. Analyze risk/return relationships between various investment alternatives,
 - e. Attend occasional meetings as requested by the Investor,
 - f. Assist in the selection, purchase, and sale of investments. The Advisor shall not have discretionary investment authority over the Investable Funds and the Investor shall make all decisions regarding purchase and sale of investments. All funds shall be invested consistent with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 Government Code and the Investor's Investment Policy.
 - g. Advise on the investment of bond funds as to provide the best possible rate of return to the Investor in a manner which is consistent with the proceedings of the Investor authorizing the investment of the bond funds or applicable federal rules and regulations,
 - h. Assist the Investor in creating investment reports in compliance with State legislation and the Investor's Investment Policy,
 - i. Assist the Investor in creating monthly portfolio accounting reports, and
 - j. Assist the Investor in selecting a primary depository services financial institution.

4. The Investor agrees to:

- a. Compensate the Advisor for any and all services rendered and expenses incurred as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto,
- b. Provide the Advisor with the schedule of estimated cash flow requirements related to the Investable Funds, and will promptly notify the Advisor as to any changes in such estimated cash flow projections,
- c. Allow the Advisor to rely upon all information regarding schedules, investment policies and strategies, restrictions, or other information regarding the Investable Funds as provided to it by the Investor and that the Advisor shall have no responsibility to verify, through audit or investigation, the accuracy or completeness of such information,
- d. Recognize that there is no assurance that recommended investments will be available or that such will be able to be purchased or sold at the price recommended by the Advisor, and
- e. Not require the Advisor to place any order on behalf of the Investor that is inconsistent with any recommendation given by the Advisor or the policies and regulations pertaining to the Investor.

5. In providing the investment services in this Agreement, it is agreed that the Advisor shall have no liability or responsibility for any loss or penalty resulting from any investment made or not made in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, except that the Advisor shall be liable for its own negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct; nor shall the Advisor be responsible for any loss incurred by reason of any act or omission of any broker, selected with reasonable care by the Advisor and approved by the Investor, or of the Investor's custodian. Furthermore, the Advisor shall not be liable for any investment made which causes the interest on the Investor's obligations to become included in the gross income of the owners thereof.

6. The fee due to the Advisor in providing services pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated in accordance with Appendix A attached hereto, and shall become due and payable as specified. Any and all expenses for which the Advisor is entitled to reimbursement in accordance with Appendix A attached hereto shall become due and payable at the end of each calendar quarter in which such expenses are incurred.

7. This Agreement shall remain in effect until June 30, 2027, with the option of the Investor to extend this Agreement for one additional two-year period. Provided, however, the Investor or Advisor may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of such termination, it is understood and agreed that only the amounts due to the Advisor for services provided and expenses incurred to and including the date of termination will be due and payable. No penalty will be assessed for termination of this Agreement. In the event this Agreement is terminated, all investments and/or funds held by the Advisor shall be returned to the Investor as soon as practicable. In addition, the parties hereto agree that upon termination of this Agreement the Advisor shall have no continuing obligation to the Investor regarding the investment of funds or performing any other services contemplated herein. The payment of any funds in future budget years, as provided in this

Agreement, shall be subject to annual appropriation by the City Council in the annual budget and the Investor's obligations under this Agreement shall not constitute a general obligation of the City or indebtedness under the constitution or laws of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Investor will have the right to withdraw from this Agreement on the last day of the Investor's fiscal year if the Investor's governing body fails to appropriate funds to cover the cost of this Agreement in the upcoming fiscal year budget. Advisor will be under no obligation to Investor in the event of such termination and services will terminate at the conclusion of the currently funded fiscal year.

8. The Advisor reserves the right to offer and perform these and other services for various other clients. The Investor agrees that the Advisor may give advice and take action with respect to any of its other clients, which may differ from advice given to the Investor. The Investor agrees to coordinate with and avoid undue demands upon the Advisor to prevent conflicts with the performance of the Advisor towards its other clients.

9. The Advisor shall not assign this Agreement without the express written consent of the Investor.

10. The Investor acknowledges that:

- 1) _____ Investor was provided a written copy of Form ADV Part 2 not less than 48 hours prior to entering into this written contract, or
- 2) _____ Investor received a written copy of Form ADV Part 2 at the time of entering into this contract and has the right to terminate this contract without penalty within five business days after entering into this contract.
- 3) X Investor is renewing an expiring contract and has received in the past, and offered annually, a written copy of Form ADV Part 2.

When accepted by the Investor, it, together with Appendix A attached hereto, will constitute the entire Agreement between the Investor and Advisor for the purposes and the consideration herein specified.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard G. Long, Jr.
Manager, Valley View Consulting, L.L.C.

This agreement is hereby agreed to and executed on behalf of the City of Burleson, Texas.

By _____
City of Burleson

Date: _____

APPENDIX A

FEE SCHEDULE AND EXPENSE ITEMS

In consideration for the services rendered by Advisor in connection with the investment of the Investable Funds for the Investor, it is understood and agreed that its fee will be a tiered annual fee based on the Quarterly Investment Report Book Value and the following schedule:

<u>Average Quarter End Book Value</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
First \$100 million	0.030% (3 basis points)
Next \$100 million	0.025% (2.5 basis points)
Balances above \$200 million	0.020% (2 basis points)

Said fee shall be prorated and due and payable at the end of each investment quarter.

Should the Investor issue debt and select a bond proceeds investment strategy that incorporates a flexible repurchase agreement or other structured investment, fees will be determined by any applicable I.R.S. guidelines and industry standards.

Said fee includes all costs of services related to this Agreement, and all travel and business expenses related to attending regularly scheduled meetings. With pre-trip Investor approval, the Advisor may also request reimbursement for special meeting or event travel and business expenses. The obligation of the Advisor to pay expenses shall not include any costs incident to litigation, mandamus action, test case or other similar legal actions.

Any other fees retained by the Advisor shall be disclosed to the Investor.

**City of Burleson
Addendum to Vendor's Contract
Additional Provisions**

VALLEY VIEW CONSULTING, LLC.

2428 CARTERS MILL ROAD, HUDDLESTON, VA 24104

The City of Burleson, Texas ("City") and the Vendor are this day entering into a contract for and, for the mutual convenience, the parties are using the standard contract and/or purchase order form provided by Vendor (the "Vendor's Contract Form").

This Addendum ("Addendum"), duly executed by the parties, is incorporated into the Vendor's Contract Form and made an integral part thereof. This Addendum and the Vendor's Contract Form shall be referenced to hereafter collectively as the "Agreement".

In the event of a conflict between any provision in this Addendum and any other provision in the Agreement or any other exhibit to the Agreement, the terms provided in this Addendum shall govern and control.

Additional Provisions

1. Limitation of Vendor's Contract Form. The Vendor's Contract Form is, with the exceptions noted herein, generally acceptable to City. Nonetheless, because certain standard clauses that may appear in the Vendor's Contract Form cannot be accepted by City, because of its status as a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and in consideration for the convenience of using provisions in the Vendor's Contract Form instead of negotiating a separate contract document, the parties agree that none of the provisions listed below, if they appear in the Vendor's Contract Form, shall have any effect or be enforceable against City:
 - i. Requiring City to maintain any type of insurance either for City's benefit or for the Vendor's benefit.
 - ii. Renewing or extending the Agreement beyond the contract term or automatically continuing the contract period from term to term.
 - iii. Requiring or stating the terms of the Vendor's Contract Form shall prevail over the terms of this Addendum in the event of conflict.
 - iv. Requiring the application of the law of any state other than Texas in interpreting or enforcing the Agreement, or resolving any dispute under the Agreement. The Agreement and the obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
 - v. Releasing the Vendor or any other entity or person from its legal liability, or limiting liability, for unlawful or negligent conduct or failure to comply with any duty recognized or imposed by applicable law.
 - vi. Requiring any total or partial compensation or payment for lost profit or liquidated damages by City if the Agreement is terminated before the end of the contract term.
 - vii. Changing the time period within which claims can be made or actions can be brought under the laws of the State of Texas.
 - viii. Binding City to any arbitration provision or to the decision of any arbitration board, commission, panel or other entity.

- ix. Obligating City to pay costs of collection or attorneys' fees.
 - x. Requiring City to provide warranties.
 - xi. Obligating City to indemnify, defend or hold harmless any party.
 - xii. Granting a security interest in City's property or placing a lien on City's property.
2. Payment Terms. Payment will be made upon submittal and approval of a valid invoice. City shall make payment in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. It is the policy of the City to make payment on a properly prepared and submitted invoice within thirty (30) days of the latter of any final acceptance of performance or the receipt of a properly submitted invoice.
3. Applicable Law; Venue. This Agreement is subject to and governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Any disputes arising from or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Johnson County, Texas, or the federal courts for the United States for the Northern District of Texas. The parties hereto irrevocably waive any right to object to the jurisdiction of such courts in any dispute arising from or relating to this Agreement.
4. Tax Exempt Status. As a political subdivision of the State of Texas, City is tax exempt in the State of Texas. Tax exemption certification will be furnished upon request.
5. Termination Due to Lack of Appropriations. If City should not appropriate or otherwise receive funds sufficient to purchase, lease, operate, or maintain the equipment or services set forth in this Agreement, City may unilaterally terminate this Agreement effective on the final day of the fiscal year through which City has funding. City will make every effort to give Vendor at least thirty (30) days written notice prior to a termination for lack of appropriations. In the event of termination due to a lack of appropriations, City will pay Vendor for all undisputed fees and expenses related to the equipment and/or services City has received, or Vendor has incurred or delivered, prior to the effective date of termination.
6. No Waiver of Governmental Immunity. The Vendor expressly acknowledges City is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and nothing in the Agreement will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment by City of its right to claim such exemptions, privileges, and immunities as may be provided by law. Neither the execution of the Agreement by City nor any other conduct, action, or inaction of any representative of City relating to the Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of City's sovereign immunity to suit.
7. Public Information. Vendor acknowledges that City is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Agreement, as well as any other disclosure of information required by applicable Texas law. The City's compliance with the Texas Public Information Act shall not violate the Agreement. Upon City's written request, Vendor will promptly provide specified contracting information exchanged or created under this Agreement for or on behalf of City. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this Agreement and the Vendor agrees that the Agreement can be terminated if the Vendor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be waived or modified except by a written agreement signed by the parties.
9. Savings Clause. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision of this Agreement illegal, ineffective or beyond contractual authority of either party, then the offending provision will be stricken and the remainder of the agreement between the parties will remain in effect.
10. Conflicts Of Interest. By executing this Agreement, Vendor and each person signing on behalf of Vendor certifies, and in the case of a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of City Council, city manager, deputy city manager, city secretary, department heads, or deputy department heads of the City has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this Agreement, or in the services to which this Agreement relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof, in violation of Section 132 of the Home Rule Charter of the City.
11. Anti-Boycotting Provisions. Vendor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
 - i. Pursuant to Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, Vendor certifies that either (i) it meets an exemption criterion under Section 2271.002; or (ii) it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement. Vendor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
 - ii. Pursuant to SB 13, 87th Texas Legislature, Vendor certifies that either (i) it meets an exemption criterion under SB 13, 87th Texas Legislature; or (ii) it does not boycott energy companies, as defined in Section 1 of SB 13, 87th Texas Legislature, and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Agreement. Vendor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
 - iii. Pursuant to SB 19, 87th Texas Legislature, Vendor certifies that either (i) it meets an exemption criterion under SB 19, 87th Texas Legislature; or (ii) it does not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, as defined in Section 1 of SB 19, 87th Texas Legislature, and will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of the Agreement. Vendor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
12. Vendor Certification Regarding Business With Certain Countries And Organizations. Pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, Vendor certifies Vendor (1) is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. Vendor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.
13. Relationship of the Parties. The parties agree that in performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, they are in the position of independent contractors. This Agreement is not intended to create, does not create, and shall not be construed to create a relationship of employer-employee. Vendor, Vendor's employees, and anyone else working at Vendor's direction is an independent contractor and not an employee or servant of the City. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of employer-employee between Vendor, Vendor's employees, and anyone else

working at Vendor’s direction. Vendor, Vendor’s employees, and anyone else working at Vendor’s direction shall at all times remain an independent contractor with respect to the service to be performed under this Agreement.

- 14. Survival. The terms of this Addendum shall survive any closing or termination of the Agreement.
- 15. No Indemnification by City. The Parties expressly acknowledge that the City’s authority to indemnify and hold harmless any third party is governed by Article XI, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution, and any provision that purports to require indemnification by the City is invalid. Nothing in this Agreement requires that the City incur debt, assess, or collect funds, or create a sinking fund.
- 16. Conflict. In the event of a conflict between any provision in this Addendum and any other provision in the Agreement or any other exhibit to the Agreement, the terms provided in this Addendum shall govern and control.
- 17. Counterparts; PDF Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any pdf-format or other electronic transmission of any signature of a signatory shall be deemed an original and shall bind such signatory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Addendum to be duly executed, intending thereby to be legally bound.

City of Burleson, Texas:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Valley View Consulting, LLC.

Signed by:
By: Richard G. Long, Jr.
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Name: Richard G. Long, Jr.

Title: Manager

Date: 5/13/2025