

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COOPER CITY  
AND NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC.**

**THIS IS AN AGREEMENT** ("Agreement"), dated the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_,  
by and between:

**CITY OF COOPER CITY**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and whose address is 9090 SW 50<sup>th</sup> Place, Cooper City, Florida 33328 (hereinafter referred to as the "City"),

and,

**NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC.**, a New Jersey corporation, located at 163 Schuyler Ave, Box 491, Kearny, NJ 07032, (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR"), who is authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

City and CONTRACTOR may each be referred to herein as "party" or collectively as "parties".

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to enter into an agreement with the CONTRACTOR for the CONTRACTOR to provide water meter and dual check valve installation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code provides authority for the City to select and contract through the use of the competitive bid process of another government entity as an exception to the otherwise required formal bidding process; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to incorporate the terms and conditions of Solicitation and Contract IFB-SN-23-007 between PASCO COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR for water meter and dual check valve installation services ("COUNTY Agreement"). The COUNTY Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and incorporated herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree to add the provisions of this agreement to the COUNTY Agreement as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, CONTRACTOR has agreed to honor the prices and terms and conditions of the COUNTY Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, City desires to retain the services of CONTRACTOR by "piggybacking" the COUNTY Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has reviewed the scope of services of the competitively bid COUNTY Agreement, and has determined that it is an agreement that can be used by the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, the City Commission approved this Agreement and authorized the proper City officials to execute this Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Agreement.

**Section 2.** The prices, terms and conditions of the COUNTY Agreement shall govern the relationship between the City and CONTRACTOR, except as amended below:

- A. The Scope of Services for the Work ("Work") to be performed under this Agreement shall be as set forth in the COUNTY Agreement, except said Work shall be performed in and for the City. The proposal for the Work is attached hereto in **Exhibit "B"**.
- B. The CONTRACTOR agrees at all times to indemnify, hold the City harmless and, at the City's option, defend or pay for any attorney selected by the City to defend the City, its trustees, elected and appointed officers, agents, servants and employees, from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, expenditures or causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature, and the resulting losses, costs, expenses, reasonable attorneys' fees, liabilities, damages, orders, judgments, or decrees, sustained by the City or any third party arising out of, or by reason of, or resulting from the CONTRACTOR's negligent acts, errors, or omissions.
- C. CONTRACTOR shall provide City with proof of insurance and bonding as required by the COUNTY Agreement. CONTRACTOR hereby confirms that the City is named as an additional insured under the provisions of CONTRACTOR'S insurance.
- D. CONTRACTOR shall not commence the Work unless and until the requirements for insurance have been fully met by CONTRACTOR and appropriate evidence thereof, in the City's sole discretion, has been provided to and approved by the City.
- E. All payments shall be governed by the Local Government prompt Payment Act as provided under §§218.70-.80, Florida Statutes.
- F. The term of this agreement shall be effective upon execution of this agreement by both parties and shall terminate on February 6, 2026.

**Section 3.** In all other respects, the terms and conditions of the COUNTY Agreement, are hereby ratified and shall remain in full force and effect under this "piggybacking" arrangement, as provided

by the terms of this Agreement. All recitals, representations, and warranties of CONTRACTOR made in those documents are restated as if set forth fully herein, made for the benefit of the City, and incorporated herein

**Section 4. Public Records.**

- A. Public Records: CONTRACTOR shall comply with The Florida Public Records Act as follows:
1. Keep and maintain public records in the CONTRACTOR's possession or control in connection with the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
  2. Upon request by City's records custodian, provide City with a copy of requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
  3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of this Agreement.
  4. Upon completion of this Agreement or in the event of termination of this Agreement by either party, any and all public records relating to this Agreement in the possession of CONTRACTOR shall be delivered by CONTRACTOR to City, at no cost to City, within seven days. All records stored electronically by CONTRACTOR shall be delivered to CITY in a format that is compatible with City's information technology systems. Once the public records have been delivered to City upon completion or termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any and all duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements.
  5. CONTRACTOR'S failure or refusal to comply with the provisions of this Section shall result in the immediate termination of this Agreement by the City.

**IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (954) 434-4300, [PRR@COOPERCITY.GOV](mailto:PRR@COOPERCITY.GOV), OR BY MAIL: CITY OF COOPER CITY – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 9090 SW 50<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, COOPER CITY, FL 33328.**

**Section 5. Scrutinized Companies.**

- A. CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this

Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or is engaged in the boycott of Israel during the term of the Agreement.

- B. If this Agreement is for more than one million dollars, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its subcontractors are also not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria as identified in Section 287.135, F.S. Pursuant to Section 287.135, F.S., the City may immediately terminate this Agreement at its sole option if the CONTRACTOR , its affiliates, or its subcontractors are found to have submitted a false certification; or if the CONTRACTOR, its affiliates, or its subcontractors are placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, or Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or engaged with business operations in Cuba or Syria during the term of the Agreement.
- C. The CONTRACTOR agrees to observe the above requirements for applicable subcontracts entered into for the performance of work under this Agreement.
- D. As provided in Subsection 287.135(8), F.S., if federal law ceases to authorize the above-stated contracting prohibitions then they shall become inoperative.

**Section 6.**     **Assignment.**     Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

**Section 7.**     **Notice.**     Notice hereunder shall be provided in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, or customarily used overnight transmission with proof of delivery, to the following parties, with mandatory copies, as provided below:

For City:                     Ryan Eggleston  
                                      City Manager  
                                      City of Cooper City  
                                      9090 SW 50th Place  
                                      Cooper City, Florida 33328

Copy to:                     Jacob G. Horowitz, Esq.  
                                      City Attorney  
                                      Goren, Cherof, Doody, and Ezrol, P.A.  
                                      3099 E. Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200  
                                      Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

For CONTRACTOR: William Castle, President  
**NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC.**  
163 Schuyler Ave, Box 491  
Kearny, NJ 07032

**Section 8. Severability.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between CONTRACTOR and City with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, understandings and agreements, written or oral, between the parties. This Agreement may not be modified except by the parties' mutual agreement set forth in writing and signed by the parties.

**Section 9. Governing Law/Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any dispute under this Agreement shall be an appropriate court of competent jurisdiction in Broward County, Florida.

**Section 10. E-verify.** Pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-verify system in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

- A. All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and
- B. All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City of Cooper City. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with the City of Cooper City; and
- C. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination. Termination of this Contract under this Section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If this contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on the dates written below.

**CITY OF COOPER CITY**, a Florida municipal corporation

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY MANAGER

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

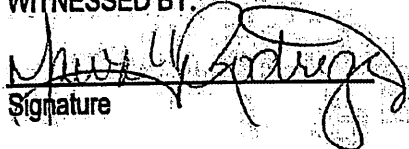
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY MAYOR

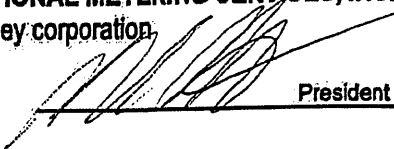
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ATTORNEY

WITNESSED BY:

**NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC.**, a New Jersey corporation

  
Signature

BY:  President

Dawn Rodriguez  
Print Name

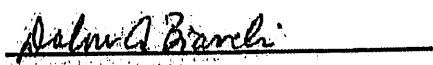
Name: William Castle

Title: President

STATE OF New Jersey  
COUNTY OF Hudson

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared William Castle, as President of **NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC.**, and acknowledged that he has executed the foregoing instrument for the use and purposes mentioned in it and that the instrument is the act and deed of Meter Services, as NATIONAL METERING SERVICES, INC., and who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid this 15 day of April, 2024.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dolores A. Bianchi  
Print or Type Name

My Commission Expires: 10/31/2027

