



Consulting Services Agreement

By and Between

City of Dalton, Georgia

and

Evergreen Solutions, LLC

This Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated as of September 6, 2024, is made by and between Evergreen Solutions, LLC, a Florida corporation ("Evergreen"), and the City of Dalton (the "Client").

WHEREAS, Evergreen Solutions and the Client desire to enter into an agreement whereby Evergreen will provide certain management consulting services for the Client on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Solutions is willing to provide such management consulting services for the Client.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Engagement. Evergreen Solutions hereby agrees to provide such management consulting services for the Client as may be reasonably requested by the Client in connection with the Letter Proposal submitted by Evergreen Solutions on June 12, 2024. Evergreen will conduct the compensation study first (i.e., Tasks 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7) followed by the classification study (i.e., Tasks 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11) which will include the final report and presentation.

2. Extent of Services. Evergreen Solutions agrees to perform such services to the best of its ability and in a diligent and conscientious manner and to devote appropriate time, energies and skill to those duties called for hereunder during the term of this Agreement and in connection with the performance of such duties to act in a manner consistent with the primary objective of completing the engagement.

Evergreen Solutions agrees to devote such time as is reasonably required to fulfill its duties hereunder.



Throughout the duration of this agreement, Evergreen Solutions will serve as an independent contractor of the Client, as such; Evergreen Solutions will obey all laws relating to federal and state income taxes, associated payroll and business taxes, licenses and fees, workers compensation insurance, and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

In the successful completion of this engagement, Evergreen Solutions may utilize subcontractors, but Evergreen Solutions shall remain completely responsible to the Client for performance under this Agreement.

3. Term. The engagement of the Consultant hereunder by Client shall commence as of the date hereof and shall continue through February 28, 2025, unless earlier terminated, pursuant to Section 5 hereof.

4. Compensation.

(a) As compensation for the services contemplated herein and for performance rendered by Evergreen Solutions of its duties and obligations hereunder, the Client shall pay to Evergreen Solutions an aggregate fee equal to \$35,000 for the compensation portion of the study and \$19,500 for the classification portion of the study for an overall cost of \$54,500 earned and payable according to the following invoice/payment schedule:

Compensation Study:

- 25% - upon completion of Tasks 1 – 2
- 50% - upon completion of Tasks 5 – 6
- 25% - upon completion of Task 7

Classification Study:

- 25% - upon completion of Tasks 1 and 3
- 25% - upon completion of Task 4
- 40% - upon completion of Tasks 8 - 10
- 10% - upon completion of Task 11

(b) The Client's sole obligation shall be to pay Evergreen Solutions the amounts described in Section 4(a) of this Agreement, and the Consultant is not and shall not be deemed an employee of the Client for any purpose.

5. Termination. This Agreement shall be terminated as follows:

(a) 30 days after written notice of termination is given by either party at any time after September 6, 2024, provided however, that if the Client shall terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5(a) for any reason other than Consultant's material breach of this Agreement (having given prior notice of, and reasonable opportunity for Consultant to cure, any such breach), Client shall pay to consultant in one lump sum an amount equal to that portion of the aggregate Consulting Fee which has been earned but has not been paid to Consultant as of the effective date of such termination.

(b) On such date as is mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

(c) Upon expiration of the Term as set forth in Section 3.



If Client elects to terminate for material breach then Client shall pay to consultant in one lump sum an amount equal only to that for which services have been rendered.

Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5, except as contemplated by Section 5(a) in the event Client terminates this Agreement in the absence of continuing material breach hereof by Consultant, Consultant shall be entitled to payment of only that portion of the Consulting Fee earned through the effective date of such termination and any portion of the Lump Sum Payment which has not been paid to Consultant as of the effective date of such termination.

6. Confidential Information. Evergreen Solutions shall not, at any time during or following expiration or termination of its engagement hereunder (regardless of the manner, reason, time or cause thereof) directly or indirectly disclose or furnish to any person not entitled to receive the same for the immediate benefit of the Client any trade secrets or confidential information as determined by the Client in writing.

7. Covenants. Evergreen Solutions agrees to (a) faithfully and diligently do and perform the acts and duties required in connection with its engagement hereunder, and (b) not engage in any activity which is or likely is contrary to the welfare, interest or benefit of the business now or hereafter conducted by the Client.

8. Binding Effect. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors or assigns (whether resulting from any re organization, consolidation or merger of either of the parties or any assignment to a business to which all or substantially all of the assets of either party are sold).

9. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including the aforementioned letter proposal, contains the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect thereto and cannot be modified, amended, waived or terminated, in whole or in part, except in writing signed by the party to be charged.

10. Notices. All notices required to be given under the terms of this Agreement or which any of the parties desires to give hereunder shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or sent by facsimile transmission, addressed as follows:

(a.) If to Evergreen Solutions addressed to:

Evergreen Solutions, LLC
Attention: Dr. Jeff Ling, President
2528 Barrington Circle, Unit 201
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

(b.) If to the Client addressed to:

City of Dalton, Georgia
Attention: Ms. Haliyma Jones, Human Resources Generalist
P.O. Box 1205
Dalton, Georgia 30722

Any party may designate a change of address at any time by giving written notice thereof to the other parties.



11. Miscellaneous. This Agreement:

(a) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns;

(b) may not (except as provided in Section 9 hereof) be assigned by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the other party (any purported assignment hereof in violation of this provision being null and void);

(c) may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by any party on separate counterparts, each of which as so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement as to any party hereto to produce or account for more than one such counterpart executed and delivered by such party;

(d) may be amended, modified or supplemented only by a written instrument executed by all of the parties hereto;

(e) shall be governed by the law of the State of Georgia. The exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any action arising out of this Agreement shall be the Superior Court of Whitfield County Georgia, and the parties hereby waive any and all objections or defenses thereto; and

(f) embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings among the parties with respect thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Evergreen Solutions, LLC

Jeff Ling, President

City of Dalton

