

PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

This Procurement Contract (“**Contract**”) is by and between the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission, located at 500 SE 4th St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 (“**GRPUC**”), and Trident Process, Inc., located at JG Cherry Building @ 329 10th Ave SE, #202 Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401 (“**Contractor**”). GRPUC and Contractor may be referred to jointly as the “**Parties**” or individually as a “**Party**.”

Recitals

A. GRPUC has solicited and received quotations from contractors for providing one high speed gear box head for our lightning mixers (“**Solicitation**”);

B. Contractor provided a response to the Solicitation indicating its interest in and ability to provide the goods or services requested in the Solicitation; and

C. Subsequent to an evaluation in accordance with the terms of the Solicitation and negotiation, the Parties desire to enter into a contract.

Accordingly, the Parties agree as follows:

Contract

1. Term of Contract

1.1 Effective date. The effective date of this Contract is April 3rd, 2024. The Contractor must not begin work under this Contract until this Contract is fully executed and the Contractor has been notified by GRPUC’s Authorized Representative to begin the work.

1.2 Expiration date. The expiration date of this Contract is November 1st, 2024, or until all of Contractor’s obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

2. Contractor’s Duties

2.1 The Contractor shall:

Provide One High speed gear box head for one of our 781 Q 125 lightning mixers.

(The services (if any) to be provided by Contractor to GRPUC are referred to as the “**Services**.” The goods (if any) to be provided by Contractor to GRPUC are referred to as the “**Goods**.”). Contractor’s precise duties, specifications, deliverables, and completion dates related to the Goods and Services are more specifically described in **Exhibit C**.

2.2 GRPUC may make changes to the general scope of Goods and Services (including but not limited to, suspension of performance, changes in time of performance, schedule, quantities, or specifications) by written notice, or by oral notice subsequently confirmed by GRPUC in writing within ten (10) days thereafter, to Contractor. If such changes affect

the cost of or the time required to provide the Goods and Services, an equitable adjustment in the schedule and compensation under this Contract shall be made. Contractor shall proceed with providing the Goods and Services as so changed, notwithstanding any dispute regarding such equitable adjustment. Any claim of such adjustment must be submitted to GRPUC in writing within thirty (30) days from the date the change is ordered, and Contractor shall not be entitled to any adjustment unless such written claim is so submitted.

- 2.3 GRPUC may from time to time, require additional Services or Goods from Contractor. Such additional Services or Goods, including the amount of compensation for such additional Services or Goods, mutually agreed upon by and between GRPUC and Contractor, shall be effective when incorporated by written amendment to this Contract. Additional Services or Goods shall not begin until the amendment is executed. Thereafter, such additional Services or Goods shall be subject to the terms of this Contract.
- 2.4 Contractor agrees that all Goods and Services shall be provided in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, and orders of all federal, state, and local governmental authorities, agencies, departments, or bureaus having jurisdiction and which affect the Goods or Services hereunder (“**Legal Requirements**”) without extra charge or expense. Contractor will be responsible for a violation of any such Legal Requirements arising out of the provision of Goods or Services by Contractor and will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless GRPUC from and against any fine or expense, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and disbursements, resulting to it by reason of any such violation by Contractor.
- 2.5 The Goods and Services will be provided in a manner that is consistent with the level of care and skill exercised by members of Contractor’s profession currently working under similar conditions. All Goods and Services not conforming to this standard will be considered defective and Contractor shall, at no cost to GRPUC, promptly and satisfactorily correct all such defective Goods and Services. All Services shall be performed and all Goods shall be produced and delivered to the satisfaction of GRPUC, and in accordance with the Legal Requirements. Payment shall be withheld for Goods or Services found by GRPUC to be unsatisfactory or in violation of the Legal Requirements.
- 2.6 Contractor shall ensure that all persons who perform the Services or produce or deliver the Goods shall be professionally competent and properly qualified. If so requested by GRPUC, Contractor shall remove any person GRPUC deems incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable. At all times Contractor will be responsible for the acts, omissions, work, materials, and equipment of its employees, subcontractors, and agents and any other person, directly or indirectly, employed by any of them.
- 2.7 Contractor shall cooperate fully with GRPUC, other GRPUC contractors, municipalities, local government officials, public utility companies, and others as may be directed by GRPUC. This shall include attendance at meetings, discussions, and hearings as may be requested by GRPUC, furnishing data as may be requested from time to time by GRPUC to effect such cooperation, and compliance with all directives issued by GRPUC.

2.8 At the time GRPUC accepts the Goods from Contractor, Contractor shall sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver to GRPUC, all of Contractor's right, title and interest in the Goods, free and clear of any mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, security interest, claim or other encumbrance ("**Encumbrance**"). Contractor shall execute and deliver such additional documents, instruments, conveyances and assurances and take such further actions as may be necessary to transfer Contractor's right, title and interest in the Goods to GRPUC, free and clear of any Encumbrances. Contractor has all risk of loss until GRPUC accepts the Goods.

3. **Representations and Warranties**

3.1 GRPUC is authorized to enter into this Contract.

3.2 Contractor warrants that it is duly qualified and shall perform its obligations under this Contract in accordance with the commercially reasonable standards of care, skill, and diligence in Contractor's industry, trade, or profession, and in accordance with the specifications set forth in this Contract, to the satisfaction of GRPUC.

3.3 Contractor warrants that it possesses the legal authority to enter into this Contract and that it has taken all actions required by its procedures, by-laws, and applicable laws to exercise that authority, and to lawfully authorize its undersigned signatory to execute this Contract, or any part thereof, and to bind Contractor to its terms.

3.4 Contractor warrants that at the time GRPUC accepts the Goods: (A) Contractor has good title to the Goods, free and clear of Encumbrances, and (B) the Goods are in good condition and are adequate for the uses to which they are being put, and none of such Goods are in need of maintenance or repairs.

4. **Time**

The Contractor must comply with all the time requirements described in this Contract. In the performance of this Contract, time is of the essence.

5. **Consideration and Payment**

5.1 Consideration. GRPUC will pay for performance by the Contractor under this Contract as follows:

5.1.1 Compensation. The Contractor will be paid Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars and One Cent. (\$39,450.01) Plus a not to exceed price of Two Thousand Dollars for Shipping and Handling in accordance with **Exhibit D**.

Total obligation. The total obligation and liability of GRPUC under this Contract will not exceed Forty One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars and One Cent Dollars (\$41,450.01).

5.2

5.3 Payment.

5.3.1 Invoices. GRPUC will pay the Contractor after the Contractor presents an itemized invoice for the Services actually performed, and Goods actually delivered to GRPUC, in accordance with Section 1 of **Exhibit A**.

6. Authorized Representative

GRPUC's Authorized Representative is Steve Mattson at the following business address: 500 SE 4th Street, and the following telephone number: 218.326.7024, or his/her successor or delegate, and has the responsibility to monitor the Contractor's performance.

Contractor's Authorized Representative is Tracy Breneman at the following business address: JG Cherry Building @ 329 10th Ave SE #202, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the following telephone number: 612.816.8158, or his/her successor. If the Contractor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, the Contractor must immediately notify GRPUC.

[The Signature Page Follows]

Trident Process, Inc.

**Grand Rapids Public Utilities
Commission**

By: _____

Print Name: Julie A. Kennedy

Title: General Manager

Date: _____

By: _____

Print Name: Tracy Breneman

Title: ___Vice
President _____

Date: _____4-3-24_____

Exhibit A: Contract Terms

1. Prompt Payment and Invoicing.

- 1.1 Prompt Payment. GRPUC will pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days following receipt of an undisputed invoice. Terms requesting payment in less than thirty (30) days will be changed to read "Net 30 days." Notwithstanding the foregoing, GRPUC may pay the Contractor in advance in its sole discretion.

The payment for each invoice will only be made for Goods received or Services actually performed that have been accepted by GRPUC, and meet all terms, conditions, and specifications of the Contract.

2. Termination.

- 2.1 Termination for Convenience. GRPUC may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Contractor. Upon termination for convenience, the Contractor will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for Services satisfactorily performed and Goods satisfactorily produced and delivered.
- 2.2 Termination for Breach. GRPUC may terminate this Contract, with cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Contractor of the alleged breach and opportunity to cure. If after thirty (30) days, the alleged breach has not been remedied, GRPUC may immediately terminate the Contract.
- 2.3 Termination by Mutual Agreement. The Parties may terminate this Contract at any time by mutual written agreement.
- 2.4 Effect of Termination. Upon receipt of any notice of termination Contractor shall immediately stop performance of the Services and stop production and delivery of the Goods to the extent specified in such notice. In no event shall GRPUC be liable for any loss of revenue or profit incurred by Contractor as a result of any termination.
- 2.5 Return of Information. Upon termination of this Contract, or earlier upon GRPUC's request, Contractor shall deliver to GRPUC all items requested by GRPUC containing any Confidential Information or work product information or make such other disposition thereof as GRPUC may direct in writing.

3. Force Majeure.

Neither Party shall be responsible to the other or considered in default of its obligations within this Contract to the extent that performance of any such obligations is prevented or delayed by acts of God, war, riot, disruption of government, or other catastrophes beyond the reasonable control of the Party unless the act or occurrence could have been reasonably foreseen and reasonable action could have been taken to prevent the delay or failure to perform. A Party relying on this provision to excuse performance must provide the other Party prompt written notice of the inability to perform and take all necessary steps to bring about performance as soon as practicable.

4. Confidentiality.

In connection with Contractor's provision of the Goods and Services under this Contract ("**Purpose**") GRPUC may disclose to Contractor, or Contractor may otherwise receive access to, confidential or proprietary information of GRPUC ("**Confidential Information**"). Contractor shall use the Confidential Information solely for the Purpose and shall not disclose or permit access to Confidential Information other than to its employees, officers, and advisors (collectively, "**Representatives**") who: (a) need to know such Confidential Information for the Purpose; (b) know of the existence and terms of this Contract; and (c) agree to be bound by the confidentiality terms contained herein. Contractor shall safeguard the Confidential Information from unauthorized use, access, or disclosure using at least the degree of care it uses to protect its most sensitive information and no less than a reasonable degree of care. Contractor shall promptly notify GRPUC of any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information and cooperate with GRPUC to prevent further use or disclosure. Contractor will be responsible for any breach of this paragraph caused by its Representatives. If Contractor is required by law or court order to disclose Confidential Information, Contractor shall provide GRPUC with prompt written notice thereof, so that GRPUC may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy, as well as notice of the terms and circumstances surrounding such request or requirement. Contractor and its Representatives will use reasonable efforts to obtain and will not oppose action by GRPUC to obtain such protective order or other appropriate remedy. If such protective order or other remedy is not obtained, then Contractor will furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which Contractor is advised by Contractor's legal counsel is legally required and will exercise all reasonable efforts to obtain assurance that confidential treatment, if available, will be accorded such Confidential Information. This Section 4 is subject to any limitations or obligations imposed by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act ("**MGDPA**").

GRPUC
Address: 500 SE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Attn: General Manager
Email: jakennedy@grpuc.org

Trident Process, Inc.
Address: JG Cherry Bldg @ 329
10th Ave, Se, #202
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401
Attn: Tracy Breneman
Email: tracy@tridentprocess.com

4.1 Entire Agreement. This Contract (including any exhibits) represents the only agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other prior agreements whether written or oral, relating thereto.

4.2 Modification and Waiver. No purported amendment, modification, or waiver of any provision hereof shall be binding unless set forth in a written document signed by all Parties (in the case of amendments or modifications) or by a Party to be charged thereby (in the case of waivers). Any waiver shall be limited to the circumstance or event specifically referenced in the written waiver document and shall not be deemed a waiver of any other term hereof or of the same circumstance or event upon any recurrence thereof.

4.3 Severability. If any provision of this Contract is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws, such provision shall be fully severable and this Contract shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision had never constituted a part hereof, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision or by its severance therefrom. Furthermore, in lieu of such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision there shall be added automatically as part of this Contract a legal, valid, and enforceable provision as similar in terms to the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision as may be possible.

4.4 Counterparts; Electronic Signatures. This Contract may be executed in separate counterparts with the same effect as if all signatures were on the same Contract. For purposes of this Contract, a telecopy, electronic, or facsimile Contract and signature shall be deemed as, and shall serve as, an original Contract and signature.

4.5 Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any litigation between the Parties hereto with respect to this Contract, the prevailing party (the party entitled to recover the costs of suit, at such time as all appeals have been exhausted or the time for taking such appeals has expired) shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to such other relief as the court may award.

4.6 Survival. The obligations of Contractor hereunder, including, without limitation, obligations concerning indemnity, warranties, confidentiality, intellectual property and defense of GRPUC, shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this agreement.

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Exhibit B: Insurance Requirements

1. Notice to Contractor.

- 1.1 The Contractor is required to submit Certificates of Insurance acceptable to GRPUC as evidence of insurance coverage requirements prior to commencing work under this Contract.
- 1.2 Contractor shall not commence work under the contract until it has obtained all the insurance described below and GRPUC has approved such insurance. Contractor shall maintain such insurance in force and effect throughout the term of this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract
- 1.3 The failure of the Contractor to provide a Certificate of Insurance, for the policies required under this Contract or renewals thereof, or failure of the insurance company to notify GRPUC of the cancellation of policies required under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by GRPUC to the Contractor to provide such insurance.
- 1.4 GRPUC reserves the right to immediately terminate this Contract if the Contractor is not in compliance with the insurance requirements and retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against the Contractor. All insurance policies must be open to inspection by GRPUC, and copies of policies must be submitted to GRPUC's Authorized Representative upon written request.

2 Notice to Insurer.

The Contractor's insurance company(ies) waives its right to assert the immunity of GRPUC as a defense to any claims made under said insurance.

3 Additional Insurance Conditions. The following apply to the Contractor, or the Contractor's subcontractor:

- 3.1 Contractor's policy(ies) shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to GRPUC with respect to any claim arising out of Contractor's performance under this Contract.
- 3.2 If Contractor receives a cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage herein, Contractor agrees to notify GRPUC within five (5) business days with a copy of the cancellation notice, unless Contractor's policy(ies) contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy(ies) will not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to GRPUC.
- 3.3 Contractor is responsible for payment of Contract-related insurance premiums and deductibles.
- 3.4 If Contractor is self-insured, a Certificate of Self-Insurance must be attached.

3.5 Contractor's policy(ies) shall include legal defense fees in addition to its policy limits with the exception of professional liability.

3.6 Contractor's insurance companies must either (1) have an AM Best rating of A- (minus) and a Financial Size Category of VII or better, and be authorized to do business in Minnesota, or (2) be domiciled in Minnesota and have a Certificate of Authority/Compliance from the Minnesota Department of Commerce if they are not rated by AM Best.

3.7 An Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance policy may be used to supplement the Contractor's policy limits to satisfy the full policy limits required by the Contract.

4 Coverages. Contractor is required to maintain and furnish satisfactory evidence of the following insurance policies:

4.1 **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** Contractor is required to maintain insurance protecting it from claims for damages for bodily injury, including sickness or disease, death, and for care and loss of services as well as from claims for property damage, including loss of use which may arise from operations under the Contract whether the operations are by the Contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor under the contract. Insurance minimum limits are as follows: GRPUC does not allow limits lower than \$1.5 M. Contractor can use umbrella coverage to get to the minimum limit amount of \$1.5M.

\$1,500,000 – per occurrence

\$1,500,000– annual aggregate

\$1,500,000– annual aggregate – applying to Products/Completed Operations

The following coverages shall be included:

- Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage
- Personal and Advertising Injury
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Products and Completed Operations Liability
- Other; if applicable, please list_____
- **GRPUC must be named as an Additional Insured**, to the extent permitted by law

\$1,500,000 – per occurrence Combined Single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

In addition, the following coverages should be included: Owned, Hired, and Non-owned Automobile.

Evidence of Subcontractor insurance shall be filed with the Contractor.

4.2 **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Except as provided below, Contractor must provide Workers' Compensation insurance for all its employees and, in case any work is subcontracted, Contractor will require the subcontractor to provide Workers'

Compensation insurance in accordance with applicable Legal Requirements, including Coverage B, Employer's Liability. Insurance **minimum** limits are as follows.

- \$100,000 – Bodily Injury by Disease per employee
- \$500,000 – Bodily Injury by Disease aggregate
- \$100,000 – Bodily Injury by Accident

If Minn. Stat. § 176.041 exempts Contractor from Workers' Compensation insurance or if the Contractor has no employees in the state, Contractor must provide a written statement, signed by an authorized representative, indicating the qualifying exemption that excludes Contractor from the Minnesota Workers' Compensation requirements.

If during the course of the Contract the Contractor becomes eligible for Workers' Compensation, the Contractor must comply with the Workers' Compensation Insurance requirements herein and provide GRPUC with a certificate of insurance.

4.3 Professional Liability, Errors, and Omissions. This policy will provide coverage for all claims the Contractor may become legally obligated to pay resulting from any actual or alleged negligent act, error, or omission related to Contractor's professional services required under the Contract. Insurance **minimum** limits are as follows:

- \$2,000,000 - per claim or event
- \$2,000,000 - annual aggregate

Any deductible will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and may not exceed \$50,000 without the written approval of GRPUC. If the Contractor desires authority from GRPUC to have a deductible in a higher amount, the Contractor shall so request in writing, specifying the amount of the desired deductible and providing financial documentation by submitting the most current audited financial statements so that GRPUC can ascertain the ability of the Contractor to cover the deductible from its own resources.

The retroactive or prior acts date of such coverage shall not be after the effective date of this Contract and Contractor shall maintain such insurance for a period of at least three (3) years, following completion of the work. If such insurance is discontinued, extended reporting period coverage must be obtained by Contractor to fulfill this requirement.

4.4 Privacy Liability Insurance (or equivalent). The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The Contractor shall maintain insurance to cover claims which may arise from failure of the Contractor to ensure the security of not public data stored on GRPUC's documents, including but not limited to paper, microfilms, microfiche, magnetic computer tapes, cassette tapes, photographic negatives, photos, hard disks, floppy disks, and carbon sheets, while in the Contractor's care, custody, and control. Insurance minimum limits are as follows:

- \$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence
- \$2,000,000 - Annual Aggregate

The following coverage shall be included: GRPUC named as an Additional Insured unless the coverage is written under a Professional Liability policy.

Exhibit C: Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work

Provide 1 high speed gear box head for one of our 781 Q 125 Mixers.

Exhibit D: Price and Payment Schedule

GRPUC will pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days following receipt of an undisputed invoice.