

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

(City of Grass Valley / Bureau Veritas)

1. IDENTIFICATION

This PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Grass Valley, a California municipal corporation (“City”), and Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., (“Consultant”).

2. RECITALS

- 2.1. City has determined that it requires the following professional services from a consultant: building inspection and plan review services, building code enforcement, and building administrative services as needed.
- 2.2. Consultant represents that it is fully qualified to perform such professional services by virtue of its experience and the training, education and expertise of its principals and employees. Consultant further represents that it is willing to accept responsibility for performing such services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- 2.3. Consultant represents that it has no known relationships with third parties, City Council members, or employees of City which would (1) present a conflict of interest with the rendering of services under this Agreement under Government Code Section 1090, the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000 *et seq.*), or other applicable law, (2) prevent Consultant from performing the terms of this Agreement, or (3) present a significant opportunity for the disclosure of confidential information.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, City and Consultant agree as follows:

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. “Scope of Services”: Such professional services as are set forth in Consultant’s November 30th, 2022 proposal to City attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 3.2. “Agreement Administrator”: The Agreement Administrator for this project is Jon May. The Agreement Administrator shall be the principal point of contact at the City for this project. All services under this Agreement shall be performed at the request of the Agreement Administrator. The Agreement Administrator will establish the timetable for completion of services and any interim milestones. City reserves the right to change this designation upon written notice to Consultant

- 3.3. “Approved Fee Schedule”: Consultant’s compensation rates are set forth in the fee schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference. This fee schedule shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement unless modified in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.
- 3.4. “Maximum Amount”: The highest total compensation and costs payable to Consultant by City under this Agreement. The Maximum Amount under this Agreement is One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars annually (\$175,000).
- 3.5. “Commencement Date”: April 1, 2023.
- 3.6. “Termination Date”: April 1, 2025

4. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence at 12:00 a.m. on the Commencement Date and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the Termination Date unless extended by written agreement of the parties or terminated earlier under Section 18 (“Termination”) below. Consultant may request extensions of time to perform the services required hereunder. Such extensions shall be effective if authorized in advance by City in writing and incorporated in written amendments to this Agreement.

5. CONSULTANT’S DUTIES

- 5.1. **Services.** Consultant shall perform the services identified in the Scope of Services. City shall have the right to request, in writing, changes in the Scope of Services. Any such changes mutually agreed upon by the parties, and any corresponding increase or decrease in compensation, shall be incorporated by written amendment to this Agreement.
- 5.2. **Coordination with City.** In performing services under this Agreement, Consultant shall coordinate all contact with City through its Agreement Administrator.
- 5.3. **Budgetary Notification.** Consultant shall notify the Agreement Administrator, in writing, when fees and expenses incurred under this Agreement have reached eighty percent (80%) of the Maximum Amount. Consultant shall concurrently inform the Agreement Administrator, in writing, of Consultant’s estimate of total expenditures required to complete its current assignments before proceeding, when the remaining work on such assignments would exceed the Maximum Amount.
- 5.4. **Business License.** Consultant shall obtain and maintain in force a City business license for the duration of this Agreement.
- 5.5. **Professional Standards.** Consultant shall perform all work to the standards of Consultant’s profession and in a manner reasonably satisfactory to City. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state, and federal

laws, rules, and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of this Agreement, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, the conflict of interest provisions of Government Code § 1090 and the Political Reform Act (Government Code § 81000 et seq.).

- 5.6. **Avoid Conflicts.** During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall not perform any work for another person or entity for whom Consultant was not working at the Commencement Date if such work would present a conflict interfering with performance under this Agreement. However, City may consent in writing to Consultant's performance of such work.
- 5.7. **Appropriate Personnel.** Consultant has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services identified in the Scope of Services. All such services shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be qualified to perform such services. Craig Baptista shall be Consultant's project administrator and shall have direct responsibility for management of Consultant's performance under this Agreement. No change shall be made in Consultant's project administrator without City's prior written consent.
- 5.8. **Substitution of Personnel.** Any persons named in the proposal or Scope of Services constitutes a promise to the City that those persons will perform and coordinate their respective services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Consultant may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of City. If City and Consultant cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, City may terminate this Agreement for cause.
- 5.9. **Notification of Organizational Changes.** Consultant shall notify the Agreement Administrator, in writing, of any change in name, ownership or control of Consultant's firm or of any subcontractor. Change of ownership or control of Consultant's firm may require an amendment to this Agreement.
- 5.10. **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 City under this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to Consultant under this Agreement. All such documents shall be made reasonably available for inspection, audit, and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of City. In addition, pursuant to Government Code Section 8546.7, if the amount of public funds expended under this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars, all such documents and this Agreement shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, at the request of City or as part of any audit of City, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement.

6. SUBCONTRACTING

- 6.1. **General Prohibition.** This Agreement covers professional services of a specific and unique nature. Except as otherwise provided herein, Consultant shall not assign or transfer its interest in this Agreement or subcontract any services to be performed without amending this Agreement.
- 6.2. **Consultant Responsible.** Consultant shall be responsible to City for all services to be performed under this Agreement.
- 6.3. **Identification in Fee Schedule.** All subcontractors shall be specifically listed and their billing rates identified in the Approved Fee Schedule, Exhibit B. Any changes must be approved by the Agreement Administrator in writing as an amendment to this Agreement.
- 6.4. **Compensation for Subcontractors.** City shall pay Consultant for work performed by its subcontractors, if any, only at Consultant's actual cost plus an approved mark-up as set forth in the Approved Fee Schedule, Exhibit B. Consultant shall be liable and accountable for any and all payments, compensation, and federal and state taxes to all subcontractors performing services under this Agreement. City shall not be liable for any payment, compensation, or federal and state taxes for any subcontractors.

7. COMPENSATION

- 7.1. **General.** City agrees to compensate Consultant for the services provided under this Agreement, and Consultant agrees to accept payment in accordance with the Fee Schedule in full satisfaction for such services. Compensation shall not exceed the Maximum Amount. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless provided for in this Agreement or authorized in writing by City in advance.
- 7.2. **Invoices.** Consultant shall submit to City an invoice, on a monthly basis or as otherwise agreed to by the Agreement Administrator, for services performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each invoice shall identify the Maximum Amount, the services rendered during the billing period, the amount due for the invoice, and the total amount previously invoiced. All labor charges shall be itemized by employee name and classification/position with the firm, the corresponding hourly rate, the hours worked, a description of each labor charge, and the total amount due for labor charges.
- 7.3. **Taxes.** City shall not withhold applicable taxes or other payroll deductions from payments made to Consultant except as otherwise required by law. Consultant shall be solely responsible for calculating, withholding, and paying all taxes.
- 7.4. **Disputes.** The parties agree to meet and confer at mutually agreeable times to resolve any disputed amounts contained in an invoice submitted by Consultant.
- 7.5. **Additional Work.** Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred for work performed outside the Scope of Services unless prior written approval is given by

the City through a fully executed written amendment. Consultant shall not undertake any such work without prior written approval of the City.

- 7.6. **City Satisfaction as Precondition to Payment.** Notwithstanding any other terms of this Agreement, no payments shall be made to Consultant until City is reasonably satisfied that the services are satisfactory.
- 7.7. **Right to Withhold Payments.** If Consultant fails to provide a deposit or promptly satisfy an indemnity obligation described in Section 11, City shall have the good-faith right to withhold payments under this Agreement to offset that amount.

8. PREVAILING WAGES

Consultant is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000, et seq., (“Prevailing Wage Laws”), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain “public works” and “maintenance” projects. Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City, its elected officials, officers, employees, and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure of Consultant to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

9. OWNERSHIP OF WRITTEN PRODUCTS

All reports, documents or other written material (“written products” herein) developed by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement shall be and remain the property of City without restriction or limitation upon its use or dissemination by City except as provided by law. Consultant may take and retain copies of such written products as desired, but no such written products shall be the subject of a copyright application by Consultant. In the event of any re-use or alteration of the documents, such re-use or alteration shall be the responsibility of City.

10. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

- 10.1. **General.** Consultant is, and shall at all times remain as to City, a wholly independent contractor.
- 10.2. **No Agent Authority.** Consultant shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of City or otherwise to act on behalf of City as an agent. Neither City nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant’s employees, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of City.
- 10.3. **Independent Contractor Status.** Under no circumstances shall Consultant or its employees look to the City as an employer. Consultant shall not be entitled to any

benefits. City makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Consultant's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Consultant specifically assumes the responsibility for making such a determination. Consultant shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation, and other applicable federal and state taxes.

- 10.4. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination.** In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for CalPERS 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.

11. INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 **Definitions.** For purposes of this Section 11, "Consultant" shall include Consultant, its officers, employees, servants, agents, or subcontractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by either Consultant or its subcontractors, in the performance of this Agreement. "City" shall include City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.
- 11.2 **Consultant to Indemnify City.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend City from and against any and all claims, losses, costs or expenses for any personal injury or property damage arising out of Consultant's alleged negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct or other wrongful acts, errors or omissions of Consultant or failure to comply with any provision in this Agreement.
- 11.3 **Scope of Indemnity.** Personal injury shall include injury or damage due to death or injury to any person, whether physical, emotional, consequential or otherwise, Property damage shall include injury to any personal or real property. Consultant shall not be required to indemnify City for such loss or damage as is caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the City.
- 11.4 **Attorneys Fees.** Such costs and expenses shall include reasonable attorneys' fees for counsel of City's choice, expert fees and all other reasonable costs and fees of litigation. Consultant shall not be entitled to any refund of attorneys' fees, defense costs or expenses in the event that it is adjudicated to have been non-negligent.
- 11.5 **Reserved**
- 11.6 **Waiver of Statutory Immunity.** The obligations of Consultant under this Section 11 are not limited by the provisions of any workers' compensation act or similar act.

- Workers' Compensation:
 - Workers' Compensation Statutory Limits
 - EL Each Accident \$1,000,000
 - EL Disease - Policy Limit \$1,000,000
 - EL Disease - Each Employee \$1,000,000

- Automobile Liability
 - Any vehicle, combined single limit \$1,000,000

Any available insurance proceeds broader than or in excess of the specified minimum insurance coverage requirements or limits shall be available to the additional insured. Furthermore, the requirements for coverage and limits shall be the greater of (1) the minimum coverage and limits specified in this Agreement, or (2) the broader coverage and maximum limits of coverage of any insurance policy or proceeds available to the named insured.

- 12.4. **General Liability Insurance.** Commercial General Liability Insurance shall be no less broad than ISO form CG 00 01. Coverage must be on a standard Occurrence form. Claims-Made, modified, limited or restricted Occurrence forms are not acceptable.
- 12.5. **Worker's Compensation Insurance.** Consultant is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which requires every employer to carry Workers' Compensation (or to undertake equivalent self-insurance), and Consultant will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. If such insurance is underwritten by any agency other than the State Compensation Fund, such agency shall be a company authorized to do business in the State of California.
- 12.6. **Automobile Liability Insurance.** Covered vehicles shall include owned if any, non-owned, and hired automobiles and, trucks.
- 12.7. **Professional Liability Insurance or Errors & Omissions Coverage.** The deductible or self-insured retention may not exceed \$250,000. If the insurance is on a Claims-Made basis, the retroactive date shall be no later than the commencement of the work. Coverage shall be continued for two years after the completion of the work by one of the following: (1) renewal of the existing policy; (2) an extended reporting period endorsement; or (3) replacement insurance with a retroactive date no later than the commencement of the work under this Agreement.
- 12.8. **Claims-Made Policies.** If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis the Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work. Claims-Made Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective

date, the Consultant must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.

- 12.9. **Additional Insured Endorsements.** The City, its City Council, Commissions, officers, and employees of the City of Grass Valley must be endorsed as an additional insured for each policy required herein, other than Professional Errors and Omissions and Worker’s Compensation, for liability arising out of ongoing and completed operations by or on behalf of the Consultant. Consultant’s insurance policies shall be primary as respects any claims related to or as the result of the Consultant’s work. Any insurance, pooled coverage or self-insurance maintained by the City, its elected or appointed officials, directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or consultants shall be non-contributory. All endorsements shall be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. General liability coverage can be provided using an endorsement to the Consultant’s insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37.
- 12.10. **Failure to Maintain Coverage.** In the event any policy is canceled prior to the completion of the project and the Consultant does not furnish a new certificate of insurance prior to cancellation, City has the right after providing five (5) days written notice, but not the duty, to obtain the required insurance and deduct the reasonable and necessary premium(s) from any amounts due the Consultant under this Agreement. Failure of the Consultant to maintain the insurance required by this Agreement, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- 12.11. **Notices.** Contractor shall provide immediate written notice if (1) any of the required insurance policies is terminated; (2) the limits of any of the required policies are reduced; (3) or the deductible or self-insured retention is increased. Consultant shall provide no less than 30 days’ notice of any cancellation or material change to policies required by this Agreement. Consultant shall provide proof that cancelled or expired policies of insurance have been renewed or replaced with other policies providing at least the same coverage. Such proof will be furnished at least two weeks prior to the expiration of the coverages. The name and address for Additional Insured Endorsements, Certificates of Insurance and Notices of Cancellation is: City of Grass Valley, Attn: Andreas Theisen, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945.
- 12.12. **Consultant’s Insurance Primary.** The insurance provided by Consultant, including all endorsements, shall be primary to any coverage available to City. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City and/or its officers, employees, agents or volunteers, shall be in excess of Consultant’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.

- 12.13. **Waiver of Subrogation.** Consultant hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the City. Consultant shall additionally waive such rights either by endorsement to each policy or provide proof of such waiver in the policy itself.
- 12.14. **Report of Claims to City.** Consultant shall report to the City, in addition to the Consultant's insurer, any and all insurance claims submitted to Consultant's insurer in connection with the services under this Agreement.
- 12.15. **Premium Payments and Deductibles.** Consultant must disclose all deductibles and self-insured retention amounts to the City. The City may require the Consultant to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within retention amounts. Ultimately, City must approve all such amounts prior to execution of this Agreement.

City has no obligation to pay any premiums, assessments, or deductibles under any policy required in this Agreement. Consultant shall be responsible for all premiums and deductibles in all of Consultant's insurance policies. The amount of deductibles for insurance coverage required herein are subject to City's approval.

- 12.16. **Duty to Defend and Indemnify.** Consultant's duties to defend and indemnify City under this Agreement shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

13. MUTUAL COOPERATION

- 13.1. **City Cooperation in Performance.** City shall provide Consultant with all pertinent data, documents and other requested information as is reasonably available for the proper performance of Consultant's services under this Agreement.
- 13.2. **Consultant Cooperation in Defense of Claims.** If any claim or action is brought against City relating to Consultant's performance in connection with this Agreement, Consultant shall render any reasonable assistance that City may require in the defense of that claim or action.

14. NOTICES

Any notices, bills, invoices, or reports required by this Agreement shall be deemed received on: (i) the day of delivery if delivered by hand, facsimile or overnight courier service during Consultant's and City's regular business hours; or (ii) on the third business day following deposit in the United States mail if delivered by mail, postage prepaid, to the addresses listed below (or to such other addresses as the parties may, from time to time, designate in writing).

If to City

Thomas Last
City of Grass Valley
Community Development Dept.
125 E Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Telephone: (530) 274-4711
Facsimile: (530) 274-4399

If to Consultant

Craig Baptista
Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.
180 Promenade Circle, Suite 150
Sacramento, CA 95834
Telephone: (916) 514-4516
Facsimile: (916) 725-8242

With courtesy copy to:

Michael G. Colantuono, Esq.
Grass Valley City Attorney
Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
420 Sierra College Drive, Suite 140
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Telephone: (530) 432-7357
Facsimile: (530) 432-7356

15. SURVIVING COVENANTS

The parties agree that the covenants contained in paragraph 5.11 (Records), paragraph 10.4 (Indemnification of CalPERS Determination), Section 11 (Indemnity), paragraph 12.8 (Claims-Made Policies), paragraph 13.2 (Consultant Cooperation in Defense of Claims), and paragraph 18.1 (Confidentiality) of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, subject to the provisions and limitations of this Agreement and all otherwise applicable statutes of limitations and repose.

16. TERMINATION

- 16.1. **City Termination.** City may terminate this Agreement for any reason on five calendar days' written notice to Consultant. Consultant agrees to cease all work under this Agreement on or before the effective date of any notice of termination. All City data, documents, objects, materials or other tangible things shall be returned to City upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 16.2. **Consultant Termination.** Consultant may terminate this Agreement for a material breach of this Agreement upon 30 days' notice.
- 16.3. **Compensation Following Termination.** Upon termination, Consultant shall be paid based on the work satisfactorily performed at the time of termination. In no event shall Consultant be entitled to receive more than the amount that would be paid to Consultant for the full performance of the services required by this Agreement. The City shall have

the benefit of such work as may have been completed up to the time of such termination.

- 16.4. **Remedies.** City retains any and all available legal and equitable remedies for Consultant's breach of this Agreement.

17. INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT

- 17.1. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- 17.2. **Integration of Exhibits.** All documents referenced as exhibits in this Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Agreement. In the event of any material discrepancy between the express provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any document incorporated herein by reference, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. This instrument contains the entire Agreement between City and Consultant with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. No other prior oral or written agreements are binding upon the parties. Amendments hereto or deviations herefrom shall be effective and binding only if made in writing and executed on by City and Consultant.
- 17.3. **Headings.** The headings and captions appearing at the commencement of the sections hereof, and in any paragraph thereof, are descriptive only and for convenience in reference to this Agreement. Should there be any conflict between such heading, and the section or paragraph thereof at the head of which it appears, the language of the section or paragraph shall control and govern in the construction of this Agreement.
- 17.4. **Pronouns.** Masculine or feminine pronouns shall be substituted for the neuter form and vice versa, and the plural shall be substituted for the singular form and vice versa, in any place or places herein in which the context requires such substitution(s).
- 17.5. **Severability.** If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, then such term or provision shall be amended to, and solely to the extent necessary to, cure such invalidity or unenforceability, and shall be enforceable in its amended form. In such event, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 17.6. **No Presumption Against Drafter.** Each party had an opportunity to consult with an attorney in reviewing and drafting this agreement. Any uncertainty or ambiguity shall not be construed for or against any party based on attribution of drafting to any party.

18. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 18.1. **Confidentiality.** All data, documents, discussion, or other information developed or received by Consultant for performance of this Agreement are deemed confidential and Consultant shall not disclose it without prior written consent by City. City shall grant such consent if disclosure is legally required. All City data shall be returned to City upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Consultant may retain copies of the City's Confidential Information: (i) as part of the Consultant's archival records (including backup systems) that Consultant keeps in the ordinary course of its business, but only as required by the Consultant's records retention policies, (ii) as required by law, (iii) if and only to the extent they are relevant to an active dispute between the parties, or (iv) may be reasonably necessary to carry out any surviving obligations under this Agreement.
- 18.2. **Conflicts of Interest.** Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Consultant further agrees to file, or shall cause its employees or subcontractor to file, a Statement of Economic Interest with the City's Filing Officer if required under state law in the performance of the services. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer, or employee of City, during the term of his or her service with City, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.
- 18.3. **Non-assignment.** Consultant shall not delegate, transfer, subcontract or assign its duties or rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without City's prior written consent, and any attempt to do so shall be void and of no effect. City shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party other than Consultant.
- 18.4. **Binding on Successors.** This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.
- 18.5. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Except as expressly stated herein, there is no intended third-party beneficiary of any right or obligation assumed by the parties.
- 18.6. **Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement. Consultant is not responsible for delays caused by the City or beyond the reasonable control of Consultant.
- 18.7. **Non-Discrimination.** Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition), creed, national origin, color, disability as defined by law, disabled veteran status, Vietnam veteran status, religion, age (40 and above), medical condition (cancer-related), marital status, ancestry, or sexual orientation. Employment

actions to which this provision applies shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment, and selection for training. Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- 18.8. **Waiver.** No provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by City or Consultant unless in writing signed by one authorized to bind the party asserted to have consented to the waiver. The waiver by City or Consultant of any breach of any provision, covenant, or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision, covenant, or condition.
- 18.9. **Excused Failure to Perform.** Consultant shall not be liable for any failure to perform if Consultant presents acceptable evidence, in City's reasonable judgment, that such failure was due to causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Consultant.
- 18.10. **Remedies Non-Exclusive.** Each right, power and remedy provided for herein or now or hereafter existing at law, in equity, by statute, or otherwise shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other right, power, or remedy provided for herein or now or hereafter existing at law, in equity, by statute, or otherwise. The exercise, the commencement of the exercise, or the forbearance from the exercise by any party of any one or more of such rights, powers or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by such party of any or all of such other rights, powers or remedies.
- 18.11. **Attorneys' Fees.** If legal action shall be necessary to enforce any term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs expended in the action.
- 18.12. **Venue.** The venue for any litigation shall be Nevada County, California and Consultant hereby consents to jurisdiction in Nevada County for purposes of resolving any dispute or enforcing any obligation arising under this Agreement.
- 18.13. **Non-solicitation of employees.** The Parties agrees in good faith not to directly employ any employee or any person employed by the other Party within the prior six month period without the prior written consent of the Party. This restriction shall apply during the term of and for a period of one (1) year after the termination of this Agreement. The Parties further agrees that loss of any such employee would involve considerable financial loss of an amount that could not be readily established. Therefore, in the event that a Party should breach this provision and without limiting any other remedy that may be available the breaching Party shall pay a sum equal to the employee's current annual salary plus 12 additional months of the employee's current annual salary for training of a new employee as liquidated damages. For the avoidance of doubt, newspaper, periodical or Internet-based listings of employment opportunities by a party shall not be considered solicitation of an employee of the other party.

18.14. Force Majeure. Neither Party shall be liable for any delay in delivery or nonperformance in whole of its obligations under this Agreement if prevented from doing so by a cause or causes beyond its control, including, without limitation, acts of God or public enemy, failure of suppliers to perform, fire, floods, storms, earthquakes, riots, strikes, war, and restraints of government. The suspension of performance shall be of no greater scope and no longer duration than is reasonably required and the non-performing Party shall use reasonable efforts to remedy its inability to perform.

TO EFFECTUATE THIS AGREEMENT, the parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

“City”
City of Grass Valley

“Consultant”
Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

By: _____
Signature

By: _____
Signature

Printed: _____

Printed: _____

Title: Community Development Director

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Attest:

By: _____
Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney

Date: _____