

## CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This Contract is made as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between the Town of Juno Beach, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the TOWN, and Node0 IT LLC, a Florida limited liability company, hereinafter referred to as the CONTRACTOR, whose Federal I.D. or Social Security number is 47-2447370.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the TOWN and the CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1-SERVICES**

The CONTRACTOR shall furnish an on-site engineer for a minimum of **four (4) days per month** (eight hours per day/32 hours per month) to manage the Town's computer network at a monthly rate of \$4,150. The contractor shall also furnish remote information technology services throughout the month, monitoring the Town's network and responding to issues as they arise which is included in the monthly fee. Additional on-site non-scheduled technical support shall be provided upon request and availability and will be billed at the agreed upon rate of \$115 per hour.

The TOWN'S representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be Andrea Dobbins, Project Coordinator/Risk Manager, telephone number (561) 656-0326, [adobbins@juno-beach.fl.us](mailto:adobbins@juno-beach.fl.us).

### **ARTICLE 2-TERM/COMMENCEMENT DATE**

This Contract shall become effective October 1, 2025, and shall remain in effect through September 30, 2027, unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article 4. The Town shall have the option to renew this Contract for up to two (2) additional two-year renewal terms for a maximum of six (6) years pursuant to the same terms and conditions contained herein.

### **ARTICLE 3-COMPENSATION TO CONTRACTOR**

- A. Generally - The TOWN agrees to compensate the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the Proposal submitted by the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR'S Proposal is incorporated herein by reference. The total and cumulative amount of this contract shall not exceed the amount of funds budgeted for these services nor shall said fees exceed the amounts as set forth in the Proposal.
- B. Payments - Invoices received from the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved by the TOWN'S representative, indicating that services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract and then will be sent to the Finance Department for payment. CONTRACTOR will invoice the TOWN in advance for each payment period. Invoices will normally be paid within thirty (30) days following the TOWN representative's approval.

#### **ARTICLE 4-TERMINATION**

This Contract may be cancelled by the CONTRACTOR upon **ninety (90) days** prior written notice to the TOWN'S representative in the event of substantial failure by the TOWN to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract through no fault of the CONTRACTOR. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the TOWN, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the CONTRACTOR. Unless the CONTRACTOR is in breach of this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall be paid for services rendered to the TOWN'S satisfaction through the date of termination. After receipt of a Termination Notice and except as otherwise directed by the TOWN the CONTRACTOR shall:

- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
- C. Transfer all work in progress, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the TOWN.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

#### **ARTICLE 5-PERSONNEL**

The CONTRACTOR represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the TOWN.

All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the CONTRACTOR or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

The CONTRACTOR warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of the CONTRACTOR'S personnel (and all Subcontractors), while on Town premises, will comply with all Town requirements governing conduct, safety, and security.

#### **ARTICLE 6-INSURANCE**

- A. Prior to execution of this Contract by the TOWN the CONTRACTOR shall provide certificates evidencing insurance coverage as required hereunder. All insurance policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The Certificates shall clearly indicate that the CONTRACTOR has obtained insurance of the type, amount, and classification as required for strict compliance with this Article and that no material change or cancellation of the insurance shall be effective

without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the TOWN'S representative. Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of its liability and obligations under this Contract.

- B. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, during the life of this Contract, Commercial General Liability, including Professional Liability Errors and Omissions insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 in aggregate to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily and personal injury, including wrongful death, as well as from claims of property damages which may arise from any operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly employed by or contracting with the CONTRACTOR.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, during the life of this Contract, comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damages liability to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims for damages for bodily and personal injury, including death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from the ownership, use, or maintenance of owned and non-owned automobiles, including rented automobiles whether such operations be by the CONTRACTOR or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the CONTRACTOR.
- D. The parties to this Contract shall carry Workers' Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance for all employees as required by Florida Statutes. In the event that a party does not carry Workers' Compensation Insurance and chooses not to obtain same, then such party shall, in accordance with Section 440.05, Florida Statutes, apply for and obtain an exemption authorized by the Department of Insurance and shall provide a copy of such exemption to the TOWN.
- E. All insurance, other than Worker's Compensation, to be maintained by the CONTRACTOR shall specifically **include the TOWN OF JUNO BEACH as an "Additional Insured."**

#### **ARTICLE 7-INDEMNIFICATION**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, the CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and save harmless and defend the TOWN, its officials, agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, liability, losses, and/or causes of action arising out of or in any way related to the services furnished by the CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Contract, including, but not limited to, those caused by or arising out of any act, omission, negligence or default of the CONTRACTOR and/or its subcontractors, agents, servants or employees.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall not be required to indemnify the TOWN, its officials, agents, servants, and employees when the occurrence results solely from the wrongful acts or omissions of the TOWN, its officials, agents, servants, and employees. The terms of this Section shall survive completion of all services, obligations and duties provided for in this Contract as well as the termination of this Contract for any reason.

- C. Nothing contained in this Contract shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third party against either the TOWN or the CONTRACTOR, nor shall this Contract be construed a waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the waiver provided in §768.28, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE 8-SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

The TOWN and the CONTRACTOR each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators, and assigns to the other party of this Contract and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the TOWN nor the CONTRACTOR shall assign, sublet, convey, or transfer its interest in this Contract without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the TOWN which may be a party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the TOWN and the CONTRACTOR.

#### **ARTICLE 9- GOVERNING LAW, VENUE AND REMEDIES.**

- A. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce this Contract will be held in Palm Beach County.
- B. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.
- C. The TOWN and CONTRACTOR **knowingly, voluntarily, and intentionally waive any right they may have to a trial by jury** with respect to any litigation arising out of or in connection with this Contract.

#### **ARTICLE 10-EXCUSABLE DELAYS**

The CONTRACTOR shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include but are not limited to: acts of God; natural or public health emergencies; labor disputes; freight embargoes; and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions.

Upon the CONTRACTOR'S request, the TOWN shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the CONTRACTOR'S failure to perform was without it or its subcontractor's fault or negligence the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract shall be revised accordingly; subject to the TOWN'S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time.

## **ARTICLE 11-INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP**

The CONTRACTOR is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services and/or activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the TOWN. All persons engaged in any of the work, services and/or activities performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the CONTRACTOR'S sole direction, supervision, and control. The CONTRACTOR shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the CONTRACTOR'S relationship and the relationship of its employees, agents, or servants to the TOWN shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the TOWN.

The CONTRACTOR does not have the power or authority to bind the TOWN in any promise, agreement, or representation other than as specifically provided for in this Contract.

## **ARTICLE 12-NONDISCRIMINATION**

The CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, or sexual orientation.

## **ARTICLE 13-ENFORCEMENT COSTS**

If any legal action or other proceeding is brought for the enforcement of this Contract, or because of an alleged dispute, breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Contract, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all expenses (including taxes) even if not taxable as court awarded costs (including, without limitation, all such fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

## **ARTICLE 14-AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS**

The CONTRACTOR hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the TOWN'S representative upon request.

## **ARTICLE 15-SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, to remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

## **ARTICLE 16-PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES**

As provided in Sections 287.133, Florida Statutes, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, CONTRACTOR certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and any other contractors who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by Section 287.133(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

## **ARTICLE 17-MODIFICATIONS OF WORK**

The TOWN reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the CONTRACTOR of the TOWN'S notification of a contemplated change, the CONTRACTOR shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the TOWN of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the TOWN if the contemplated change shall effect the CONTRACTOR'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the TOWN so instructs in writing, the CONTRACTOR shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by the contemplated change, pending the TOWN'S decision to proceed with the change.

If the TOWN elects to make the change, the TOWN shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the CONTRACTOR shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the CONTRACTOR and approved and executed by the Town of Juno Beach.

## **ARTICLE 18-NOTICE**

All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the TOWN shall be mailed to:

Town of Juno Beach  
340 Ocean Drive  
Juno Beach, Florida 33408  
Attention: Andrea Dobbins, Project Coordinator/Risk Manager

and if sent to the CONTRACTOR shall be mailed to:

Node0 IT LLC  
12765 West Forest Hill Boulevard  
Suite 1310  
Wellington, Florida 33414  
Attention: Mark Rutledge, Managing Member

## **ARTICLE 19-ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

The TOWN and the CONTRACTOR agree that this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded, or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 17- Modifications of Work.

## **ARTICLE 20-WARRANTY/GUARANTY**

CONTRACTOR warrants that its Services under this Contract will be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year following completion of those Services or as otherwise provided by manufacturer.

## **ARTICLE 21-PROTECTION OF WORK AND PROPERTY**

The CONTRACTOR shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all work from damage and shall protect the TOWN'S property from injury or loss arising in connection with the Contract. Except for any such damage, injury, or loss, except that which may be directly due to errors caused by the TOWN or employees of the TOWN, the CONTRACTOR shall provide any necessary materials to maintain such protection.

Until acceptance of the work by the TOWN, the TOWN'S property shall be under the charge and care of the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR shall take every necessary precaution against injury or damage to the work by the action of elements or from any other cause whatsoever, and the CONTRACTOR shall repair, restore and make good, without additional work occasioned by any of the above causes before its completion and acceptance.

## **ARTICLE 22-WAIVER**

Failure of the TOWN to enforce or exercise any right(s) under this Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of TOWN'S right to enforce or exercise said right(s) at any time thereafter.

## **ARTICLE 23-PREPARATION**

This Contract shall not be construed more strongly against either party regardless of who was more responsible for its preparation.

## **ARTICLE 24-MATERIALITY**

All provisions of the Contract shall be deemed material. In the event CONTRACTOR fails to comply with any of the provisions contained in this Contract or exhibits, amendments and addenda attached hereto, said failure shall be deemed a material breach of this Contract and TOWN may at its option and without notice terminate this Contract.

## **ARTICLE 25-CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND CONTROLLING PROVISIONS**

This Contract incorporates the terms of the Request for Proposals issued by the TOWN and the Proposal Response submitted by CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned documents. To the extent that a conflict exists between this Contract and the remaining documents, the terms, conditions, covenants, and/or provisions of this Contract shall prevail. Wherever possible, the provisions of such documents shall be construed in such a manner as to avoid conflicts between provisions of the various documents.

## **ARTICLE 26-DEFAULT**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Contract to the contrary, the parties agree that the occurrence of any of the following shall be deemed a material event of default and shall be grounds for termination:

- A. The filing of a lien by any subcontractor or third tier subcontractor including, but not limited to material men, suppliers, or laborers, upon any property, right of way, easement or other interest in land or right to use within the territorial boundaries of the TOWN which lien is not satisfied, discharged or contested in a court of law within thirty (30) days from the date of notice to the CONTRACTOR;
- B. The filing of any judgment liens against the assets of CONTRACTOR related to the performance of this Contract which is not satisfied, discharged, or contested in a court of law within thirty (30) days from the date of notice to the CONTRACTOR; or
- C. The filing of a petition by or against CONTRACTOR for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, or for its reorganization or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee of CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR'S property; or an assignment by CONTRACTOR for the benefit of creditors; or the taking possession of the property of CONTRACTOR by any governmental officer or agency pursuant to statutory authority for the dissolution or liquidation of CONTRACTOR; or if a temporary or permanent receiver or trustee shall be appointed for CONTRACTOR or for CONTRACTOR'S property and such temporary or permanent receiver or Trustee shall not be discharged within thirty (30) days from the date of appointment.

CONTRACTOR shall provide written notice to the TOWN of the occurrence of any event of default within ten (10) days of CONTRACTOR's receipt of notice of any such default.

## **ARTICLE 27-AUDITS**

CONTRACTOR shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing services pursuant to this Contract for at least five (5) years after termination of this Contract. The TOWN shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at CONTRACTOR's place of business. Under no circumstances will CONTRACTOR be

required to disclose any confidential or proprietary information regarding its products and service costs.

#### **ARTICLE 28-LEGAL EFFECT**

This Contract shall not become binding and effective until approved by the TOWN Council of the TOWN of Juno Beach or its designated representative.

#### **ARTICLE 29-REPRESENTATIONS/BINDING AUTHORITY**

CONTRACTOR represents that the person executing this Contract has the power, authority, and legal right to execute and deliver this Contract and perform all of its obligations under this Contract.

#### **ARTICLE 30-INSPECTOR GENERAL**

CONTRACTOR is aware that the Inspector General of Palm Beach County has the authority to investigate and audit matters relating to the negotiation and performance of this contract and in furtherance thereof may demand and obtain records and testimony from the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that in addition to all other remedies and consequences provided by law, the failure of contractor or its subcontractors to fully cooperate with the Inspector General when requested may be deemed by the TOWN to be a material breach of the Contract Documents justifying termination.

#### **ARTICLE 31-PUBLIC RECORDS**

In performing services pursuant to this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all relevant provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. IF CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: (561) 656-0316; [CCOPELAND@JUNO-BEACH.FL.US](mailto:CCOPELAND@JUNO-BEACH.FL.US); OR 340 OCEAN DRIVE, JUNO BEACH, FL 33408.

As required by Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (1) Keep and maintain public records required by the TOWN to perform the service.
- (2) Upon request from the TOWN's custodian of public records, provide the TOWN with a copy the 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 the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if CONTRACTOR does not transfer the records to the TOWN.

- (4) Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the TOWN all public records in possession of CONTRACTOR or keep and maintain public records required by the TOWN to perform the services. If CONTRACTOR transfers all public records to the TOWN upon completion of the Contract, CONTRACTOR shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If CONTRACTOR keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, CONTRACTOR shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the TOWN, upon request from the TOWN's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the TOWN.

### **ARTICLE 32-E-VERIFY**

CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors are in compliance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended. CONTRACTOR has registered to use, and shall continue to use, the E-Verify System (E-Verify.gov) to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees and has received an affidavit from each subcontractor stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. If the TOWN has a good faith belief that CONTRACTOR has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, the TOWN shall terminate this Contract pursuant to Section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes, as may be amended. If the TOWN has a good faith believe that a subcontractor has knowingly violated Section 448.09(1), Florida Statutes, but CONTRACTOR has otherwise complained, it shall notify CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR shall immediately terminate its contract with the subcontractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the TOWN and CONTRACTOR hereto have made and executed this Contract as of the day and year first above written.

TOWN OF JUNO BEACH

CONTRACTOR:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN MANAGER

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

ATTEST:

WITNESSED BY:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN ATTORNEY