

## **AGREEMENT**

### **FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

#### **BETWEEN**

**CITY OF LYNDEN  
300 4TH STREET  
LYNDEN, WASHINGTON 98264**

**AND**

**BERK CONSULTING  
2200 SIXTH AVENUE, STE 1000  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98121**

**PROJECT: Pepin Creek Financial Mitigation Strategy Study– PSA 2019-01**

**THIS AGREEMENT** combines all understanding between the Parties regarding professional services for the Project named above and supersedes all prior proposals, quotations, solicitations, negotiations, representations, agreements, or understandings, whether written or oral.

The performance of the professional services described here, as well as payment for such services, shall be on the terms and conditions presented in this Agreement and the following Sections which are attached and incorporated by reference which, taken together, shall constitute the whole Agreement.

- Section 1 - Relationship of the Parties
- Section 2 - Payment
- Section 3 - General Provisions
- Section 4 - Scope of Services
- Section 5 - Extent of Agreement

#### **SECTION 1: RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES**

The City of Lynden, a Washington municipal corporation, ("City") hereby contracts with Berk Consulting, a Washington limited liability company, ("Consultant") to perform the professional services described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit A of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors, assigns, and legal representatives of each of the Parties hereto. The Consultant must notify and obtain approval from the City prior to contracting with a subConsultant(s). Any other assignment or transfer of an interest in this Agreement, by either Party, without the written consent of the other shall be void. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to any approved subcontract or assignment made pursuant to this Agreement and Consultant shall incorporate by reference this Agreement in its contracts with its subConsultant(s).

#### **SECTION 2: PROFESSIONAL REIMBURSEMENT**

Professional Reimbursement to the Consultant shall be in accordance with the Consultant's budget for the Scope of Work described in Exhibit A.

The budgeted total cost for each requested service shall be a "not to exceed" cost. The City shall pay all of the Consultant's invoices in accordance with the other conditions of the Agreement.

## SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 3.1 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Consultant shall be consultant and advisor to the City, and shall not be agent or representative of the City. Nothing contained herein or any document executed in connection herewith, shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship or joint venture relationship between the City and Contractor, its employees or subcontractors. Contractor is responsible for payment of all taxes arising out of Contractor's activities in accordance with this Agreement, including by way of illustration but not limitation, Federal and State income tax, Social Security tax, unemployment insurance taxes, and any other Federal, State or local taxes or business license fees, as required. Any and all sums subject to deductions, if any, required to be withheld and/or paid under any applicable state, federal or municipal laws or regulations, shall be Contractor's sole responsibility. The Consultant represents that the studies, projections, plans, reports, design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, and all other engineering, consulting, and analytical services furnished under this Contract will be in accordance with generally accepted professional practices. The Consultant hereby agrees to exercise usual and customary professional care in efforts to comply with all federal; state and local laws, rules and ordinances applicable to the work and to this Agreement in force at the time of Consultant's performance of the work hereunder.

The Consultant makes no other representation or warranty, express or implied.

### 3.2 PAYMENT CONDITIONS

The City agrees to pay the Consultant on a monthly basis, during the term of the project, commensurate with portions of the work completed. The Consultant's compensation shall be paid monthly on account, for the services performed during that month, with payment due within 30 days of the invoice date. The City of Lynden, Finance Department, must receive invoices from vendors by the 5th of each month (or the following Monday if the 5th falls on a weekend day) for processing in the current month's run. The Finance Department is required to seek City Council approval to pay invoices during the second City Council meeting of the month (third Monday) before payment can be rendered. **All invoices must include the Project name and number and the services rendered, according to the associated Sub-task according to the approved scope of work, for which payment is to be rendered. Consultant is responsible for providing a cost tracking report for fund allocations and for declining budget balances on invoices. Deliverables identified in each Sub-task will be required prior to final payment of that Sub-task. Invoices and supporting documentation will be reviewed for completeness before payment will be authorized.**

The Consultant will not incur any liability for damages of any type or nature when the performance is stopped as a result of stopping performance of services due to the failure of the City to pay for services rendered.

### **3.3 TERM**

This Agreement shall commence immediately and shall continue until December 31, 2018, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to this Agreement. This Agreement may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

### **3.4 GENERAL CITY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City shall provide full information regarding its requirements for the services to be performed by the Consultant, and any circumstances known to the City that would hinder the Consultants performance, or make performance by the Consultant more difficult or expensive than would ordinarily be expected. The City shall furnish any required information and services, and shall render approvals and decisions as expeditiously as necessary for the orderly progress of the Consultant's services. If the City observes or otherwise becomes aware of any fault or defect in the services performed by the Consultant, the City shall promptly give written notice thereof to the Consultant.

### **3.5 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Consultant represents that the services shall be performed within the limits prescribed by this Agreement in a manner consistent with that type of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other professional consultants under similar circumstances. No other representations to the City, express or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in the Agreement, or in any report, opinion, document, or otherwise. The Consultant shall not accept other tasks, within the City of Lynden, that could be viewed as a conflict of interest.

### **3.6 LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS**

The City shall, to the extent of its negligence and/or the negligence of its agents or employees, defend and indemnify the Consultant against any and all liability for personal injury (including death resulting therefrom) or property damage of any kind, sustained by any person and caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the City, its agents, or employees, and the Consultant, its agents, or employees. Likewise, the Consultant, shall, to the extent of its negligence and/or the negligence of its agents or employees, defend and indemnify the City against any and all liability for personal injury (including death resulting therefrom) or property damage of any kind, sustained by any person and caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Consultant, its agents, or employees, and the City, its agents, or employees. For purposes of this provision, the City and Consultant agree to waive the statutory immunity under Title 51 of the Revised Code of Washington, and the parties, by this Agreement, certify and warrant that its waiver of statutory immunity was mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

### **3.7 INDEMNIFICATION**

The City agrees that the following language shall be included in any agreement between the City and any third person and/or any third person and fourth person ("SubConsultant") for work of any kind or nature to be performed in connection with the Project, including without limitation, construction services.

"The Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and its respective officers, agents, and employees, from and against all damages, claims, losses, demands, suits, judgments, actions, and costs,

including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such damages, claim, loss, demand, suit, judgment, cost, or expense:

- (1) Is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death or to injury to, or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including the loss of use resulting therefrom or to purely economic loss; and
- (2) Is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission on the part of the SubConsultant, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any one of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.
- (3) It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Consultant's waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the Consultant and City. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement."

### 3.8 INSURANCE

The Consultant shall maintain insurance coverage for claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act and claims for bodily injury, death, or property damage, which might arise from the performance of their services under this Agreement. Limits of liability shall be as follows:

Professional Liability	\$1,000,000	each occurrence
Professional Liability	\$2,000,000	annual aggregate
Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000	each occurrence
Comprehensive General Liability	\$2,000,000	annual aggregate
Errors and Omissions	\$1,000,000	each occurrence
Errors and Omissions	\$2,000,000	annual aggregate
Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000	combined single limit
Worker's Compensation	Statutory benefits	

**The City of Lynden shall be listed as additional insured on all applicable certificates of insurance.** Consultant will provide City with current insurance certificate upon request.

### 3.9 OPPORTUNITY TO REMEDY

The parties agree that in the event of alleged error or omission by the Consultant in performance of services under the Scope of Services, the City shall notify the Consultant promptly in writing of that fact and allow the Consultant a reasonable time to remedy the problem. Upon notice the Consultant shall promptly review and remedy the problem at the cost of the Consultant. Where responsibility for a problem may be shared by the Consultant and others, the Consultant shall endeavor to remedy the Consultant's share, at the cost of the Consultant, and to cooperate with others involved. If the Consultant demonstrates that it is not at fault, for a problem identified by the City under this Section, the City shall reimburse the Consultant for its costs of investigating the problem.

### **3.10 TERMINATION**

The City may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement, by giving the Consultant a 90-day written Notice of Termination, and the Consultant may terminate the Agreement by giving the City a 90-day written Notice of Termination. If any portion of the authorized work covered by this Agreement, and begun by the Consultant, shall be abandoned, unreasonably delayed, or indefinitely postponed, the Consultant or City may terminate this Agreement. Whether or not terminated, the City shall pay the Consultant for the services rendered in connection therewith, prior to written notice of such abandonment, delay, or postponement, payment to be based insofar as possible, on the amounts specifically established in the Agreement.

### **3.11 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS**

Drawings, specifications, documents and electronic discs prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are property of the City. The Consultant may retain copies, including reproducible copies of drawings and specifications for information and reference. The Consultant does not intend or represent such drawings and specifications to be suitable for reuse by the City or others on extensions of the Project. The City shall retain copyrights to any and all documents produced by it during the course of this Agreement. The City shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Consultant from and against any and all claims asserted by any party in any manner resulting from unauthorized use by the City, of the Consultant prepared drawings, specifications, or other documents. Until the expiration of six years after the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to maintain accurate records of all work done in providing Services specified by the Agreement and to deliver such records to the City as requested by the City.

All inventions, patents, design patents, and computer programs and copyrights relating thereto, acquired or developed by the Consultant in connection or relation to the Project, shall remain the property of the Consultant and shall be protected by the City from use by others, except pursuant to agreement in writing between the Consultant and the City, with agreed-upon compensation to the Consultant or as required by a court order or by law such as but not limited to the Washington Public Records Act, RCW 42.56.

### **3.12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, shall be submitted for mediation pursuant to the Mediation Rules of the American Intermediation Service (AIS) prior to the commencement of arbitration or other adjudicative procedures.

Mediations and arbitration hearings shall be held at the location mutually agreed upon by the Consultant and the City. Arbitrations shall be conducted pursuant to the Washington Uniform Arbitrations Act under RCW 7.04A.

If a settlement is agreed upon through mediation, the parties may agree that the settlement be reduced to writing, and that the mediator(s) shall be deemed to be arbitrator(s), for the sole purpose of signing that written settlement agreement, which shall then have the same force and effect as an arbitral award.

### **3.13 CLAIMS AND DISPUTES**

At the City's request, and only if the City and the Consultant first agree on compensation to the Consultant, the Consultant will assist the City in reviewing and evaluating claims and disputes, preparing information for the City's legal counsel, providing services as witness in litigation or arbitration to which the City is a party, and providing other services in connection with actual or potential claims or disputes, regardless of whether or not the Consultant is named in such legal action. In no case shall the Consultant be obligated to provide such services until the method of compensation therefore is agreed.

### **3.14 COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LEGISLATION**

The Consultant agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws governing equal opportunity employment. The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action includes, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay, or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant further agrees to maintain notices, posted in conspicuous places, setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The Consultant will ensure that applicants for employment, and all employees during their employment, are treated without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, marital status, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical handicap, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification. The Consultant agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that all of its employees, agents, and subConsultants adhere to this provision.

The Consultant will make positive efforts to utilize small businesses and minority-owned business sources of supplies and services. Efforts will allow these sources the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for sub-agreements and contracts to be performed utilizing federal grant funds.

### **3.15 REFERENCE INFORMATION**

If the Consultant is required by the City to rely upon information provided by or through the City or a third party to perform the Consultant's services, the Consultant shall not be liable for errors or omissions in the Consultant's services caused by errors or omissions in said information.

### **3.16 ADDITIONAL TAXES**

Since the Consultant's costs can be adversely affected through the application of new, additional, or retroactive taxes or charges (for instance, a sales tax on professional services or a new income tax), amounts due to the Consultant shall be increased equitably to compensate for any additional taxation charges, over those currently in effect, or for taxes retroactively determined to be due on services rendered, or on products delivered by the Consultant to the City.

### **3.17 APPLICABLE LAWS AND VENUE**

This Agreement has been and shall be construed as having been made and delivered within the State of Washington, and it is mutually understood and agreed by and between the City and the Consultant, that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, both as to interpretation and performance. Any action in law, suit in equity, or judicial proceeding, for the enforcement of this Agreement, or any of the provisions contained therein, shall be instituted and maintained only in the Whatcom County Superior Court, Bellingham, Washington.

### **SECTION 4: SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The Consultant agrees to perform or cause to be performed the services requested per the attached Scope of Work. The Consultant will make every attempt to complete the work within the estimated budget and time schedule. However, should changes in the Scope of Work require the Consultant to expend more time or incur more expenses than anticipated, the Consultant will notify the City, and upon concurrence by the City, an amendment to the Agreement will be prepared and executed.

### **SECTION 5: EXTENT OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. The parties agree that there are no other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement of the parties.

### **SECTION 6: NOTICES**

In every case where, under any of the provisions of this Agreement or in the opinion of either the City or the Consultant or otherwise, it shall or may become necessary or desirable to make, give, or serve any declaration, demand, or notice of any kind or character or for any purpose whatsoever, the same shall be in writing, and it shall be sufficient to either (1) deliver the same or a copy thereof in person to the Public Works Director, if given by the Consultant, or to the President or Secretary of the Consultant personally, if given by the City; or (2) mail the same or a copy thereof by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the other party at such address as may have theretofore been designated in writing by such party, by notice served in the manner herein provided, and until some other address shall have been so designated, the address of the City for the purpose of mailing such notices shall be as follows:

Planning Director  
CITY OF LYNDEN  
300 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lynden, Washington 98264

and the address of the Consultant shall be as follows:

Jason Hennessy, Senior Associate  
Berk Consulting  
2200 6th Avenue, Ste 1000  
Seattle, WA 98121

## **SECTION 7: ATTORNEY’S FEES**

The parties agree that in the event a civil action is instituted by either party to enforce any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement or to obtain damages or other redress for any breach hereof, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party, in addition to its other remedies, its reasonable attorney's fees in such suit or action and upon any appeal therefrom.

## **SECTION 8: CONTRACT VALIDITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, if such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of the applicable law.

## **SECTION 9: NONWAIVER OF BREACH**

Failure of either party to require performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not limit such party's right to enforce such provision, nor shall a waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement constitute a waiver of any succeeding breach of such provision or a waiver of such provision itself.

## **SECTION 10: COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and each shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute a single instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below.



