

## **AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into between The City of Norman (OWNER) and Freese and Nichols, Inc. (CONSULTANT) for the following reasons:

1. OWNER intends to perform a water quality retrofit of the Sequoyah Trails Block A Common Space Detention Pond (the Project); and,
2. OWNER requires certain professional survey, design, analysis and engineering services in connection with the Project (the SERVICES); and,
3. CONSULTANT is prepared to provide the SERVICES.

In consideration of the promises contained in this AGREEMENT, OWNER and CONSULTANT agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this AGREEMENT shall be \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20256.

### **ARTICLE 2 - GOVERNING LAW; VENUE**

This AGREEMENT shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma. The venue for any action under this AGREEMENT shall be in the District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma or the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. The parties agree to submit to the subject matter and personal jurisdiction of said court.

### **ARTICLE 3 - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CONSULTANT shall provide the SERVICES described in Attachment A, Scope of Services.

### **ARTICLE 4 - SCHEDULE**

CONSULTANT shall exercise its reasonable efforts to perform the SERVICES described in Attachment A according to the Schedule set forth in Attachment B.

### **ARTICLE 5 - COMPENSATION**

OWNER shall pay CONSULTANT in accordance with Attachment C, Compensation.

Invoices shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of receipt. OWNER shall give prompt written notice of any disputed amount and shall pay the remaining amount.

### **ARTICLE 6 - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

OWNER shall be responsible for all matters described in Attachment D, Owner's Responsibilities. OWNER hereby represents that it owns the intellectual property rights in any plans, documents or other materials provided by OWNER to CONSULTANT. If OWNER does not own the intellectual property rights in such plans, documents or other materials, prior to providing same to CONSULTANT, OWNER shall obtain a license or right to use, including the right to sublicense to CONSULTANT. OWNER hereby grants CONSULTANT the right to use the intellectual property associated with plans, documents or other materials it owns or has the right to use for the limited purpose of performing the SERVICES. OWNER represents that CONSULTANT'S use of such documents will not infringe upon any third parties' rights.

## **ARTICLE 7 - STANDARD OF CARE**

The same degree of care, skill, and diligence shall be exercised in the performance of the SERVICES as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by a member of the same profession, currently practicing, under similar circumstances. No other warranty, express or implied, is included in this AGREEMENT or in any drawing, specification, report, opinion, or other instrument of service, in any form or media, produced in connection with the SERVICES.

## **ARTICLE 8 -INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY**

Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, including the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, the CONSULTANT and the OWNER each hereby agree to indemnify, and hold harmless the other party, its officers, servants, and employees, from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense (including attorneys' fees and accountants' fees) caused by an error, omission, or negligent act of the indemnifying party in the performance of SERVICES under this AGREEMENT. The indemnity provided by the CONSULTANT in this regard shall extend in favor of the OWNER to any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense (including attorneys' fees and accountants' fees) caused by an error, omission, or negligent act of any sub-consultant hired by CONSULTANT for the Project. The CONSULTANT and the OWNER each agree to promptly serve notice on the other party of any claims arising hereunder, and shall cooperate in the defense of any such claims. This indemnity is not limited except as provided by applicable Oklahoma law. The acceptance by OWNER or its representatives of any certification of insurance providing for coverage other than as required in this AGREEMENT to be furnished by the CONSULTANT shall in no event be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this indemnity provision. None of the foregoing provisions shall deprive the OWNER of any action, right, or remedy otherwise available to the OWNER at common law.

Survival. The terms and conditions of this Article shall survive completion of the SERVICES, or any termination of this AGREEMENT.

## **ARTICLE 9 - INSURANCE**

During the performance of the SERVICES under this AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT shall maintain the following insurance:

- a) General Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.
- b) Automobile Liability Insurance, with a combined single limit of \$1,000,000 for each person and \$1,000,000 for each accident.
- c) Workers' Compensation Insurance in accordance with statutory requirements and Employers' Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$500,000 for each occurrence.
- d) Professional Liability Insurance, with a limit of \$1,000,000 per claim and annual aggregate.

CONSULTANT shall, upon written request, furnish OWNER certificates of insurance which shall include a provision that such insurance shall not be canceled without at least thirty (30) days' written notice to OWNER. OWNER shall require all Project contractors to include OWNER, CONSULTANT, and its parent company, affiliated and subsidiary entities, directors, officers and employees, as additional insureds on their General and Automobile Liability insurance policies, and to indemnify both OWNER and CONSULTANT, each to the same extent.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for (a) construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, or safety precautions and programs in connection with the PROJECT that are outside of CONSULTANT's reasonable control and/or Scope of Services set forth in Attachment A; (b) the failure of any contractor, subcontractor, vendor, or other Project participant, not under contract to, or otherwise under the control of the CONSULTANT, to fulfill contractual responsibilities to OWNER or to comply with federal, state, or local laws, regulations, and codes; or (c) procuring permits, certificates, and licenses required for any construction unless such procurement responsibilities are specifically assigned to CONSULTANT in Attachment A, Scope of Services. In the event the OWNER requests the CONSULTANT to execute any certificates or other documents, the proposed language of such certificates or documents shall be submitted to the CONSULTANT for review at least fifteen (15) days prior to the requested date of execution. The CONSULTANT shall not be required to execute any certificates or documents that in any way would, in CONSULTANT's sole judgment, (a) increase the CONSULTANT'S legal or contractual obligations or risks beyond the terms of this AGREEMENT; (b) require knowledge, services or responsibilities beyond the scope of this AGREEMENT; or (c) result in the CONSULTANT having to certify, guarantee or warrant the existence of conditions whose existence CONSULTANT cannot reasonably ascertain.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - OPINIONS OF COST AND SCHEDULE**

Because the CONSULTANT has no control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment furnished by others, or over the resources provided by others to meet project schedules, the CONSULTANT's opinion of probable costs and of project schedules shall be made on the basis of experience and qualifications as a practitioner of its profession. The CONSULTANT does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or actual project costs will not vary from the CONSULTANT'S cost estimates or that actual schedules will not vary from the CONSULTANT'S projected schedules.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - REUSE OF DOCUMENTS**

All documents, including, but not limited to, plans, drawings, and specifications prepared by CONSULTANT as deliverables pursuant to the Attachment A, Scope of Services are instruments of service in respect to the PROJECT. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by OWNER or others on modifications or extensions of the PROJECT or on any other project. Any reuse without prior written verification or adaptation by THE CONSULTANT for the specific purpose intended will be at OWNER'S sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to CONSULTANT.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Except as otherwise provided herein, documents, drawings, and specifications prepared by CONSULTANT and furnished to OWNER as part of the SERVICES shall become the property of OWNER; provided, however, that CONSULTANT shall have the unrestricted right to their use. CONSULTANT shall retain its copyright and ownership rights in its design, drawing details, specifications, data bases, computer software, and other proprietary property. Intellectual property developed, utilized, or modified in the performance of the SERVICES shall remain the property of CONSULTANT.

#### **ARTICLE 14 - TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION**

This AGREEMENT may be terminated by either party upon written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms of this AGREEMENT; provided, however, the nonperforming party shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the termination notice to cure or to submit a plan for cure acceptable to the other party. OWNER may terminate or suspend performance of this AGREEMENT for OWNER'S convenience upon written notice to CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall terminate or suspend performance of the

SERVICES on a schedule acceptable to OWNER, and OWNER shall pay CONSULTANT for all the SERVICES performed. Upon restart of suspended SERVICES, an equitable adjustment shall be made to CONSULTANT'S compensation and the project schedule.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - DELAY IN PERFORMANCE**

Neither OWNER nor CONSULTANT shall be considered in default of this AGREEMENT for delays in performance caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming party. For purposes of this AGREEMENT, such circumstances include, but are not limited to, abnormal weather conditions; floods; earthquakes; fire; epidemics; war, riots, and other civil disturbances; strikes, lockouts, work slowdowns, and other labor disturbances; sabotage; judicial restraint; and delay in or inability to procure permits, licenses, or authorizations from any local, state, or federal agency for any of the supplies, materials, accesses, or services required to be provided by either OWNER or CONSULTANT under this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT shall be granted a reasonable extension of time for any delay in its performance caused by any such circumstances. Should such circumstances occur, the nonperforming party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented from performing, give written notice to the other party describing the circumstances preventing continued performance and the efforts being made to resume performance of this AGREEMENT.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - NOTICES**

Any notice required by this AGREEMENT shall be made in writing to the address specified below:

**OWNER:**

Michele Loudenback  
Environmental and Sustainability Manager  
City of Norman  
P.O. Box 370  
Norman, OK 73070

**CONSULTANT**

Freese and Nichols, Inc.  
Jennifer Wasinger  
Vice-President/Principal  
3600 NW 138<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 202  
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of OWNER and CONSULTANT.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - DISPUTES**

In the event of a dispute between OWNER and CONSULTANT arising out of or related to this AGREEMENT, the aggrieved party shall notify the other party of the dispute within a reasonable time after such dispute arises. If the parties cannot thereafter resolve the dispute, each party shall nominate a senior officer of its management to meet to resolve the dispute by direct negotiation or mediation. Should such negotiation or mediation fail to resolve the dispute, either party may pursue resolution of the dispute as allowed by applicable law and regulation. During the pendency of any dispute, the parties shall continue diligently to fulfill their respective obligations hereunder.

#### **ARTICLE 18 - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The CONSULTANT hereby affirms its support of and efforts to abide by the provisions of applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including the City of Norman's policies and

provisions, and to perform no actions otherwise constituting an abridgement of the rights thereunder. The CONSULTANT affirms its employment efforts to hire and employ persons without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual preference/orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or familial status, including marriage to a person of the same sex, citizen status, national origin or ancestry, place of birth, presence of a disability or status as a Veteran of the Vietnam era or any other legally protected status.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - WAIVER**

A waiver by either OWNER or CONSULTANT of any breach of this AGREEMENT shall be in writing. Such a waiver shall not affect the waiving party's rights with respect to any other or further breach.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - SEVERABILITY**

The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this AGREEMENT or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this AGREEMENT void shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of this AGREEMENT. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from this AGREEMENT, and the balance of this AGREEMENT shall be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void.

#### **ARTICLE 21 - INTEGRATION**

This AGREEMENT, including Attachments A, B, C, and D incorporated by this reference, represents the entire and integrated AGREEMENT between OWNER and CONSULTANT. It supersedes all prior and contemporaneous communications, representations, and agreements, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this AGREEMENT.

#### **ARTICLE 22 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

OWNER and CONSULTANT each binds itself and its successors, executors, administrators, permitted assigns, legal representatives and, in the case of a partnership, its partners, to the other party to this AGREEMENT and to the successors, executors, administrators, permitted assigns, legal representatives, and partners of such other party in respect to all provisions of this AGREEMENT.

#### **ARTICLE 23 - ASSIGNMENT**

Neither OWNER nor CONSULTANT shall assign any rights or duties under this AGREEMENT without the prior written consent of the other party; provided, however, CONSULTANT may assign its rights to payment without OWNER'S consent. Unless otherwise stated in the written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any obligation under this AGREEMENT. Nothing contained in this Article shall prevent CONSULTANT from engaging independent CONSULTANTS, associates, and subcontractors to assist in the performance of the SERVICES.

#### **ARTICLE 24 - NO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS**

The SERVICES provided for in this AGREEMENT are for the sole use and benefit of OWNER and CONSULTANT. Nothing in this AGREEMENT shall be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than OWNER and CONSULTANT.

#### **ARTICLE 25 – VERIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

If CONSULTANT has 10 or more full-time employees during the term of this Agreement, and this AGREEMENT has a value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, CONSULTANT hereby represents, warrants, and covenants to the OWNER that, in accordance with and pursuant to 21 O.S. § 1289.31 (i) it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates

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against a firearm entity or firearm trade association, and (ii) will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of this AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONSULTANT have executed this AGREEMENT. The parties agree that they may conduct the transaction by electronic means and hereby state that electronic signature is valid and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

The City of Norman  
(OWNER)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

FREESE AND NICHOLS, INC  
(CONSULTANT)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Notary # 18002873  
Exp. 03-21-2026

Approved as to form and legality this 22 day of Jan 2025.

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City Attorney