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1. **Service(s)** - means all goods, materials and/or services required under this Agreement.
2. **General Obligations** - The Vendor agrees to provide the Requirements in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.
3. **Representations and Warranties** - The Vendor represents, warrants and covenants that:
 - a) The information contained in its Proposal is true and accurate;
 - b) It has the necessary skills, expertise, materials and experience to provide and perform the Services in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement;
 - c) It shall provide and perform the Services to the WCB in a professional manner satisfactory to WCB and comply with all reasonable requests of WCB;
 - d) Services provided and performed under the Agreement shall conform to the Requirements and be fit for its intended purpose; and
 - e) It and its sub-contractor(s) shall ensure all employees comply with all on-site WCB safety and security requirements.
4. **Agreement** - The Agreement between the WCB and the Vendor shall consist of: (1) the RFP, including instructions, all Terms and Conditions, criteria, attachments and any amendments thereto, and (2) the Proposal submitted by the Vendor in response to the RFP. In the event of a conflict in language between the two documents referenced above, the provisions and requirements in the RFP shall govern.

The Vendor's Proposal shall form part of the Agreement. Claims and representations made in the Proposal shall constitute contractual warranties.
5. **Agreement Amendments** - The Agreement may only be modified by a written Agreement signed by persons duly authorized by the WCB and the Vendor.
6. **Agreement Extension** - The WCB reserves the right to unilaterally extend the period of the Agreement for up to thirty (30) days beyond the stated expiration date.
7. **Applicability** - The RFP and any resulting Agreement shall supersede any previous negotiations, agreements, contracts or other documents between the WCB and the Vendor dealing with the same subject matter.
8. **Enurement** - Subject to the express limitations set out in this Agreement, this Agreement shall enure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
9. **Acceptance** - The Vendor shall not commence any billable work or provide any Services under this Agreement until receiving an executed Agreement or purchase order.
10. **Conflict of Interest** - During the term of this Agreement, the Vendor shall not enter into any other contract with any other party, the requirements of which will conflict with the Requirements of this Agreement or which will or may result in its interest in any other contract and this Agreement being in conflict.
11. **Assignment** - The Vendor shall not assign or sublet the Agreement to anyone without having first obtained the WCB's written approval which may be withheld without providing reasons. In the event of such written approval being provided, the Vendor shall remain responsible for the performance of all terms, conditions, covenants and provisions of the Agreement by any sub-contractor(s) or assignee.
12. **Organization - Employment Disclaimer** - The Agreement is for the Services of the Vendor, as a separate and independent

business. Neither the Vendor nor its employees, directors, officers and agents shall be entitled to any benefits of any nature whatsoever available to employees of the WCB other than to payments which are expressly provided for herein and those prescribed by law.

The Vendor, in providing and performing the Services under the Agreement, does so under a contract for services and not of service. No agency, partnership, employer-employee or master-servant relationship is intended to be created between the Vendor and the WCB.

In the event that the WCB becomes liable for any taxes, contributions, interest or other amount pursuant to a decision of the Canada Revenue Agency, in connection with any amount paid or payable by the WCB under this Agreement to the Vendor, the Vendor shall indemnify and hold the WCB harmless for any such amount.

This indemnity and hold harmless clause shall not apply to any penalties levied against the WCB by the Canada Revenue Agency in connection with this Agreement provided the Vendor has at all material times acted in good faith.

13. **Health and Safety** - Persons engaged in the performance of the Agreement must be employees of the Vendor or be sub-contractor(s) retained by the Vendor. Employees shall be deemed competent to perform the work safely. Upon request, the Vendor or sub-contractor(s) shall provide the WCB with copies of pre-job hazard assessments within 24 hours. The Vendor shall ensure that its responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations and Codes made under that Act, the Alberta Safety Codes Act and any other legislation concerning employer/employee relationships are met.
14. **Conduct of the Employees of the Vendor** - While the Vendor's employees or sub-contractor's employees (collectively referred to as "personnel") are on the WCB's premises, the Vendor shall:
 - a) Be responsible for direction and supervision and, if necessary, discipline of all personnel;
 - b) Ensure all personnel conform to the WCB's standards of behavior and dress and respect to the general requirements of the WCB;
 - c) Ensure all personnel comply with all on site WCB safety and security requirements;
 - d) Ensure that, should fire of any nature occur, personnel shall notify the local Civic Emergency Response Department immediately, whether extinguished or not;
 - e) Make its own arrangements for emergency treatment in the event of an injury or accident involving personnel. All injuries and accidents shall be reported to the WCB immediately; and
 - f) Ensure personnel are not accompanied by acquaintances, family members, or any other person unless that person is an authorized employee of the Vendor or any of its sub-contractor(s) and that person's attendance at the WCB's premises is necessary for the performance of the Agreement.
15. **Ethics** - While providing services to the WCB under this Agreement, the Vendor and its personnel shall comply with the WCB's Corporate Ethics Program. Information respecting this Program may be obtained from the WCB website <https://www.wcb.ab.ca/about-wcb/bid-and-vendor-information.html>.
16. **Performance Standards**
 - a) The Vendor agrees that time is of the essence in the performance of the Agreement.

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- b) The WCB may notify the Vendor of any deficiencies, and in the event that the Vendor has failed to rectify the deficiencies within the time allotted by the WCB, the WCB may, at its discretion, obtain the Services, complete the work or rectify the deficiencies to its satisfaction and shall be entitled to deduct and set-off the costs of such work or rectification from any moneys due to the Vendor.
- c) The WCB shall not be obligated to make any payments for work completed, or Services rendered by the Vendor, to remedy errors or omissions for which, in the reasonable opinion of the WCB, the Vendor is responsible.

17. **Changes** - The WCB, without invalidating the Agreement, may alter, add to or delete from the work, the Agreement sum being adjusted accordingly provided the Vendor has agreed to the same in writing. All such changes shall be governed by the conditions of the original Agreement. Any changes and unforeseen extras must be documented by change orders and approved by the appointed WCB representative prior to proceeding. Supplementary invoices not supported by change orders will not be honored. The Vendor must notify the WCB of changes in the Vendor's policy or organization that affects their ability to meet their obligations outlined in the Agreement.

18. **Termination** - The following shall be deemed to be defaults of the Agreement:

- a) Failure by the Vendor to make adequate progress in the performance of the Agreement, or alternatively, an indication by the Vendor that they cannot or will not meet any or all of the requirements of the Agreement;
- b) Failure by the Vendor to observe and perform any of the terms, conditions, covenants or obligations which are contained in the Agreement, each and every one of which are subject hereto as though each were reiterated hereunder;
- c) Breach of any representation or warranty herein contained; and
- d) If the Vendor makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors; has a Receiving Order made against it or makes a Response under any bankruptcy legislation; if any action, legislation or otherwise, is taken to accomplish a winding up, dissolution or liquidation of it; or if a receiver is appointed or any execution issues of or against the property of the Vendor which remains outstanding for ten (10) days.

Should the Vendor fail to comply with the terms of the Agreement, or otherwise be in default of the Agreement, the WCB may terminate the Agreement for cause and without notice to the Vendor or may give the Vendor written notice of default and the period of time the Vendor shall have to fully correct such default. If the default has not been resolved to the WCB's complete satisfaction at the end of the period, the WCB may terminate the Agreement, for cause, without further notice.

Termination of this Agreement, as aforesaid shall not be in lieu of, limit or restrict, in any fashion, any other right or remedy available to the WCB herein or at law.

19. **Cancellation** - The WCB may, upon giving thirty (30) days written notice, unilaterally terminate this Agreement without cause. If this Agreement is so terminated, the Vendor shall be entitled to receive payment for Services actually provided and actually performed, as of the date termination becomes effective. The WCB shall have no further obligation under this Agreement. The Vendor shall turn over all data, information and work in progress in its possession at such termination to the WCB.

20. **Force Majeure** - Neither the Vendor nor the WCB shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations under the Agreement, if, and for as long as, any delay or non-performance is directly or indirectly

caused by or results from events of Force Majeure beyond the control of that party. These events shall include, but not be limited to, strikes, civil disturbances, wars, fires, acts of God, and acts of any government or branch or agency thereof.

Force Majeure shall not include the following:

- a) Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, an oversold condition of the market, inefficiencies, or similar occurrences; and
- b) Late performance by a sub-contractor(s) unless the delay arises out of a Force Majeure occurrence in accordance with this clause.

21. **Hold Harmless** - The Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the WCB, its directors, officers, employees and agents, from any and all third party claims, demands or actions for which the Vendor is legally responsible, to the extent those claims arise directly out of the negligence or willful acts by the Vendor's employees, agents, or for whom the Vendor is legally responsible which cause bodily injury, death or damage. This hold harmless requirement shall survive this Agreement.

Excepting negligence or willful acts on the part of the WCB, the WCB shall not be liable nor responsible for any bodily or personal injury or property damage of any nature whatsoever that may be suffered or sustained by the Vendor, its officers, directors, agents, sub-contractor(s) or employees in the performance of this Agreement.

22. **Insurance Requirements**

- a) The Vendor shall, at its own expense and without limiting its liabilities herein, insure its operations under a contract of General Liability Insurance, in accordance with the Alberta Insurance Act, in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence, insuring against bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, including loss of use thereof. Such insurance shall include blanket contractual liability and shall be in effect for the duration of the Agreement and any extensions or renewals.
- b) Any insurance called for under this Agreement shall be endorsed to provide the WCB thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation.
- c) As evidence of all required insurance, certificates of insurance acceptable to the WCB shall be provided to the WCB prior to the commencement of work under the Agreement and within thirty (30) days of any insurance renewal. Certified true copies of the policies shall be provided promptly upon request. All evidence must comply with the insurance requirements and be free of limitations or qualifications as to compliance.

23. **Licenses** - The Vendor shall maintain in current status, all Federal, Provincial and Municipal licenses and permits required for the operation of the Vendor's business as applicable to the Agreement and shall apply for and pay for all permits and licenses required for the execution of the Agreement.

24. **Codes, Regulations, By-Laws** - The Vendor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, codes and other legally enforceable requirements applicable to the performance of the Agreement.

25. **Right of Audit** - The WCB reserves the right to audit or cause to be audited the Vendor's financial statements and accounts regarding the WCB's account at any time during the term of this Agreement and for seven (7) years thereafter.

26. **Payment** - Provided that an invoice is submitted as required, herein, the WCB shall pay to the Vendor the undisputed portion of an invoiced amount, in arrears, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such invoice. Payment of any invoice shall not preclude the WCB

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from making adjustments to invoices due to Services not meeting the requirements of this Agreement.

27. **Payment Indemnification** - The Vendor shall be responsible for issuing payment for Services supplied or performed by the Vendor's employees and will indemnify and hold harmless the WCB, its officers, directors, agents and employees for any and all claims whatsoever arising out of the demands of the employees, sub-contractor(s), suppliers or any other third party incurred in the performance of the Agreement. The Vendor shall, at the WCB's request, furnish satisfactory evidence that all such obligations have been paid, discharged or waived.
28. **Set Off** - The WCB may set off any amount due to the Vendor under the terms of this Agreement as against any amount due to the WCB by the Vendor under this Agreement or otherwise.
29. **Inspection** - All Services are subject to final inspection and acceptance by the WCB. Services failing to conform to the specifications of the Agreement will be held at the Vendor's risk and may be returned to the Vendor. If so returned, all related costs are the responsibility of the Vendor. Services failing to conform to specifications of the Agreement may result in the WCB making adjustments to invoices.
30. **Non-Waiver** - Mere acceptance of shipment of the Services specified and any inspection incidental thereto by the WCB, shall not alter, limit or affect the obligations of the Vendor or the rights of the WCB herein or at law.
31. **Title and Risk** - Title to Services shall not pass to the WCB until delivered to a WCB location and until such time shall be at the sole risk of the Vendor.
32. **Confidentiality** - All data and information of or concerning the WCB, WCB clients, or of third parties to whom the WCB owes a duty of confidence, obtained by the Vendor or its personnel is (i) to be treated as confidential; (ii) to be used only to supply or perform Services to the WCB pursuant to this Agreement; (iii) not to be reproduced or disclosed to anyone other than WCB personnel as required in the performance of this Agreement; and (iv) all copies and records of same shall be delivered without cost forthwith upon demand.

Nothing in this Agreement will prohibit or limit either Party's use of information (including, but not limited to, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques and methodologies) (i) previously known to it without an obligation of confidence, (ii) independently developed by or for it, (iii) acquired by it from a third party which is not under an obligation of confidence with respect to such information, or (iv) which is or becomes publicly available through no breach of this Agreement, or (v) as required by law. In the case of a disclosure required by law, the receiver agrees to notify the discloser in writing prior to the disclosure to provide an opportunity to restrain the disclosure.

Notwithstanding termination or cancellation of the Agreement, this clause shall continue to be in effect until waived by WCB in writing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Vendor acknowledges that WCB shall have the right to obtain injunctive relief for violation of the terms of the clause and all those carrying out the Agreement on the Vendor's behalf are subject to the provisions of sections 147 and 148 of the Workers' Compensation Act of Alberta, and are subject to prosecution for breaching the confidentiality in addition to being liable to suit by WCB.

33. **Invalid or Unenforceable Provisions** - If any provision of this Agreement is, for any reason, found to be invalid or unenforceable by a body of competent jurisdiction, that provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity of any other of its provisions.

34. **Notices** - All notices or communication to be made under this Agreement by either party shall be mailed by prepaid post, facsimiled or delivered to the representative at the address of the other party stated in this Agreement. If it is faxed or delivered between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Alberta Time, Monday to Friday (excluding Statutory holidays), then it shall be deemed to have been received that day. Notice shall not be given by mail, if mail delivery is affected or apt to be affected by a strike of Post Office personnel.
35. **Solicitation of Personnel** - The parties agree that during the term of the Agreement, and for six (6) months following its termination, neither will in any way solicit the services of any member of the personnel of the other party in the performance of this Agreement.
36. **Obligations of the Vendor** - All the obligations of the Vendor under the Agreement, including, but not limited to, indemnification and insurance requirements, shall survive the termination or completion of this Agreement.
37. **Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Approval** - The Vendor shall ensure that all electrical, materials, hardware and assemblies supplied under this Agreement are fully CSA approved and bear appropriate approval stickers in accordance with the requirements of the Canadian Electric Code and the Alberta Electrical Code Regulation.
38. **Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) Compliance** - The Vendor shall ensure all goods and materials are provided with appropriate labels and material safety data sheets where required by WHMIS legislation. This is only required when dealing with materials designated as hazardous
39. **Background Check** - Due to the nature of the services being provided at the WCB's offices, the WCB will require that any Vendor doing business with the WCB that are not escorted by WCB staff as outlined in the Personnel Security Clearance Procedure will be subject to the following background checks:
1. Police Information Check / Criminal Record Check, from the appropriate law enforcement agency
 2. Driving Record
 3. Confirmation of professional designation (i.e. CA, CPA, LLB, etc.)

The WCB will only use the above information to determine the individual's suitability for work on the WCB's premises. All such information will be kept confidential.

40. **Personnel Security Clearance Procedure** - As part of maintaining a safe work environment for WCB staff, contractors, visitors and clients, each member of the Vendor's personnel and sub-contractors doing business with the WCB requiring a building access card or working with WCB information will be required to present a current security clearance to Corporate Security. The Vendor shall, at its sole expense, obtain a security clearance from a local law enforcement authority. Prior to any Vendor's commencement of work with or on behalf of the WCB, the WCB shall be provided with a current security clearance indicating that the individual has a 'clear' status for their criminal history.
- Security clearance certificates/records shall be dated within the previous six (6) months of any Vendor's commencement of work for the WCB. The accepted security clearance certificate will be valid for a period of twelve (12) months and shall be retained by the WCB's Corporate Security office.

Alternately, the WCB can assist the individual to obtain a security clearance certificate through Sterling (BackCheck). The WCB's Corporate Security office can send a link from their BackCheck account for the individual to follow the online steps for completing the security clearance process online. The process includes a cost of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) plus GST per request to be paid via a valid credit card. In most cases, the clearance results will

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available within twenty four (24) hours and will be automatically shared with the WCB Corporate Security office. The WCB reserves the right to grant or deny permission at its sole discretion.

The Vendor may request permission, in writing, for access by persons with a criminal record, provided that a copy of the criminal record is submitted along with the request. WCB may or may not grant such permission at its sole discretion.

Vendor access to WCB premises and information will be restricted to:

- Persons for whom a "Clear" criminal history has been submitted to WCB; and
- Persons with a criminal record who have been granted special access permission, in writing, by WCB.

The WCB's refusal to grant access to any Vendor on account of a criminal record does not relieve any of the Vendor's obligations under the Agreement. The Vendor is solely responsible for any consequences, including additional costs or time delays, arising from a refusal by WCB to grant access to any individual.

Security keys and passes not returned within five (5) business days to the WCB shall result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fee per occurrence payable by the Vendor to the WCB.

If there are questions with regards to any of the above information, please contact the WCB Corporate Security office at 780-498-4822.

41. **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** - All information obtained by the WCB is a record under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

42. **The Workers' Compensation Act** - The WCB shall perform employer clearance certificates and account reviews of the Vendor to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act. The WCB may perform clearance certificates and account reviews to ensure continued compliance at any time during the Term. The WCB reserves the right to terminate any Agreement should the Vendor not comply with any requirement of the Workers' Compensation Act or be in default of premiums due under that Act.

Furthermore, the Vendor shall, at its own expense and without limiting its liabilities herein, **apply to the WCB for a deeming order** under section 16(2) of the Workers' Compensation Act, for any subcontractor, other entity or individual (collectively referred to as the "Subcontractor") performing any Work on WCB sites at the direction or for the benefit of the Vendor, where the Subcontractor does not carry Workers' Compensation coverage, **deeming the Subcontractor to be the worker of the Vendor.**

43. **Federal / Provincial Sales Tax (GST / HST)** - The Vendor acknowledges that the WCB is not subject to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Exempt #124072513RT0001.

44. **Governing Law** - The Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta, and the forum for all disputes shall be the Courts of the Province of Alberta.

45. **Statutory Holidays** - For the purposes of this Agreement the following days shall be considered "Statutory Holidays." This list is conditional to any changes in Federal and Provincial legislation and includes any "Float" and/or "In Lieu" days as a result of a Statutory Holiday falling on a weekend day.

- New Year's Day
- Family Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday

- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- August Civic Holiday
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Remembrance Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

Deliveries will not be accepted by the WCB on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory Holidays. If any scheduled delivery day is a Statutory Holiday, that delivery shall be postponed to the next regular working day. All deliveries and pick-ups at a WCB location shall be between: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Alberta Time.

46. **General** - The paragraph headings shall not be considered in interpreting the text.