SE-240

SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

AGENCY:

PROJECT NAME:

PROJECT NUMBER:

A/E NAME:

ADDRESS:

In consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations set forth herein, the Agency and A/E (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “parties”) agree to the following Terms and Conditions as they apply to the contract for the project listed above.

A. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1. Documents forming a part of this contract are, in order of precedence:
   1. These Terms and Conditions, SE-240.
   2. A/E Proposal describing services to be provided for this project and the associated fees. Reimbursable expenses shall be listed separately in the proposal as a not-to-exceed amount.
   3. Supplemental Conditions, attached if applicable.
   4. The following other documents:

1. The contract is the entire and integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral.

B. PAYMENT

A/E may make application for payment for services performed under this contract (and the Agency shall make payment) as agreed in the contract. Reimbursable expenses (not to be included in the fee) are not to exceed the estimated amount shown in the contract. Fees and reimbursable expenses are not to exceed the amount shown in the contract unless approved by the Agency. The A/E shall not invoice for services more often than monthly for work performed and reimbursable expenses incurred during that period. The Agency shall make payments to the A/E of undisputed amounts due for services performed by the A/E, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the A/E’s invoice. The A/E shall make progress payments to the consultants within seven (7) days of the receipt by the A/E of each payment from the Agency.

C. TERMINATION

1. Agency Right of Suspension: The Agency may, at any time, suspend the work, in whole or in part, with or without cause for such period of time as determined by the Agency. Except in the event of suspension due to a default of the A/E, the amount payable to the A/E will be equitably adjusted to reflect reasonable costs actually incurred by the A/E due to delay or interruption resulting from such suspension.
2. Agency Right of Termination:
3. Termination for Cause: If the A/E defaults, persistently fails or neglects to perform the services in accordance with the Contract Documents, or fails to perform a provision of the Contract, the Agency shall provide written notice of such default, failure, or neglect to the A/E. If the A/E fails to cure such default, failure, or neglect within fifteen days from receipt of the Agency's notice, the Agency may, without prejudice to any other right or remedy the Agency may have, terminate the Contract.
4. Termination for Convenience: The Agency may, for its convenience, terminate all or any portion of the work or terminate this Contract by ten (10) days written notice stating the effective date of the termination. Thereafter, the Agency shall pay the A/E for those services actually performed before the date of termination. No payments shall be made for services not actually performed, and no payment shall be made or due for lost profits for portions of the services not actually performed.
5. A/E Right of Termination:
6. The A/E may terminate the contract if work is stopped through no fault of the A/E, or other persons performing work either directly or indirectly for the A/E, for a period of time exceeding 60 consecutive calendar days due to a court order or other public authority having jurisdiction; or a declared National emergency which requires the work to be stopped.
7. Agency Failure to Make Payment: Subject to the Agency's right to withhold payments pursuant to Part D, if the Agency fails to make payments to the A/E as set forth in Part B and any other applicable provisions of the Contract Documents, the A/E may, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Agency, terminate the Contract and recover from the Agency payment for all services performed, including reasonable overhead, profit and damages applicable to the services performed through the date thereof.

D. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Both parties shall attempt to resolve disputes through good faith negotiations.

1. All disputes, claims, or controversies relating to the Contract, that cannot be resolved through good faith negotiations between the parties shall be resolved exclusively by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 35, Article 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, or in the absence of jurisdiction, only in the Court of Common Pleas for, or a federal court located in, Richland County, State of South Carolina. A/E agrees that any act by the State regarding the Contract is not a waiver of either the State’s sovereign immunity or the State’s immunity under the Eleventh Amendment of the United States Constitution. As used herein, the phrase, “the State” includes the Agency and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.
2. Interest: Payments due to the A/E and unpaid under the Contract Documents shall bear interest only if and to the extent allowed by Title 29, Chapter 6, Article 1 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Amounts due to the Agency shall bear interest at the rate of one percent a month or a pro rata fraction thereof on the unpaid balance as may be due.
3. A/E consents that any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of any claims or controversies relating to the Contract; for any court action in connection therewith; or for the entry of judgment on any award made, may be served on A/E by certified mail (return receipt requested) addressed to A/E at the address provided for the A/E’s Representative or by personal service or by any other manner that is permitted by law, in or outside South Carolina. Notice by certified mail is deemed delivered three (3) business days after deposit, postage prepaid, in the United States mail.
4. Continuation of Work: Pending final resolution of any dispute under this Contract, the A/E will proceed diligently with the performance of its duties and obligations under the Contract Documents, and the Agency will continue to make payments of undisputed amounts in accordance with the Contract Documents.

E. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract Documents, but subject to a duty of good faith and fair dealing, the A/E and Agency waive claims against each other for listed damages arising out of or relating to this Contract. This mutual waiver includes
2. For the Agency, listed damages are (i) lost revenue and profit, (ii) losses resulting from injury to business or reputation, (iii) additional or escalated overhead and administration expenses, (iv) additional financing costs, (v) costs suffered by a third party unable to commence work, (vi) reasonable attorneys’ fees, (vii) any interest, except to the extent allowed by Part D(2) (Interest), (viii) lost revenue and profit for lost use of the property, (ix) costs resulting from lost productivity or efficiency, and (x) damages incurred by the Agency for rental expenses, for losses of use, income, profit, financing, business and reputation, and for loss of management or employee productivity or of the services of such persons; and
3. For the A/E, listed damages are (i) lost revenue and profit, (ii) losses resulting from injury to business or reputation, (iii) additional or escalated overhead and administration expenses, (iv) additional financing costs, (v) reasonable attorneys’ fees, (vi) any interest, except to the extent allowed by Part D(2) (Interest); (vii) unamortized equipment costs; and (viii) losses incurred by consultants used by the A/E for the types of damages the A/E has waived as against the Agency.
4. This mutual waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all listed damages due to either party’s termination in accordance with Part C. This mutual waiver is not applicable to amounts due or obligations under Part F (Indemnification).

F. INDEMNIFICATION

1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the A/E shall indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Agency's agents and employees from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees, arising out of or resulting from the A/E’s performance of services under this Agreement provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including loss of use resulting therefrom, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of the A/E, a consultant used by the A/E, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.
2. In claims against any person or entity indemnified under Part F(1) by an employee of the A/E, a consultant used by the A/E, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, the indemnification obligation under this Part F shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for A/E or a consultant used by the A/E under workers’ or workmen’s compensation acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts.

G. INSURANCE

1. A/E shall procure and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement the insurance coverages described below, which insurance shall be placed with insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina and rated A minus VII or better by the current edition of Best’s Key Rating Guide or otherwise approved by Agency.
2. Professional Liability Errors and Omissions Insurance with limits of not less than $1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. A/E shall maintain this coverage in effect during the term of this Agreement and for two (2) years after the date of completion of services provided under this Contract. A/E shall give prompt written notice to Agency of any and all claims made against this policy during the period in which this policy is required to be maintained pursuant to this Contract.
3. Worker’s Compensation Insurance with statutory benefits and limits which shall fully comply with all State and Federal requirements and have limits not less than $500,000 per accident, $500,000 per disease and $500,000 policy limit on disease..
4. Automobile Liability Insurance: Insurance Services Offices (ISO) Form CA 00 01 covering Code 1 (any auto), or if A/E has no owned automobiles, Code 8 (hired) and Code 9 (non-owned), with limits not less than $1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance (owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles) with limits not less than $1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
5. Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL): ISO Form CG 00 01 12 07 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis for bodily injury and property damage, including products-completed operations, personal injury, and advertising injury, with limits no less than $1,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to the project or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. This contract shall be considered to be an "insured contract" as defined in the policy.
6. A/E agrees to require Subconsultants to comply with the insurance provisions required of A/E pursuant to this Agreement unless A/E and Agency mutually agree to modify these requirements for Subconsultants whose work is of relatively small scope. A/E agrees that it will contractually obligate its Subconsultants to advise A/E promptly of any changes or lapses of the requisite insurance coverages and A/E agrees to promptly advise Agency of any such notices A/E receives from its Subconsultants.

H. CONSTRUCTION COST

The A/E shall not be responsible for, nor have control over the cost of labor, materials, or equipment furnished by others, or over the resources provided by others, not under contract to the A/E, to meet Delivery Order schedules. The A/E’s opinion of probable costs and project schedules are be made on the basis of the A/E’s best judgment, experience, and qualifications as a professional. The A/E does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or actual costs will not vary from the A/E’s opinion of probable costs or that the actual schedules will not vary from the A/E’s projected schedules

I. LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Unless specifically included in this contract, the A/E shall not be responsible for: 1) construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, or safety precautions and programs; 2) the failure of any contractor, sub-contractor, vendor, or other project participant, not under contract to the A/E, to fulfill contractual responsibilities to the Agency or to comply with Federal, State, or Local laws, regulations, and codes; or 3) procuring permits, certificates, and licenses required for construction other than design-related construction permits required by the *Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvements, Part II.*

J. WORK PRODUCTS

The A/E grants to the Agency a non-exclusive license to re-use the A/E’s Work Products prepared pursuant to this Contract. The A/E assumes no liability for the Agency’s re-use under these conditions unless contracted by the Agency to assume the liability for such re-use. Consultants used by the A/E for work performed under this Contract shall be bound by the same conditions.

K. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by the laws of South Carolina, except its choice of law rules.
2. In the performance of its duties under this contract, the A/E shall comply with (a) the requirements of the Manual for Planning and Execution of State Permanent Improvement Projects – Part II (Manual), and (b) the SC Consolidated Procurement Code and the associated regulation. Should substantive changes to these provisions of the Manual occur during the term of this contract that result in an increase or decrease in the level of services to be provided by the A/E, the fee of the A/E shall be equitably adjusted by negotiation between the parties to reflect such increase or decrease.
3. Severability: If any provision of this Contract shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired thereby.
4. No Waiver: No course of dealing or failure of the Agency and/or the A/E to enforce strictly any term, right or condition of this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of such term, right or condition. No express waiver of any term, right, or condition of this Contract shall operate as a waiver of any other term, right, or condition.
5. Rights Cumulative: Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, (i) rights and remedies available to the Agency and/or the A/E as set forth in this Contract shall be cumulative with and in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights or remedies available to the parties at law and/or in equity, and (ii) any specific right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Agency and/or the A/E in any provision of this Contract shall not preclude the concurrent or consecutive exercise of a right or remedy provided for in any other provision hereof.
6. Notices: Any notices required to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by (i) certified mail, return receipt requested, in which case notice shall be deemed delivered three (3) business days after deposit, postage prepaid, in the U.S. mail; (ii) a reputable messenger service or a nationally recognized overnight courier, in which case notice shall be deemed delivered one (1) business day after deposit with such messenger or courier; or (iii) personal delivery with receipt acknowledged in writing, in which case notice shall be deemed delivered when received. All notices shall be sent to the representatives identified in the Part I of the Agreement at the addresses provided therein. The foregoing addresses may be changed from time to time by notice to the other Party in the manner herein provided for.
7. Economic Conflict of Interest: The A/E shall not have or exercise any official responsibility regarding a public contract in which the A/E, or a business with which he is associated, has an economic interest. A person working for A/E shall not have or exercise any official responsibility regarding a public contract in which the person, an individual with whom he is associated, or his family members have an economic interest. If A/E is asked by any person to violate, or does violate, either of these restrictions, A/E shall immediately communicate such information to the procurement officer. The State may rescind, and recover any amount expended as a result of, any action taken or contract entered in violation of this provision. The terms “business with which he is associated,” “economic interest,” “family member,” “immediate family,” “individual with whom he is associated,” “official responsibility” and “person” have the meanings provided in SC Code § 8-13-100.
8. Illegal Immigration: A/E certifies and agrees that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agrees to provide to the State upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable both to A/E and its consultants or sub-consultants; or (b) that A/E and its consultants or sub-consultants are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to SC Code § 8-14-60, “A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.” A/E agrees to include in any contracts with its consultants language requiring its consultants to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-consultants language requiring the sub-consultants to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14. (An overview is available at [www.procurement.sc.gov](http://www.procurement.sc.gov)).
9. Drug-Free Workplace: The A/E certifies to the Agency that A/E will provide a Drug-Free Workplace, as required by Title 44, Chapter 107 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.
10. False Claims: According to SC Code § 16-13-240, “a person who by false pretense or representation obtains the signature of a person to a written instrument or obtains from another person any chattel, money, valuable security, or other property, real or personal, with intent to cheat and defraud a person of that property is guilty” of a crime.
11. Non-Indemnification: Any term or condition is void to the extent it requires the State to indemnify anyone. It is unlawful for a person charged with disbursements of state funds appropriated by the General Assembly to exceed the amounts and purposes stated in the appropriations (SC Code § 11-9-20). It is unlawful for an authorized public officer to enter into a contract for a purpose in which the sum is in excess of the amount appropriated for that purpose. It is unlawful for an authorized public officer to divert or appropriate the funds arising from any tax levied and collected for any one fiscal year to the payment of an indebtedness contracted or incurred for a previous year (SC Code §11-1-40)
12. Enforcement and Interpretation of Building Codes: As required by Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 180 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, OSE shall determine the enforcement and interpretation of all building codes and referenced standards on state buildings. The A/E shall refer any questions, comments, or directives from local officials to the Agency and OSE for resolution. When the amount of construction work covered by the design documents prepared under this Contract exceeds the construction procurement certification of the Agency, the A/E shall submit Schematic Design Documents and Construction Documents to OSE for review and approval before releasing the documents for construction. (The A/E may find Agency construction certification limits on Procurement Services website at <http://procurement.sc.gov/PS/agency/PS-agency-audits.phtm> )
13. Assignment: The Agency and A/E respectively bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to covenants, agreements and obligations contained in this Contract. Neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract as a whole, or in part, without written consent of the other and then only in accordance with and as permitted by Regulation 19-445.2180 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations, as amended. If either party attempts to make such an assignment without such consent, that party shall nevertheless remain legally responsible for all obligations under the Contract.
14. Open Trade Representation (Jun 2015) - By signing this Agreement, A/E represents that A/E is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code § 11-35-5300. During the contract term, including any renewals or extensions, A/E will not engage in the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom South Carolina can enjoy open trade, as defined in SC Code § 11-35-5300.

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