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 SUBMITTED BY R. Alejandro Estrada
 DATE ACTION REQUIRED 08/21/2024

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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: 1. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF IMPERIAL AND CODE EXXPERTS FOR WEB DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$22,800.00. DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: In an effort to maintain the City's current website and Payments Online system, the City has contracted with Code Exxperts. The City maintains all rights and licensing for our website and server systems. Included in this packet, you will find a professional services agreement and attachments for Council's review and approval.	
FISCAL IMPACT: NOT TO EXCEED FISCAL IMPACT: 22,800.00 Contract budgeted in the 2024-2025 Municipal Budget;	FINANCE INITIALS <div style="text-align: right;"><u>VMS</u></div>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation to approve the disbursement of funds for the maintenance of City's Website.	DEPT. INITIALS <div style="text-align: right;"></div>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager agrees with staff's recommendation.	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <div style="text-align: right;"><u>JHM</u></div>
MOTION: SECONDED: APPROVED () REJECTED () AYES: DISAPPROVED () DEFERRED () NAYES: ABSENT: REFERRED TO:	

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT"), is made and entered by and between the City of Imperial, a municipal corporation of the State of California ("AGENCY") and Code Exxperts, LLC ("CONSULTANT").

RECITALS

Whereas, Agency desires to engage Consultant to perform certain professional services, as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is qualified and desires to accept such engagement

Now, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

I. TERM

This AGREEMENT shall commence on the fifth (6th) day of August 2024 and shall remain and continue in effect until tasks described herein are completed, but in no event later than the forth (5th) day of August, 2025, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

II. SERVICES

CONSULTANT shall perform the tasks described and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth in full "TASKS". To the extent that Exhibit A is a proposal from CONSULTANT, such proposal is incorporated only for the description of the scope of services and no other terms and conditions from any such proposal shall apply to this AGREEMENT unless specifically agreed to in writing. In the event that there is a conflict between AGREEMENT and Exhibit A, AGREEMENT shall prevail.

III. PERFORMANCE

CONSULTANT shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of his/her ability, experience, and talent, perform all tasks described herein. CONSULTANT shall employ, at a minimum, generally accepted standards and practices utilized by persons engaged in providing similar services as are required of CONSULTANT hereunder in meeting its obligations under this AGREEMENT.

IV. AGENCY MANAGEMENT

AGENCY's Manager, or his/her designee, shall represent AGENCY in all matters pertaining to the administration of this AGREEMENT, review and approval of all products submitted by CONSULTANT. AGENCY's Manager, or his/her designee, shall be authorized to act on AGENCY's behalf and to execute all necessary

documents which enlarge the Tasks to Be Performed or change CONSULTANT's compensation, subject to Section V.

V. PAYMENT

- A. The AGENCY agrees to pay CONSULTANT on a semi-monthly basis upon receipt of invoice, Payment Schedule shall proceed every 1st and 16th of each month in the amount of nine hundred fifty dollars, no cents (\$950.00). CONSULTANT Invoice shall reflect date of work, time spent and project title for tracking and verification purposes. This annual amount shall not exceed twenty-two thousand eight hundred dollars, no cents (\$22,800.00) for the total term of the AGREEMENT unless additional payment is approved by the AGENCY Manager.
- B. CONSULTANT shall not be compensated for any services rendered in connection with its performance of this AGREEMENT which are in addition to those set forth herein, unless such additional services are authorized in advance and in writing by the Agency Manager. CONSULTANT shall be compensated for any additional services in the amounts and in the manner as agreed to by Agency Manager and CONSULTANT at the time AGENCY's written authorization is given to CONSULTANT for the performance of said services. The Agency Manager may approve additional work but in no event shall the total amount to be paid pursuant to this AGREEMENT exceed ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) more than the initial amount set forth in Section V.B. without prior approval by the Agency City Council.

VI. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITHOUT CAUSE

- A. The AGENCY may at any time, for any reason, with or without cause, suspend or terminate this AGREEMENT, or any portion hereof, by serving upon the CONSULTANT at least thirty (30) days prior written notice. Upon receipt of said notice, the CONSULTANT shall immediately cease all work under this AGREEMENT, unless the notice provides otherwise.
- B. In the event this AGREEMENT is terminated pursuant to this Section, the AGENCY shall pay to CONSULTANT the actual value of the work performed up to the time of termination, provided that the work performed is of value to the AGENCY. Upon termination of the AGREEMENT pursuant to this Section, the CONSULTANT will submit an invoice to the AGENCY pursuant to Section V.
- C. In the event this AGREEMENT is terminated pursuant to this Section, CONSULTANT shall render all passwords, codes and all other applicable access data to the Information Technology Director.

VII. DEFAULT OF CONSULTANT

- A. The CONSULTANT's failure to comply with the provisions of this AGREEMENT shall constitute a default. In the event that CONSULTANT is in default for cause under the terms of this AGREEMENT, AGENCY shall have no obligation or duty to continue compensating CONSULTANT for any work performed after the date of default and can terminate this AGREEMENT immediately by written notice to the CONSULTANT. If such failure by the CONSULTANT to make progress in the performance of work hereunder arises out causes beyond the CONSULTANT's control, and without fault or negligence of the CONSULTANT, it shall not be considered a default.
- B. If the City Manager, or his designee, determines that the CONSULTANT is in default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this AGREEMENT, he/she shall cause to be served upon the CONSULTANT a written notice of the default. The CONSULTANT shall have ten (10) days after service upon it of said notice in which to cure the default by rendering a satisfactory performance. In the event that the CONSULTANT fails to cure its default within such period of time, the AGENCY shall have the right, notwithstanding any other provision of this AGREEMENT, to terminate this AGREEMENT without further notice and without prejudice to any other remedy to which it may be entitled at law, in equity or under this AGREEMENT.

VIII. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

- A. CONSULTANT shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to sales, costs, expenses, receipts, and other such information required by AGENCY that relate to the performance of services under this AGREEMENT. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible.
- B. Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this AGREEMENT, all original documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the services to be performed pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall become the sole property of the AGENCY and may be used, reused, or otherwise disposed of by the AGENCY without the permission of the CONSULTANT. With respect to computer files, CONSULTANT shall make available to the AGENCY, at the CONSULTANT's office and upon reasonable written request by the AGENCY, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring, copying and/or printing computer files.

CONSULTANT hereby grants to AGENCY all right, title, and interest, including any copyright, in and to the documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared by CONSULTANT in the course of providing the services under this AGREEMENT.

IX. INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE

A. Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless AGENCY and any and all of its officials, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, including legal counsel's fees and costs, caused in whole or in part by the negligent or wrongful act, error or omission of CONSULTANT, its officers, agents, employees or subconsultants (or any agency or individual that CONSULTANT shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of services under this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT's duty to indemnify and hold harmless AGENCY shall not extend to the AGENCY's sole or active negligence.

B. Duty to defend

In the event the AGENCY, its officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from the performance of the services encompassed by this AGREEMENT, and upon demand by AGENCY, CONSULTANT shall defend the AGENCY at CONSULTANT's cost or at AGENCY's option, to reimburse AGENCY for its costs of defense, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of such matters to the extent the matters arise from, relate to or are caused by CONSULTANT's negligent acts, errors or omissions. Payment by AGENCY is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between CONSULTANT and AGENCY, as to whether liability arises from the sole or active negligence of the AGENCY or its officers, employees, or agents, CONSULTANT will be obligated to pay for AGENCY's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the AGENCY as solely or actively negligent. CONSULTANT will not be entitled in the absence of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

X. INSURANCE

CONSULTANT shall maintain prior to the beginning of and for the duration of this AGREEMENT insurance coverage as specified in Exhibit C attached to and part of this AGREEMENT.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

- A. CONSULTANT is and shall at all times remain as to the AGENCY a wholly independent consultant and/or independent contractor. The personnel performing the services under this AGREEMENT on behalf of CONSULTANT shall at all times be under CONSULTANT's exclusive direction and control. Neither AGENCY nor any of its officers, employees, or agents shall have control over the conduct of CONSULTANT or any of CONSULTANT's officers, employees, or agents, except as set forth in this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officers, employees, or agents of the AGENCY. CONSULTANT shall not incur or have the power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability whatever against AGENCY, or bind AGENCY in any manner.
- B. No employee benefits shall be available to CONSULTANT in connection with the performance of this AGREEMENT. Only contractual fees paid to CONSULTANT as provided in the AGREEMENT shall be paid. In no case shall payment include salaries, wages, or other compensation to CONSULTANT for performing services hereunder for AGENCY. AGENCY shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to CONSULTANT for injury or sickness arising out of performing services hereunder.

XII. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The CONSULTANT shall keep itself informed of all local laws, rules and regulations, State and Federal laws and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of its service pursuant to this AGREEMENT. The CONSULTANT shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws and regulations. The AGENCY, and its officers and employees, shall not be liable at law or in equity occasioned by failure of the CONSULTANT to comply with this Section.

XIII. UNDUE INFLUENCE

CONSULTANT declares and warrants that no undue influence or pressure was used against or in concert with any officer or employee of the AGENCY in connection with the award, terms or implementation of this AGREEMENT, including any method of coercion, confidential financial arrangement, or financial inducement. No officer or employee of the AGENCY has or will receive compensation, directly or indirectly, from CONSULTANT, or from any officer, employee or agent of CONSULTANT, in connection with the award of this AGREEMENT or any work to be conducted as a result of this AGREEMENT. Violation of this Section shall be a material breach of this AGREEMENT entitling the AGENCY to any and all remedies at law or in equity.

XIV. NO BENEFIT TO ARISE TO LOCAL EMPLOYEES

No member, officer, or employee of AGENCY, or their designees or agents, and no public official who exercises authority over or responsibilities with respect to the Project during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any agreement or sub-agreement, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the Project performed under this AGREEMENT.

XV. RELEASE OF INFORMATION/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- A. All information gained by CONSULTANT in performance of this AGREEMENT shall be considered confidential and shall not be released by CONSULTANT without AGENCY's prior written authorization. CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants, shall not without written authorization from the Agency Manager or unless requested by the Agency Attorney, voluntarily provide declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories, or other information concerning the work performed under this AGREEMENT or relating to any project or property located within the AGENCY. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided CONSULTANT gives AGENCY notice of such court order or subpoena.
- B. CONSULTANT shall promptly notify AGENCY should CONSULTANT, its officers, employees, agents, or subconsultants be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions, or other discovery request ("Discovery"), court order, or subpoena from any person or party regarding this AGREEMENT and the work performed there under or with respect to any project or property located within the AGENCY, unless the AGENCY is a party to any lawsuit, arbitration, or administrative proceeding connected to such Discovery, or unless CONSULTANT is prohibited by law from informing the AGENCY of such Discovery. AGENCY retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent CONSULTANT and/or be present at any deposition, hearing, or similar proceeding as allowed by law. Unless AGENCY is a party to the lawsuit, arbitration, or administrative proceeding and is adverse to CONSULTANT in such proceeding, CONSULTANT agrees to cooperate fully with AGENCY and to provide the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by CONSULTANT. However, AGENCY's right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by AGENCY to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

XVI. NOTICES

Any notices which either party may desire to give to the other party under this AGREEMENT must be in writing and may be given either by (i) personal service, (ii) delivery by a reputable document delivery service, such as but not limited to, Federal Express, which provides a receipt showing date and time of delivery, or (iii) mailing in the United States Mail, certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the address of the party as set forth below or at any other address as that party may later designate by notice:

To AGENCY: City of Imperial
420 South Imperial Avenue
Imperial, CA 92251
Attention: City Manager's Office

To CONSULTANT: Code Exxperts, LLC
233 Paulin Avenue, Apt. 8214
Calexico, CA 92231
Attention: Ricardo Hernandez

XVII. ASSIGNMENT

The CONSULTANT shall not assign the performance of this AGREEMENT, nor any part thereof, nor any monies due hereunder, without prior written consent of the AGENCY. Because of the personal nature of the services to be rendered pursuant to this AGREEMENT, only CONSULTANT shall perform the services described in this AGREEMENT. Ricardo Hernandez may use assistants, under his direct supervision, to perform some of the services under this AGREEMENT. CONSULTANT shall provide AGENCY thirty (30) days' notice prior to the departure of Ricard Hernandez from CONSULTANT's employ. Should he leave CONSULTANT's employ, the AGENCY shall have the option to immediately terminate this AGREEMENT, within three (3) days of the close of said notice period. Upon termination of this Agreement, CONSULTANT's sole compensation shall be payment for actual services performed up to, and including, the date of termination or as may be otherwise agreed to in writing between the Governing Board and the CONSULTANT. Before retaining or contracting with any CONSULTANT for any services under this AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT shall provide AGENCY with the identity of the proposed CONSULTANT, a copy of the proposed written contract between CONSULTANT and such sub-consultant which shall include and indemnity provision similar to the one provided herein and identifying AGENCY as an indemnified party, or an incorporation of the indemnity provision provided herein, and proof that such proposed sub-consultant carries insurance at least equal to that required by this AGREEMENT or obtain a written waiver from AGENCY for such insurance.

XVIII. LICENSES

At all times during the term of this AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT shall have in full force and effect, all licenses required of it by law for the performance of the services described in this AGREEMENT.

XIX. GOVERNING LAW

The AGENCY and CONSULTANT understand and agree that the laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties, and liabilities of the parties to this AGREEMENT and also govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Any litigation concerning this AGREEMENT shall take place in the municipal, superior, or federal district court with jurisdiction over the AGENCY.

XX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT contains the entire understanding between the parties relating to the obligations of the parties described in this AGREEMENT. All prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, oral or written and pertaining to the subject of this AGREEMENT or with respect to the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT, are merged into this AGREEMENT and shall be of no further force or effect. Each party is entering into this AGREEMENT based solely upon the representations set forth herein and upon each party's own independent investigation of any and all facts such party deems material.

XXI. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT

The person or persons executing this AGREEMENT on behalf of CONSULTANT warrants and represents that he/she has the authority to execute this AGREEMENT on behalf of the CONSULTANT and has the authority to bind CONSULTANT to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this AGREEMENT to be executed the day and year first above written.

Code Exxperts, LLC

By: _____

Ricardo Hernandez
President

City of Imperial
A Municipal Corporation

By: _____

Dennis H. Morita
City Manager

ATTEST:

Kristina Shields, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Katherine Turner, City Attorney

Attachments:	Exhibit A	Scope of Work
	Exhibit B	Insurance Requirements

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF WORK

Prelude:

The following tasks will serve as the scope of work for “CONSULTANT” with regards to the Professional Services performed on behalf of the City of Imperial for the duration of the agreement set forth herein:

Code Exxperts, LLC shall perform the following tasks:

1. Website.-

I. Hosting Server administration

- a) Oversee webserver integrity
- b) Configure services
- c) Database maintenance
- d) Server folder structure and forwarding
- e) Hosting Migration, Setup, Republishing

II. ADA content and code level compliance

- a) Siteimprove reports monitoring and processing
- b) Code level verification and compliance

III. System integrity, security and backup

- a) Updating system code and monitor current and foreseen threats
- b) Periodic database and system code backup and secure storage
- c) Monitoring user, content, mail, access denied, page not found and search string events
- d) Link checking
- e) Contact form abuse prevention

IV. Content publication/facilitation

- a) RPF/BID
- b) City Council, Planning Commission, Library Board, Oversight Board, Successor Agency Agenda(s)
- c) Front-page Public Notices
- d) Public Library events
- e) State of the City Address
- f) Primary/Secondary Menu Structure
- g) Building Permit Reports
- h) Special notices

V. Newsletter publication and distribution

- a) Mass email subscribing/unsubscribing
- b) Subscriber administration
- c) Template design
- d) General newsletter distribution assistance

Services performed outside of this Agreement shall require de prior authorization by the City Manager. Such services include but are not limited to:

1. Website.-

- I. Custom programming / development
- II. Functionality not currently available or stemming from external changes/needs.

Including but not limited to:

- a) RFP/BID User profile Registration
- b) RFP/BID User Subscription
- c) Water/Sewer rate calculation
- d) Template and/or Graphic User Interface generation and/or modifications
- e) Bulk content updates for external compliance
- f) Widgets and other display elements

- 2. Mobile App Development (iOS / Android / Hybrid)**
- 3. Social Media Development / Deployment / Strategy**
- 4. Original Artwork / Theme / Template Development**
- 5. Original or Custom Animations**
- 6. Text/image translation**
- 7. Subtitling and multimedia modifications**

EXHIBIT B

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Without limiting CONSULTANT's indemnification of AGENCY, and prior to commencement of Work, CONSULTANT shall obtain, provide and maintain at its own expense during the term of this AGREEMENT, policies of insurance of the type and amounts described below and in a form satisfactory to AGENCY.

General liability insurance. CONSULTANT shall maintain commercial general liability insurance with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. The policy must include contractual liability that has not been amended. Any endorsement restricting standard ISO "insured contract" language will not be accepted.

Automobile liability insurance. CONSULTANT shall maintain automobile insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CA 00 01 covering bodily injury and property damage for all activities of the Consultant arising out of or in connection with Work to be performed under this AGREEMENT, including coverage for any owned, hired, non-owned or rented vehicles, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for each accident.

Professional liability (errors & omissions) insurance. CONSULTANT shall maintain professional liability insurance that covers the Services to be performed in connection with this AGREEMENT, in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and in the aggregate. Any policy inception date, continuity date, or retroactive date must be before the effective date of this AGREEMENT and CONSULTANT agrees to maintain continuous coverage through a period no less than three (3) years after completion of the services required by this AGREEMENT.

Workers' compensation insurance. CONSULTANT shall maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance (Statutory Limits) and Employer's Liability Insurance (with limits of at least \$1,000,000).

CONSULTANT shall submit to AGENCY, along with the certificate of insurance, a Waiver of Subrogation endorsement in favor of AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

Umbrella or excess liability insurance. [Optional depending on limits required]. CONSULTANT shall obtain and maintain an umbrella or excess liability insurance policy with limits that will provide bodily injury, personal injury and property damage liability coverage at least as broad as the primary coverages set forth above, including

commercial general liability, automobile liability, and employer's liability. Such policy or policies shall include the following terms and conditions:

- A drop down feature requiring the policy to respond if any primary insurance that would otherwise have applied proves to be uncollectible in whole or in part for any reason;
- Pay on behalf of wording as opposed to reimbursement;
- Concurrency of effective dates with primary policies;
- Policies shall "follow form" to the underlying primary policies; and
- Insureds under primary policies shall also be insureds under the umbrella or excess policies.

Other provisions or requirements

Proof of insurance. CONSULTANT shall provide certificates of insurance to AGENCY as evidence of the insurance coverage required herein, along with a waiver of subrogation endorsement for workers' compensation. Insurance certificates and endorsements must be approved by Agency's Risk Manager prior to commencement of performance. Current certification of insurance shall be kept on file with AGENCY at all times during the term of this contract. AGENCY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

Duration of coverage. CONSULTANT shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Work hereunder by CONSULTANT, his agents, representatives, employees or subconsultants.

Primary/noncontributing. Coverage provided by CONSULTANT shall be primary and any insurance or self-insurance procured or maintained by AGENCY shall not be required to contribute with it. The limits of insurance required herein may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of AGENCY before the AGENCY's own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.

Agency's rights of enforcement. In the event any policy of insurance required under this AGREEMENT does not comply with these specifications or is canceled and not replaced, AGENCY has the right but not the duty to obtain the insurance it deems necessary and any premium paid by AGENCY will be promptly reimbursed by CONSULTANT or AGENCY will withhold amounts sufficient to pay premium from CONSULTANT payments. In the alternative, AGENCY may cancel this AGREEMENT.

Acceptable insurers. All insurance policies shall be issued by an insurance company currently authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance or is on the List of Approved Surplus Line Insurers in the State of California, with an

assigned policyholders' Rating of A- (or higher) and Financial Size Category Class VI (or larger) in accordance with the latest edition of Best's Key Rating Guide, unless otherwise approved by the Agency's Risk Manager.

Waiver of subrogation. All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against AGENCY, its elected or appointed officers, agents, officials, employees and volunteers or shall specifically allow CONSULTANT or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. CONSULTANT hereby waives its own right of recovery against AGENCY, and shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subconsultants.

Enforcement of contract provisions (non estoppel). CONSULTANT acknowledges and agrees that any actual or alleged failure on the part of the AGENCY to inform CONSULTANT of non-compliance with any requirement imposes no additional obligations on the AGENCY nor does it waive any rights hereunder.

Requirements not limiting. Requirements of specific coverage features or limits contained in this Section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits or other requirements, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance. Specific reference to a given coverage feature is for purposes of clarification only as it pertains to a given issue and is not intended by any party or insured to be all inclusive, or to the exclusion of other coverage, or a waiver of any type. If the Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the AGENCY requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the AGENCY.

Notice of cancellation. Consultant agrees to oblige its insurance agent or broker and insurers to provide to AGENCY with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation (except for nonpayment for which a ten (10) day notice is required) or nonrenewal of coverage for each required coverage.

Additional insured status. General liability policies shall provide or be endorsed to provide that AGENCY and its officers, officials, employees, and agents, and volunteers shall be additional insureds under such policies. This provision shall also apply to any excess/umbrella liability policies.

Prohibition of undisclosed coverage limitations. None of the coverages required herein will be in compliance with these requirements if they include any limiting endorsement of any kind that has not been first submitted to AGENCY and approved of in writing.

Separation of insureds. A severability of interests provision must apply for all additional insureds ensuring that Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each

insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the insurer's limits of liability. The policy(ies) shall not contain any cross-liability exclusions.

Pass through clause. CONSULTANT agrees to ensure that its subconsultants, subcontractors, and any other party involved with the project who is brought onto or involved in the project by CONSULTANT, provide the same minimum insurance coverage and endorsements required of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT agrees to monitor and review all such coverage and assumes all responsibility for ensuring that such coverage is provided in conformity with the requirements of this section. CONSULTANT agrees that upon request, all agreements with consultants, subcontractors, and others engaged in the project will be submitted to AGENCY for review.

Self-insured retentions. Any self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by AGENCY. AGENCY reserves the right to require that self-insured retentions be eliminated, lowered, or replaced by a deductible. Self-insurance will not be considered to comply with these specifications unless approved by AGENCY.

Timely notice of claims. CONSULTANT shall give AGENCY prompt and timely notice of claims made or suits instituted that arise out of or result from CONSULTANT's performance under this AGREEMENT, and that involve or may involve coverage under any of the required liability policies. Notice to Agency not to exceed ten (10) days.

Additional insurance. CONSULTANT shall also procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, any additional kinds of insurance, which in its own judgment may be necessary for its proper protection and prosecution of the work.