

DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) is between the City of Manhattan Beach, a California municipal corporation (“City”) and Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD, a Nevada corporation (“Consultant”). City and Consultant are sometimes referred to herein as the “Parties”, and individually as a “Party”. The Agreement is hereby made effective as of the date of the last authorized representative signature below (“Effective Date”).

RECITALS

A. City issued Request for Proposals No. E1293-24S on May 30, 2024, titled “Professional Design Services for Three City Pavement Improvement Programs”. Consultant submitted a proposal dated June 27, 2024, in response to the RFP.

B. City desires to use the services of Consultant as an independent contractor to provide the on-call design services described in the RFP.

C. Consultant represents that it is fully qualified to perform such services by virtue of its experience and the training, education and expertise of its principals and employees.

D. City desires to retain Consultant as an independent contractor and Consultant desires to serve City to perform these services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The Parties therefore agree as follows:

1. Consultant’s Services.

A. Scope of Services. Consultant shall perform the services described in the Scope of Services (the “Services”) for on-call design services, attached as **Exhibit A**. City may request, in writing, changes in the Scope of Services to be performed. Any changes mutually agreed upon by the Parties, and any increase or decrease in compensation, shall be incorporated by written amendments to this Agreement.

B. Party Representatives. For the purposes of this Agreement, the City Representative shall be the City Manager, or such other person designated in writing by the City Manager (the “City Representative”). For the purposes of this Agreement, the Consultant Representative shall be Vivek Jha, Principal (the “Consultant Representative”). The Consultant Representative shall directly manage Consultant’s Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall not change the Consultant Representative without City’s prior written consent.

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C. On-Call Services. Consultant acknowledges that (i) this Agreement is for on-call services; (ii) Consultant is one of four firms selected by City to provide the Services; (iii) City is under no obligation to assign any Services to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement; and (iv) any assignments to Consultant pursuant to this Agreement may not include all of the Services listed in the Scope of Services.

D. Assignment of Task. Assignments will be made via Task Order. Prior to issuing a Task Order, City will request a project specific proposal from Consultant. If City accepts the proposal, City will issue the Task Order, assigning the task to Consultant. Consultant shall not commence performance of work or services until issued a Task Order by City.

E. Time for Performance. Consultant shall commence the Services upon issuance of a Task Order pursuant to paragraph D of this Section 1. Consultant shall perform all Services by the deadline established by the Task Order or, if no deadline is established, with reasonable diligence.

F. Standard of Performance. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in accordance with the standard of care generally exercised by like professionals under similar circumstances and in a manner reasonably satisfactory to City.

G. Personnel. Consultant has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the Services required under this Agreement. All of the Services required under this Agreement shall be performed by Consultant or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be qualified to perform such Services.

H. Compliance with Laws. Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes, regulations and requirements.

I. Permits and Licenses. Consultant shall obtain and maintain during the Agreement term all necessary licenses, permits and certificates required by law for the provision of Services under this Agreement, including a business license.

J. Prevailing Wages. This Agreement calls for services that, in whole or in part, constitute “public works” as defined in the California Labor Code. Therefore, as to those services that are “public works”, Consultant shall comply in all respects with all applicable provisions of the California Labor Code, including those set forth in **Exhibit C** hereto.

2. Term of Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date through December 31, 2027, unless sooner terminated as provided in Section 12 of this Agreement or extended. The City Manager or his/her designee may extend the term of the Agreement in writing for up to two additional one-year terms, or such other term not to exceed two years from the date of termination, pursuant to the same terms and conditions of this Agreement. If not renewed prior to the termination date, this Agreement may continue on a month-to-month basis under the same terms and conditions for a

maximum period not to exceed six months or until renewed, terminated or awarded to a new consultant, whichever is less.

3. Compensation.

A. Compensation. As full compensation for Services satisfactorily rendered, City shall pay Consultant at the hourly rates set forth in the Approved Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B. In no event shall Consultant be paid more than \$200,000 for such Services, or such lesser amount as may be specified in the approved Task Order(s) issued pursuant to paragraph D of Section 1 (the "Maximum Compensation"). The City Manager may authorize cumulative increases for additional work up to twenty percent (20%) of the Agreement. Any additional work in excess of this amount shall be approved by the City Council.

B. Expenses. City shall only reimburse Consultant for those actual and necessary expenses expressly set forth in **Exhibit B**.

C. Unauthorized Services and Expenses. City will not pay for any services not specified in the Scope of Services, or reimburse for any expenses not set forth in **Exhibit B**, unless the City Council or the City Representative, if applicable, and the Consultant Representative authorize such services or expenses in writing prior to Consultant's performance of those services or incurrence of additional expenses. Any additional services authorized by the City Council, or (where authorized) the City Manager shall be compensated at the rates set forth in **Exhibit B**, or, if not specified, at a rate mutually agreed to by the Parties. Any additional expense authorized by the City Council or (where authorized) the City Manager shall be reimbursed in the amounts authorized by the City Council or City Manager. City shall make payment for additional services and expenses in accordance with Section 4 of this Agreement.

4. Method of Payment.

A. Invoices. Consultant shall submit to City an invoice, on a monthly basis, for the Services performed pursuant to this Agreement. Invoices must be submitted to Katherine Doherty, City Engineer, kdoherly@manhattanbeach.gov. Each invoice shall itemize the Services rendered during the billing period, hourly rates charged, if applicable, and the amount due. City shall review each invoice and notify Consultant in writing within ten Business days of receipt of any disputed invoice amounts.

B. Payment. City shall pay all undisputed invoice amounts within 30 calendar days after receipt up to the Maximum Compensation set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement. City does not pay interest on past due amounts. City shall not withhold federal payroll, state payroll or other taxes, or other similar deductions, from payments made to Consultant. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if Consultant is a nonresident of California, City will withhold the amount required by the Franchise Tax Board pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 18662 and applicable regulations.

C. Audit of Records. Consultant shall make all records, invoices, time cards, cost control sheets and other records maintained by Consultant in connection with this Agreement available during Consultant's regular working hours to City for review and audit by City.

5. Independent Contractor. Consultant is, and shall at all times remain as to City, a wholly independent contractor. Consultant shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of City. Neither City nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant's employees, 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, agents or employees are in any manner employees of City.

6. Information and Documents.

A. Consultant covenants that all data, reports, documents, surveys, studies, drawings, plans, maps, models, photographs, discussion, or other information (collectively "Data and Documents") developed or received by Consultant or provided for performance of this Agreement are deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed or released by Consultant without prior written authorization by City. City shall grant such authorization if applicable law requires disclosure. Consultant, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors shall not without written authorization from the City Manager or unless requested in writing by the City 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 City. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary," provided Consultant gives City notice of such court order or subpoena.

B. Consultant shall promptly notify City should Consultant, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed thereunder or with respect to any project or property located within the City. City may, but has no obligation to, represent Consultant or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with City and to provide City with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Consultant. However, City's right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by City to control, direct or rewrite the response.

C. All Data and Documents required to be furnished to City in connection with this Agreement shall become City's property, and City may use all or any portion of the Data submitted by Consultant as City deems appropriate. Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all original Data and Documents, including computer files containing Data and Documents generated for the Services, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the Services shall become City's sole property and may be used, reused or otherwise disposed of by City without Consultant's permission. Consultant may take and retain copies of the written

products as desired, but the written products shall not be the subject of a copyright application by Consultant.

D. Consultant's covenants under this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. Conflicts of Interest. Consultant and its officers, employees, associates and subcontractors, if any, shall comply with all conflict of interest statutes of the State of California applicable to Consultant's Services under this Agreement, including the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code § 81000, *et seq.*) and Government Code Section 1090. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant may perform similar Services for other clients, but Consultant and its officers, employees, associates and subcontractors shall not, without the City Representative's prior written approval, perform work for another person or entity for whom Consultant is not currently performing work that would require Consultant or one of its officers, employees, associates or subcontractors to abstain from a decision under this Agreement pursuant to a conflict of interest statute. Consultant shall incorporate a clause substantially similar to this Section into any subcontract that Consultant executes in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

8. Indemnification, Hold Harmless, and Duty to Defend.

A. Indemnity for Design Professional Services. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, protect, indemnify, and hold harmless City and its elected officials, officers, attorneys, agents, employees, designated volunteers, successors, assigns and those City agents serving as independent contractors in the role of City officials (collectively "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, proceedings, judgments, penalties, liens, and losses of any nature whatsoever, including fees of accountants, attorneys, or other professionals and all costs associated therewith, and reimbursement of attorney's fees and costs of defense (collectively "Liabilities"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, which arise out of, are claimed to arise out of, pertain to, or relate to, in whole or in part, the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, material men, consultants or their officers, agents, servants or employees (or any entity or individual that Consultant shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of design professional services under this Agreement by a "design professional," as the term is defined under California Civil Code Section 2782.8(c).

B. Other Indemnities.

1) Other than in the performance of design professional services, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall, at its sole cost and expense, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Indemnitees from and against any and all damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, proceedings, judgments, penalties, liens, and losses of any nature whatsoever, including fees of accountants, attorneys, or other professionals and all costs associated therewith and the payment of all consequential damages (collectively "Claims"), in law or equity, whether

actual, alleged or threatened, which arise out of, are claimed to arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the acts or omissions of Consultant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, materialmen, consultants or their officers, agents, servants or employees (or any entity or individual that Consultant shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of this Agreement, including the Indemnitees' active or passive negligence, except for Claims arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees, as determined by court decision or by the agreement of the Parties. Consultant shall defend the Indemnitees in any action or actions filed in connection with any Claim with counsel of the Indemnitees' choice, and shall pay all costs and expenses, including all attorneys' fees and experts' costs actually incurred in connection with such defense. Consultant shall reimburse the Indemnitees for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by the Indemnitees in connection therewith.

2) Consultant shall pay all required taxes on amounts paid to Consultant under this Agreement, and indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest asserted against City by reason of the independent contractor relationship created by this Agreement. Consultant shall fully comply with the workers' compensation law regarding Consultant and Consultant's employees. Consultant shall indemnify and hold City harmless from any failure of Consultant to comply with applicable workers' compensation laws. City may offset against the amount of any fees due to Consultant under this Agreement any amount due to City from Consultant as a result of Consultant's failure to promptly pay to City any reimbursement or indemnification arising under this subparagraph B.2).

3) Consultant shall obtain executed indemnity agreements with provisions identical to those in this Section from each and every subcontractor or any other person or entity involved by, for, with or on behalf of Consultant in the performance of this Agreement. If Consultant fails to obtain such indemnities, Consultant shall be fully responsible and indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Indemnitees from and against any and all Claims in law or equity, whether actual, alleged or threatened, which arise out of, are claimed to arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the acts or omissions of Consultant's subcontractor, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, materialmen, consultants or their officers, agents, servants or employees (or any entity or individual that Consultant's subcontractor shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of this Agreement, including the Indemnitees' active or passive negligence, except for Claims arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees, as determined by court decision or by the agreement of the Parties.

C. Workers' Compensation Acts not Limiting. Consultant's obligations under this Section, or any other provision of this Agreement, shall not be limited by the provisions of any workers' compensation act or similar act. Consultant expressly waives its statutory immunity under such statutes or laws as to City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

D. Insurance Requirements not Limiting. City does not, and shall not, waive any rights that it may possess against Consultant because of the acceptance by City, or the deposit with City, of any insurance policy or certificate required pursuant to this

Agreement. The hold harmless and indemnification provisions in this Section shall apply regardless of whether or not any insurance policies are determined to be applicable to the Liabilities, Claims, tax, assessment, penalty or interest asserted against City.

E. Survival of Terms. The indemnification in this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9. Insurance.

A. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. Consultant shall procure and at all times during the term of this Agreement carry, maintain, and keep in full force and effect, insurance as follows:

1) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage and a general aggregate limit of \$2,000,000.00 per project or location. If Consultant is a limited liability company, the commercial general liability coverage shall be amended so that Consultant and its managers, affiliates, employees, agents and other persons necessary or incidental to its operation are insureds.

2) Automobile Liability Insurance for any owned, non-owned or hired vehicle used in connection with the performance of this Agreement with a combined single limit of \$2,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury and property damage. If Consultant does not use any owned, non-owned or hired vehicles in the performance of Services under this Agreement, Consultant shall obtain a non-owned auto endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy required under subparagraph A.1) of this Section.

3) Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury or disease. If Consultant has no employees while performing Services under this Agreement, workers' compensation policy is not required, but Consultant shall execute a declaration that it has no employees.

4) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance with minimum limits of \$2,000,000.00 per claim and in aggregate.

B. Acceptability of Insurers. The insurance policies required under this Section shall be issued by an insurer admitted to write insurance in the State of California with a rating of A:VII or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best Insurance Rating Guide. Self-insurance shall not be considered to comply with the insurance requirements under this Section.

C. Additional Insured. The commercial general and automobile liability policies shall contain an endorsement naming City, and its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds. This provision shall also apply to any excess/umbrella liability policies.

D. Primary and Non-Contributing. The insurance policies required under this Section shall apply on a primary non-contributing basis in relation to any other insurance or self-insurance available to City. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents or volunteers, shall be in excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

E. Consultant's Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance policies required under this Section shall not prohibit Consultant and Consultant's employees, agents or subcontractors from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss. Consultant hereby waives all rights of subrogation against City.

F. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by City. At City's option, Consultant shall either reduce or eliminate the deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to City, or Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and expenses.

G. Cancellations or Modifications to Coverage. Consultant shall not cancel, reduce or otherwise modify the insurance policies required by this Section during the term of this Agreement. The commercial general and automobile liability policies required under this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that should the issuing insurer cancel the policy before the expiration date, the issuing insurer will endeavor to mail 30 days' prior written notice to City. If any insurance policy required under this Section is canceled or reduced in coverage or limits, Consultant shall, within two Business Days of notice from the insurer, phone, fax or notify City via certified mail, return receipt requested, of the cancellation of or changes to the policy.

H. City Remedy for Noncompliance. If Consultant does not maintain the policies of insurance required under this Section in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, or in the event any of Consultant's policies do not comply with the requirements under this Section, City may either immediately terminate this Agreement or, if insurance is available at a reasonable cost, City may, but has no duty to, take out the necessary insurance and pay, at Consultant's expense, the premium thereon. Consultant shall promptly reimburse City for any premium paid by City or City may withhold amounts sufficient to pay the premiums from payments due to Consultant.

I. Evidence of Insurance. Prior to the performance of Services under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish City's Risk Manager with a certificate or certificates of insurance and all original endorsements evidencing and effecting the coverages required under this Section. The endorsements are subject to City's approval. Consultant may provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies to City. Consultant shall maintain current endorsements on file with City's Risk Manager. Consultant shall provide proof to City's Risk Manager that insurance policies expiring during the term of this Agreement have been renewed or replaced with other policies providing at least the same coverage. Consultant shall furnish such proof at least two weeks prior to the expiration of the coverages.

J. Indemnity Requirements not Limiting. Procurement of insurance by Consultant shall not be construed as a limitation of Consultant's liability or as full performance of Consultant's duty to indemnify City under Section 8 of this Agreement.

K. Broader Coverage/Higher Limits. If Consultant maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums required above, City requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to City.

L. Subcontractor Insurance Requirements. Consultant shall require each of its subcontractors that perform Services under this Agreement to maintain insurance coverage that meets all of the requirements of this Section.

10. Mutual Cooperation.

A. City's Cooperation. City shall provide Consultant with all pertinent Data, documents and other requested information as is reasonably available for Consultant's proper performance of the Services required under this Agreement.

B. Consultant's Cooperation. In the event any claim or action is brought against City relating to Consultant's performance of Services rendered under this Agreement, Consultant shall render any reasonable assistance that City requires.

11. Records and Inspections. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to time, costs, expenses, receipts, correspondence, and other such information required by City that relate to the performance of the Services. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. Consultant shall provide free access to City, its designees and representatives at reasonable times, and shall allow City to examine and audit the books and records, to make transcripts therefrom as necessary, and to inspect all work, data, documents, proceedings and activities related to this Agreement. Such records, together with supporting documents, shall be maintained for a period of three years after receipt of final payment.

12. Termination of Agreement.

A. Right to Terminate. City may terminate this Agreement at any time, at will, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice to Consultant at least five calendar days before the termination is to be effective. Consultant may terminate this Agreement at any time, at will, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice to City at least 60 calendar days before the termination is to be effective.

B. Obligations upon Termination. Consultant shall cease all work under this Agreement on or before the effective date of termination specified in the notice of termination. In the event of City's termination of this Agreement due to no fault or failure of performance by Consultant, City shall pay Consultant based on the percentage of work satisfactorily performed up to the effective date of termination. In no event shall

Consultant be entitled to receive more than the amount that would be paid to Consultant for the full performance of the Services required by this Agreement. Consultant shall have no other claim against City by reason of such termination, including any claim for compensation.

13. Force Majeure. Consultant shall not be liable for any failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement if Consultant presents acceptable evidence, in City's sole judgment, that such failure was due to acts of God, embargoes, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental controls, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond Consultant's reasonable control and not due to any act by Consultant.

14. Default.

A. 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, City shall have no obligation or duty to continue compensating Consultant for any work performed after the date of default.

B. In addition to the right to terminate pursuant to Section 12, if the City Manager determines that Consultant is in default in the performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, City shall serve Consultant with written notice of the default. Consultant shall have ten calendar days after service upon it of the notice in which to cure the default by rendering a satisfactory performance. In the event that Consultant fails to cure its default within such period of time, City may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, 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.

15. Notices. Any notice, consent, request, demand, bill, invoice, report or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and conclusively deemed effective: (a) on personal delivery, (b) on confirmed delivery by courier service during Consultant's and City's regular business hours, or (c) three Business Days after deposit in the United States mail, by first class mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Party to be notified as set forth below:

TO CITY:

City of Manhattan Beach Public Works
Attn: Public Works Director
3621 Bell Avenue
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

TO CONSULTANT:

Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD
Attn: Vivek Jha
17050 Bushard Street, Suite #200
Fountain Valley, California 92708

COPY TO CITY ATTORNEY:

City of Manhattan Beach
Attn: City Attorney

1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

16. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity. In the performance of this Agreement, Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee, subcontractor or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, sexual orientation or other basis prohibited by law. Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that subcontractors and applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information or sexual orientation.

17. Prohibition of Assignment and Delegation. Consultant shall not assign any of its rights or delegate any of its duties under this Agreement, either in whole or in part, without City's prior written consent. City's consent to an assignment of rights under this Agreement shall not release Consultant from any of its obligations or alter any of its primary obligations to be performed under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section shall be void and of no effect and shall entitle City to terminate this Agreement. As used in this Section, "assignment" and "delegation" means any sale, gift, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other transfer of all or any portion of the rights, obligations, or liabilities in or arising from this Agreement to any person or entity, whether by operation of law or otherwise, and regardless of the legal form of the transaction in which the attempted transfer occurs.

18. No Third Party Beneficiaries Intended. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person or entity may have or acquire a right by virtue of this Agreement.

19. Waiver. No delay or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to City under this Agreement shall impair any right, power or remedy of City, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of, or consent to, any breach or default. No waiver of any breach, any failure of a condition, or any right or remedy under this Agreement shall be (1) effective unless it is in writing and signed by the Party making the waiver, (2) deemed to be a waiver of, or consent to, any other breach, failure of a condition, or right or remedy, or (3) deemed to constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing expressly so states.

20. Final Payment Acceptance Constitutes Release. The acceptance by Consultant of the final payment made under this Agreement shall operate as and be a release of City from all claims and liabilities for compensation to Consultant for anything done, furnished or relating to Consultant's work or services. Acceptance of payment shall be any negotiation of City's check or the failure to make a written extra compensation claim within ten calendar days of the receipt of that check. However, approval or payment by City shall not constitute, nor be deemed, a release of the responsibility and liability of Consultant, its employees, subcontractors and agents for the accuracy and competency of the information provided and/or work performed; nor shall such approval or payment

be deemed to be an assumption of such responsibility or liability by City for any defect or error in the work prepared by Consultant, its employees, subcontractors and agents.

21. Corrections. In addition to the above indemnification obligations, Consultant shall correct, at its expense, all errors in the work which may be disclosed during City's review of Consultant's report or plans. Should Consultant fail to make such correction in a reasonably timely manner, such correction may be made by City, and the cost thereof shall be charged to Consultant. In addition to all other available remedies, City may deduct the cost of such correction from any retention amount held by City or may withhold payment otherwise owed Consultant under this Agreement up to the amount of the cost of correction.

22. Non-Appropriation of Funds. Payments to be made to Consultant by City for services performed within the current fiscal year are within the current fiscal budget and within an available, unexhausted fund. In the event that City does not appropriate sufficient funds for payment of Consultant's services beyond the current fiscal year, this Agreement shall cover payment for Consultant's services only to the conclusion of the last fiscal year in which City appropriates sufficient funds and shall automatically terminate at the conclusion of such fiscal year.

23. Exhibits. Exhibits A, B, and C constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference. If any inconsistency exists or arises between a provision of this Agreement and a provision of any exhibit, or between a provision of this Agreement and a provision of Consultant's proposal, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

24. Entire Agreement and Modification of Agreement. This Agreement and all exhibits referred to in this Agreement constitute the final, complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersede all other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings and agreements of the Parties. No Party has been induced to enter into this Agreement by, nor is any Party relying on, any representation or warranty except those expressly set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended, nor any provision or breach hereof waived, except in a writing signed by both Parties.

25. Headings. The headings in this Agreement are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or any of the rights or obligations of the Parties to this Agreement.

26. Word Usage. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, (a) the words "shall," "will" and "agrees" are mandatory and "may" is permissive; (b) "or" is not exclusive; and (c) "includes" or "including" are not limiting.

27. Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence in respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit or deprive a Party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Agreement.

28. Business Days. “Business days” means days Manhattan Beach City Hall is open for business.

29. Governing Law and Choice of Forum. This Agreement, and any dispute arising from the relationship between the Parties to this Agreement, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, except that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be applied in interpreting this Agreement. Any dispute that arises under or relates to this Agreement (whether contract, tort or both) shall be resolved in a superior court with geographic jurisdiction over the City of Manhattan Beach.

30. Attorneys’ Fees. In any litigation or other proceeding by which a Party seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all attorneys’ fees, experts’ fees, and other costs actually incurred in connection with such litigation or other proceeding, in addition to all other relief to which that Party may be entitled.

31. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected and continue in full force and effect.

32. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which will constitute one and the same instrument.

33. Corporate Authority. Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of his or her Party warrants that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of that Party and that by such execution, that Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

The Parties, through their duly authorized representatives are signing this Agreement on the date stated in the introductory clause.

City:

City of Manhattan Beach,
a California municipal corporation

Consultant:

Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD,
a Nevada Corporation

By: _____

Name: Talyn Mirzakhanian
Title: Acting City Manager

By: _____



Name: Vivek Jha
Title: Principal

ATTEST:

**PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO BIND
CONTRACTING PARTY REQUIRED**

By: _____

Name: Liza Tamura
Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

Name: Quinn M. Barrow
Title: City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FISCAL IMPACT:

By: _____

Name: Onyx Jones
Title: Interim Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: _____

Name: Erick Lee
Title: Public Works Director

EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Scope of Work may include, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

Consultant shall assist the City with the design services of Pavement Improvement Projects as described in the Task Order Solicitation. The projects may include rehabilitation of City streets at various locations throughout the City by concrete repairs, resurfacing, and/or slurry seal application based on the City's most recent Pavement Management Program. Work may include slurry seal, mill and overlay, full-depth reconstruction, curb and gutter, sidewalk replacement, ADA curb ramp installation, and striping. Pavement may be asphalt concrete (AC), Portland cement concrete (PCC), or pervious concrete. Projects may also include modified striping to conform to the City's latest Mobility Plan and approved by City Council.

The Consultant shall submit a comprehensive and detailed scope of work in response to the Task Order Solicitation. Consultant duties and responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following services:

Project Tasks

Task 1: Project Management, Meetings, & Coordination

The Consultant will provide full oversight of the project scope and coordination with the City. Consultant staff shall lead all meetings with the City to initiate the project and obtain a clear understanding of the project elements involved. Progress meetings will occur at a minimum of every two weeks throughout the duration of the Project, and may be conducted by conference call, or as virtual or in-person meetings. The Consultant shall coordinate with other agencies, utilities and affected property owners related to this project, and the Consultant's project manager may be required to attend the pre-bid and pre-construction meetings. All project meetings shall be included in the overall fee proposal. The Consultant shall also provide project administration including necessary project meeting agendas, meeting minutes/notes, adherence to the project schedule, project schedule updates, and quality control.

Task 2: Existing Conditions and Site Analysis

A comprehensive review of the entire project site and surrounding area will be necessary to identify existing issues, concerns, and opportunities for street improvements and may require the following:

2.1 Review of Records and Field Verification:

The City will make all available record documents accessible to the Consultant and will provide guidance and assistance necessary to obtain the information required for reference. However, drawings and plans provided by the City, while known to be the most current available, are not

guaranteed to depict full and complete information or to be fully accurate in any regard. The Consultant shall further research, obtain, and consider all available records (inclusive of all utilities, communication, etc.) to be depicted on the project plans, including, but not limited to studies, evaluations, reports, construction documents, geotechnical reports, City's water/sewer/storm drain plans, topographic survey, survey ties, City benchmarks, basis for bearings and stationing, existing right-of-way (to be clearly depicted on the plans), City standards, and improvements within and adjacent to the project area. Conduct detailed in-person field check of project streets to note surface locations of existing utilities, private property improvements in public right-of-way encroachment areas, and existing striping, markings, and pavement markers. Compare all field investigation findings and dimensions with existing plans to ensure accurate improvement plans are prepared. **The Consultant's lead project manager will be required to walk each applicable street with the City's project manager once the 100% plans are completed prior to the City advertising the Consultant's Work for bidding purposes, and any discrepancies with field conditions will be corrected on the plans at the Consultant's expense.**

2.2 Surveying and Site Conditions

The Consultant shall provide all necessary land surveying services to identify all features, objects and critical control points required to prepare the construction plans and other documents for this Project. Said surveying shall include sufficient adjacent areas as needed to join or match existing conditions, especially for each proposed ADA compliant curb ramp and driveway approach design.

2.3 Utility and Agency Coordination:

The Consultant shall prepare and mail preliminary utility notices on City letterhead to obtain maps and other documents to identify existing utility locations on the plans. The utility notices are as follows:

- 1st Utility Notice - Preliminary Project Notice and Request As-built Maps;
- 2nd Utility Notice – Review and Identify Potential Conflict and Need to Relocate;
- 3rd Utility Notice - Notice to Relocate; and
- 4th Utility Notice – Final Notice to Relocate Immediately, if applicable.

The Consultant shall document via log sheet, updated regularly, and call or meet the utility companies, as necessary, until a written response form is received from each potential conflicting utility. The Consultant shall coordinate with affected utility companies to depict any necessary utility

modifications. The City has available contact information for affected utilities, if needed. It may be assumed that the detailed design for new or relocated utilities will be prepared by the affected utilities, and construction of the same will be the responsibility of the affected utility. Coordination for any work impacting adjacent cities or Caltrans right of way including plan check, traffic control plans and permit approvals is considered part of the Consultant's work to address so that the improvements can be constructed in a timely manner.

2.4 Potholing

Consultant shall compile a list identifying potential locations of conflict between existing utilities and the proposed improvements. Consultant shall include a pot-holing budget to be utilized at the City's direction based on the Consultant's recommendations. The Consultant shall submit to each utility company a preliminary set of plans that provide the location and elevation of the utility with the conflict areas clouded to show the utility companies the areas of conflict with the proposed improvements. The potholing information and plan shall be submitted to the City after completion of that task. Potholes in paved areas shall be repaired per City Standards. However, potholes within the proposed pavement construction area may be considered for an alternate repair treatment, at the discretion of the City. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to notify Underground Service Alert prior to the start of any subsurface exploration work. The Consultant shall submit for City review a traffic control plan and obtain a permit to operate and conduct any potholing within the public right-of-way.

2.5 Geotechnical Investigation

The Consultant must conduct the appropriate geotechnical investigation to adequately convey subsurface information in the project plans and specs so that the bidders can provide a fair and accurate bid for the conditions they will encounter during construction. The soil condition in Manhattan Beach is primarily collapsible sandy loam material.

The intent is for the Consultant to prepare a feasibility study for each street segment after the survey and coring tasks are completed. Based on the field investigations (including borings/corings, technical investigations, field survey, conceptual cross section, etc.), the Consultant shall determine the most appropriate design strategy, and refine the cost estimates based on the study.

Borings/corings must identify existing pavement thickness for the affected street(s). The consultant shall prepare a Boring Location Plan to verify

pavement section depth, subgrade classification, R value, pavement evaluation, and pavement rehabilitation recommendation.

2.6 Plats and Legal Descriptions for ADA ramps/Driveways

Any street improvements will require design of non-compliant ADA curb ramps and driveway approaches to be upgraded to current compliance to the maximum extent possible, and stamped/signed memos will be required of the consultant if compliance is infeasible. This memo will become permanent record on the City's ADA Transition Plan as public record. In some cases, compliant ADA curb ramps may be constructed if adequate private property dedication for pedestrian easement or right of way dedication or temporary construction easement occurs. Consultant will be required to prepare the plat and legal description for the conveyance of the easement from the property owners.

Task 3: Construction Drawings, Technical Specifications, and an Engineer's Cost Estimate

Draft plans, specifications, and cost estimates shall be submitted to the City at 60%, 90%, and 100% completion.

3.1. Construction Drawings

Prepare design drawings for all improvements identified in AutoCAD format. Prepare detailed plan and profile and detail sheets (24"x36" plans) for the proposed improvements. All plans must use the City of Manhattan Beach's cover sheet, general notes, and title block, which are available on the City's website, <https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/departments/public-works/engineering-division/consultants>, for all pages included in the plan set, and must comply with preset layout, notes, and formatting. Title sheet must have the following "Declaration of Design Engineer of Record" on the Cover Sheet of the plan set.

Declaration of Design Engineer of Record

I hereby declare that the design of the improvements as shown on these plans complies with Professional Engineering standards and practices. As the Engineer in Responsible Charge of the design of these improvements, I assume full responsible charge for such design. The plan check is not a determination of the technical adequacy of the design of the improvements. Such check does not, therefore relieve me of my responsibility for the design of these improvements.

I also hereby declare that I have compared these plans with all applicable ADA Title II requirements for disability access for this project and these plans are in full compliance with those requirements.

The Consultant shall allow at least two (2) weeks for City review of each plan submittal. All drawing sheets must be stamped by a civil engineer, licensed by the State of California. Plans and calculations for products designed by others must be reviewed and approved by the engineer of record for the project. The design consultant shall ensure that the final design contains a typical industry-standard level of detail required to procure and construct the proposed improvements. All plans shall clearly delineate clean street terminations on plan sheets for the possibility of additive areas to be removed easily from the plan set prior to construction.

The Consultant is to prepare striping and signing plans to include all striping, signing, markings, and pavement markers per Caltrans and CA-MUTCD standard details. The construction drawings shall include all necessary and significant civil aspects of design. Where necessary, asphalt removal and replacement locations will be mapped for all project streets as well.

The Consultant shall record the existing pavement and base thicknesses for all work proposed on the project plans. Any cracked/defective spandrels, cross gutters, curb and gutter, etc., must be identified for replacement and positive drainage flow design confirmed. Where applicable, existing features, stop signs, and posts shall be shown on the plans with call-outs for the contractor to replace them to their existing locations after construction of the sidewalk and/or curb and gutter in a manner satisfying the City.

3.2 Technical Specifications

The Consultant shall prepare the entire project bid specifications using City-provided front-end boilerplate template in MS Word format. Bid Specifications shall include all boilerplate, related exhibits, and necessary documents to comply with legal requirements and good professional practices, and must include all required technical specification sections and forms. The consultant shall stamp and sign the full set of specifications (inclusive of City boilerplate customized to the specific project by the Consultant).

3.3 Engineer's Cost Estimates

Prepare a final itemized construction cost estimate in MS Excel format pursuant to the final design. Line items shall correspond to the bid items in the Specifications. The Consultant will revise PS&E for the streets that can be reconstructed based on budget. City staff will process the appropriate CEQA documentation for approval of the project before the construction phase.

3.4 As-built Plans

The Consultant shall provide as-built plans of the final constructed project pursuant to modifications made at the time of construction per the redlined comments provided by the City and Contractor. At the end of the project, provide a complete set of as-built/record drawings in AutoCAD and PDF formats. The as-built drawings shall be provided to the City and approved prior to the release of the final progress payment. The City will be the owner of all original drawings, documents, and digital information. All digital and or computer-generated drawings shall be the property of the City.

Task 4: Public Outreach

The Firm will be required to make presentations at one (1) Community Outreach Meeting, one (1) Parking Public Improvement Commission Meeting, and one (1) City Council Meeting all to be held in the evening time. The Consultant needs to identify costs for attending, preparing presentation drawings and handout materials, presenting the project and documenting the meeting comments and outcomes for the meetings. The first community outreach meeting should be considered after the Firm and City agree on the scope of the project and the preliminary design is complete at approximately 60% or 90%. The subsequent community meetings would be held just prior to the construction.

Task 5: Bidding and Construction Support

5.1 Bidding Assistance

During the bidding period, provide assistance in drafting responses to provide clarification to questions as part of addenda.

5.2 Construction Assistance

The Consultant shall provide answers to design questions, review and approve cut-sheets and submittals, review cat-track markings in-person, and respond to Requests for Information (RFI's) submitted to the City during the construction phase.

EXHIBIT B APPROVED FEE SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Principal	\$275/hour
Associate.....	\$250/hour
Senior	\$205/hour
Project II	\$190/hour
Project I.....	\$175/hour
Staff II	\$165/hour
Staff I	\$150/hour

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Senior Construction Manager*	\$130/hour
Senior Designer.....	\$135/hour
Senior Technician/Construction Inspector*	\$130/hour
CAD Technician	\$110/hour
Senior Field Scientist.....	\$115/hour
Field Scientist	\$100/hour
Project Administrator	\$100/hour
Field/Engineering Technician	\$115/hour
Technical Word Processing.....	\$100/hour
Clerical.....	\$100/hour
Litigation Support (expert testimony).....	300% of above rates

CONTRACT LABOR

From time to time, NCE retains outside professional and technical labor on a temporary basis to meet peak workload demands. Such contract labor will be charged at regular Schedule charges.

Notes

In consideration of the Department of Industrial Relations, the rates will be adjusted on the effective dates established by the State and pursuant to the pre-determined escalation rates.

The hourly fees/rates shall remain effective through June 30, 2025 and may be adjusted annually thereafter as negotiated with and agreed to by the City.

The City will not reimburse the following expenses:

- Hotel, Meals and Airfare.
The City will not reimburse for lodging, meals, mileage or transportation for the Consultant or its agents. This includes no reimbursement for travel time to and from the City.
- Entertainment/Personal Services.
Under no circumstances are expenses related to entertainment (i.e., theater tickets, sporting events, etc.) or personal services (i.e., dry cleaning, haircuts, etc.) reimbursable.
- Printing and Photocopies.
All printing and photocopying costs shall be included in the not to exceed fees.
- Incidental Expenses.
There will be no reimbursements for deliveries/transmittals, telephone expenses or equipment rental/purchases.
- Proposal Preparation Costs.
- The City will not reimburse the Consultant for any costs associated with the preparation of a proposal.

EXHIBIT C
TERMS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LABOR LAW REQUIREMENTS

1. This Agreement calls for services that, in whole or in part, constitute “public works” as defined in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of the California Labor Code (“Chapter 1”). Further, Contractor acknowledges that this Agreement is subject to (a) Chapter 1 and (b) the rules and regulations established by the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) implementing such statutes. Therefore, as to those Services that are “public works”, Contractor shall comply with and be bound by all the terms, rules and regulations described in 1(a) and 1(b) as though set forth in full herein.

2. California law requires the inclusion of specific Labor Code provisions in certain contracts. The inclusion of such specific provisions below, whether or not required by California law, does not alter the meaning or scope of Section 1 above.

3. Contractor shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in accordance with California Labor Code Section 1725.5, and has provided proof of registration to City prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform work with any subcontractor that is not registered with DIR pursuant to Section 1725.5. Contractor and subcontractors shall maintain their registration with the DIR in effect throughout the duration of this Agreement. If the Contractor or any subcontractor ceases to be registered with DIR at any time during the duration of the project, Contractor shall immediately notify City.

4. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.4, Contractor’s Services are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by DIR. Contractor shall post job site notices, as prescribed by DIR regulations.

5. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773.2, copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to perform the Agreement are on file at City Hall and will be made available to any interested party on request. Contractor acknowledges receipt of a copy of the DIR determination of such prevailing rate of per diem wages, and Contractor shall post such rates at each job site covered by this Agreement.

6. Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1774 and 1775 concerning the payment of prevailing rates of wages to workers and the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages. The Contractor shall, as a penalty to City, forfeit \$200.00 for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the DIR for the work or craft in which the worker is employed for any public work done pursuant to this Agreement by Contractor or by any subcontractor.

7. Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Section 1776, which requires Contractor and each subcontractor to: keep accurate

payroll records and verify such records in writing under penalty of perjury, as specified in Section 1776; certify and make such payroll records available for inspection as provided by Section 1776; and inform City of the location of the records. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.4, Contractor and each subcontractor shall furnish such records to the Labor Commissioner, at least monthly, in the form specified by the Labor Commissioner.

8. Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Sections 1777.5, 1777.6 and 1777.7 and California Administrative Code Title 8, Section 200 et seq. concerning the employment of apprentices on public works projects. Contractor shall be responsible for compliance with these aforementioned Sections for all apprenticeable occupations. Prior to commencing work under this Agreement, Contractor shall provide City with a copy of the information submitted to any applicable apprenticeship program. Within 60 days after concluding work pursuant to this Agreement, Contractor and each of its subcontractors shall submit to City a verified statement of the journeyman and apprentice hours performed under this Agreement.

9. The Contractor shall not perform Work with any Subcontractor that has been debarred or suspended pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1777.1 or any other federal or state law providing for the debarment of contractors from public works. The Contractor and Subcontractors shall not be debarred or suspended throughout the duration of this Contract pursuant to Labor Code Section 1777.1 or any other federal or state law providing for the debarment of contractors from public works. If the Contractor or any subcontractor becomes debarred or suspended during the duration of the project, the Contractor shall immediately notify City.

10. Contractor acknowledges that eight hours labor constitutes a legal day's work. Contractor shall comply with and be bound by Labor Code Section 1810. Contractor shall comply with and be bound by the provisions of Labor Code Section 1813 concerning penalties for workers who work excess hours. The Contractor shall, as a penalty to City, forfeit \$25.00 for each worker employed in the performance of this Agreement by the Contractor or by any subcontractor for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to work more than eight hours in any one calendar day and 40 hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 3 of the Labor Code. Pursuant to Labor Code section 1815, work performed by employees of Contractor in excess of eight hours per day, and 40 hours during any one week shall be permitted upon public work upon compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight hours per day at not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay.

11. California Labor Code Sections 1860 and 3700 provide that every employer will be required to secure the payment of compensation to its employees. In accordance with the provisions of California Labor Code Section 1861, Contractor hereby certifies as follows:

"I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to

undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.”

12. For every subcontractor who will perform work on the project, Contractor shall be responsible for such subcontractor’s compliance with Chapter 1 and Labor Code Sections 1860 and 3700, and Contractor shall include in the written contract between it and each subcontractor a copy of those statutory provisions and a requirement that each subcontractor shall comply with those statutory provisions. Contractor shall be required to take all actions necessary to enforce such contractual provisions and ensure subcontractor’s compliance, including without limitation, conducting a periodic review of the certified payroll records of the subcontractor and upon becoming aware of the failure of the subcontractor to pay his or her workers the specified prevailing rate of wages. Contractor shall diligently take corrective action to halt or rectify any failure.

13. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend (at Contractor’s expense with counsel reasonably acceptable to City) City, its officials, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors serving in the role of City officials, and volunteers from and against any demand or claim for damages, compensation, fines, penalties or other amounts arising out of or incidental to any acts or omissions listed above by any person or entity (including Contractor, its subcontractors, and each of their officials, officers, employees and agents) in connection with any work undertaken or in connection with the Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages, attorneys’ fees, and other related costs and expenses. All duties of Contractor under this Section shall survive the termination of the Agreement.