

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT FOR
CITY PROJECT NO. 24-11**

THIS PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), dated February 18, 2025 (“Effective Date”), is made by the CITY OF COSTA MESA, a political subdivision of the State of California (“CITY”), and American Construction Company, LLC DBA ACC, a California Limited Liability Company (“CONTRACTOR”).

WHEREAS, CITY desires to construct the public improvements described below under Paragraph 1, Scope of Work (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, CITY has determined that CONTRACTOR is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, CITY now desires to contract with CONTRACTOR to furnish construction and related services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, CITY and CONTRACTOR desire to set forth their rights, duties and liabilities in connection with the services to be performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF WORK.

The scope of work generally consists of demolition and remodel of the City Hall Basement storage areas to add a City Hall Training Room and IT Offices (the “Work”).

The Work is further described in the “Contract Documents” referred to below.

The Project is known as the Costa Mesa City Hall IT Offices and Training Room Basement Remodel Project, City Project No. 24-11 (the “Project”).

2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The complete Agreement consists of the following documents relating to the Project:

- (a) This Agreement;
- (b) CONTRACTOR’s bid, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein;
- (c) Bid package, including, but not limited to, notice inviting bids, complete plans, profiles, detailed drawings and specifications, general provisions and special provisions. The bid package is attached hereto as Exhibit B and

incorporated herein;

- (d) Faithful Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, including agent's Power of Attorney for each bond, attached hereto as Exhibit C;
- (e) Drug-Free Workplace Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein; and
- (f) Provisions of the most current edition of The Greenbook: Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction ("The Greenbook"). Provisions of The Greenbook are incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

The documents comprising the complete Agreement will be referred to as the "Contract Documents."

All of the Contract Documents are intended to complement one another, so that any Work called for in one and not mentioned in another is to be performed as if mentioned in all documents.

In the event of an inconsistency in the Contract Documents, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail over all other Contract Documents. The order of precedence between the remaining Contract Documents shall be as set forth in The Greenbook.

The Contract Documents constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any and all other writings and oral negotiations.

3. CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE.

The CITY's Representative is Bobby Fouladi referred to herein as the Project Manager ("Project Manager").

4. CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER; PERSONNEL.

(a) Project Manager. CONTRACTOR's Project Manager must be approved by City. Such approval shall be at CITY's sole discretion.

(b) Personnel. CITY has the right to review and approve any personnel who are assigned to perform work under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall remove personnel from performing work under this Agreement if requested to do so by CITY.

This Paragraph 4 is a material provision of the Agreement.

5. SCHEDULE.

All Work shall be performed in accordance with the schedule approved on behalf

of CITY by the Project Manager, and in accordance with the time of performance set forth in Paragraph 11 (Time of Performance).

6. EQUIPMENT - PERFORMANCE OF WORK.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish all tools, equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor and materials necessary to perform and complete the Work in a good and workmanlike manner in strict conformity with the Contract Documents.

The equipment, apparatus, facilities, labor and material shall be furnished and such Work performed and completed as required in the plans and specifications to the satisfaction of the Project Manager or his or her designee, and subject to his or her approval.

7. COMPENSATION.

CITY shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in CONTRACTOR's bid. CONTRACTOR's total compensation shall not exceed Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$490,000.00).

8. ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

CONTRACTOR shall not receive compensation for any services provided outside the scope of the Contract Documents unless such additional services, including change orders, are approved in writing by CITY prior to CONTRACTOR performing the additional services.

It is specifically understood that oral requests or approvals of such additional services, change orders or additional compensation and any approvals from CITY shall be barred and are unenforceable.

9. PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR.

On or before the last Monday of each and every month during the performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall meet with the Project Manager or his or her designee to determine the quantity of pay items incorporated into the improvement during that month. A "Progress Payment Order" will then be jointly prepared, approved, and signed by the Project Manager and the CONTRACTOR setting forth the amount to be paid and providing for a five percent (5%) retention. Upon approval of the progress payment order by the Project Manager, or his or her designee, it shall be submitted to CITY's Finance Department and processed for payment by obtaining approval from the City Council to issue a warrant.

Within three (3) days following City Council's approval to issue a warrant, CITY shall mail to CONTRACTOR a warrant for the amount specified in the progress payment order as the amount to be paid. The retained five percent (5%) shall be paid to

CONTRACTOR thirty-five (35) days after the recording of the Notice of Completion of the Work by the CITY with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder and after CONTRACTOR has furnished releases of all claims against CITY by persons who furnished labor or materials for the Work, if required by CITY.

Upon the request of CONTRACTOR and at its expense, securities equivalent to the amount withheld pursuant to the foregoing provisions may be presented to CITY for substitution for the retained funds. If CITY approves the form and amount of the offered securities it will release the retained funds and will hold the securities in lieu thereof. CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to any interest earned on the securities.

In the event that claims for property damage or bodily injury are presented to CITY arising out of CONTRACTOR's or any subcontractor's work under this Agreement, CITY shall give notice thereof to CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR shall have thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of any such notice to evaluate the claim and to settle it by whole or partial payment, or to reject it, and to give notice of settlement or rejection to CITY. If CITY does not receive notice within the above-mentioned 35-day period that the claim has been settled, and if the Project Manager, after consultation with the City Attorney, determines that the claim is meritorious, CITY may pay the claim or a portion of it in exchange for an appropriate release from the claimant, and may deduct the amount of the payment from the retained funds that would otherwise be paid to CONTRACTOR upon completion of the Work; provided, however, that the maximum amount paid for any one claim pursuant to this provision shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), and the maximum amount for all such claims in the aggregate paid pursuant to this provision shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

10. PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUBCONTRACTORS.

CONTRACTOR agrees to pay each subcontractor under this Agreement for satisfactory performance of its contract no later than seven (7) days from the receipt of each payment the CONTRACTOR receives from CITY.

CONTRACTOR agrees further to release retainage payments to each subcontractor within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work is satisfactorily completed.

Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced time frame may occur only for good cause following written approval of the CITY.

11. TIME OF PERFORMANCE.

CONTRACTOR shall commence Work by the date specified in CITY's Notice to Proceed, unless a later date is agreed upon in writing by the parties. The Work shall be completed within Ninety (90) working/calendar days from the first day of commencement of the Work.

12. TERMINATION.

- (a) Termination for Convenience. CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to CONTRACTOR.
- (b) Termination for Breach of Contract.
 - (i) If CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to prosecute the Work or any severable part of it with such diligence as will ensure its timely completion, or if CONTRACTOR fails to complete the Work on time, or if CONTRACTOR, or any subcontractor, violates any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Project Manager may give written notice to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's sureties of the CITY's intention to terminate this Agreement; and, unless within five (5) days after the serving of that notice, such conduct shall cease and arrangements for the correction thereof be made to the satisfaction of the CITY, this Agreement may be terminated at the option of CITY effective upon CONTRACTOR's receipt of a second notice sent by the CITY indicating that the CITY has exercised its option to terminate.
 - (ii) If CONTRACTOR is adjudged bankrupt or files for any relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or State insolvency laws, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without any further action or notice by CITY.
 - (iii) If CONTRACTOR is in breach of any material provision of this Agreement, CITY may immediately terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to CONTRACTOR of same.

13. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

In the event the Work is not completed, for any reason, within the time required including any approved extensions of time, and to the satisfaction of the Project Manager, CITY may, in addition to any other remedies, equitable and legal, including remedies authorized by Paragraph 12 (Termination) of this Agreement, charge to CONTRACTOR or its sureties, or deduct from payments or credits due CONTRACTOR, a sum equal to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) as liquidated damages for each calendar day beyond the date provided for the completion of such work.

The parties hereto agree that the amount set forth above, as liquidated damages constitutes a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs the CITY would suffer for each day that the CONTRACTOR fails to meet the performance schedule. The parties hereby agree and acknowledge that the delays in the performance schedule will cause CITY to incur costs and expenses not contemplated by this Agreement.

14. PERFORMANCE BY SURETIES.

In the event CONTRACTOR fails or refuses to perform the Work, CITY may provide CONTRACTOR with a notice of intent to terminate as provided in Paragraph 12 (Termination), of this Agreement. CITY shall immediately give written notice of such intent to terminate to CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR's surety or sureties, and the sureties shall have the right to take over and perform this Agreement; provided, however, that the sureties must, within five (5) days after CITY's giving notice of termination, (a) give the CITY written notice of their intention to take over the performance of this Agreement; (b) provide adequate assurances, to the satisfaction of the CITY, that the Work shall be performed diligently and in a timely manner; and (c) must commence performance thereof within five (5) days after providing notice to the CITY of their intention to take over the Work. Upon the failure of the sureties to comply with the provisions set forth above, CITY may take over the Work and complete it, at the expense of CONTRACTOR, and the CONTRACTOR and the sureties shall be liable to CITY for any excess costs or damages including those referred to in Paragraph 13 (Liquidated Damages), incurred by CITY. In such event, CITY may, without liability for so doing, take possession of such materials, equipment, tools, appliances, Contract Documents and other property belonging to CONTRACTOR as may be on the site of the Work and reasonably necessary therefor and may use them to complete the Work.

15. DISPUTES PERTAINING TO PAYMENT FOR WORK.

Should any dispute arise respecting whether any delay is excusable, or its duration, or the value of the Work done, or of any Work omitted, or of any extra Work which CONTRACTOR may be required to do, or respecting any payment to CONTRACTOR during the performance of this Agreement, such dispute shall be decided by the Project Manager, and his or her decisions shall be final and binding upon CONTRACTOR and its sureties.

16. SUPERINTENDENCE BY CONTRACTOR.

At all times during performance of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall give personal superintendence or have a competent foreman or superintendent on the worksite, with authority to act for CONTRACTOR.

17. INSPECTION BY CITY.

CONTRACTOR shall at all times maintain proper facilities and provide safe access for inspection by CITY to all parts of the Work and to all shops on or off-site where the Work or portions of the Work, are in preparation. CITY shall have the right of access to the premises for inspection at all times. However, CITY shall, at all times, comply with CONTRACTOR's safety requirements on the job site.

18. CARE OF THE WORK AND OFF-SITE AUTHORIZATION.

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has examined the site of the Work and is familiar

with its topography and condition, location of property lines, easements, building lines and other physical factors and limitations affecting the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR, at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense, shall obtain any permission, and all approvals, licenses, or easements necessary for any operations conducted off the premises owned or controlled by CITY. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the proper care and protection of all materials delivered to the site or stored off-site and for the Work performed until completion and final inspection and acceptance by CITY. The risk, damage or destruction of materials delivered to the site or to Work performed shall be borne by CONTRACTOR.

19. CONTRACT SECURITY AND GUARANTEE.

CONTRACTOR shall furnish, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, the following: (1) a surety bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as security for the faithful performance of this Agreement, and (2) a separate surety bond in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as security for the payment of all persons furnishing labor or materials in connection with the Work under this Agreement. Sureties for each of the bonds and the forms thereof shall be satisfactory to CITY. In addition, such sureties must be authorized to issue bonds in California; sureties must be listed on the latest revision to the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570; and must be shown to have sufficient bonding capacity to provide the bonds required by the Contract Documents.

CONTRACTOR shall provide a certified copy of the certificate of authority of the surety issued by the Insurance Commissioner; a certificate from the clerk of the county in which the court or officer is located that the certificate of authority of the surety has not been surrendered, revoked, canceled, annulled, or suspended or, in the event that it has, that renewed authority has been granted; and copies of the surety's most recent annual statement and quarterly statement filed with the Department of Insurance pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 900) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 1 of the Insurance Code.

CONTRACTOR guarantees that all materials used in the Work and all labor performed shall be in conformity with the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the standards and specifications set forth in the most current edition of The Greenbook. CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, make any and all repairs and replacements that shall become necessary as the result of any failure of the Work to conform to the aforementioned Contract Documents, and/or standard specifications; provided, however, that CONTRACTOR shall be obligated under this provision only to the extent of those failures or defects of which CONTRACTOR is given notice within a period of twelve (12) months from the date that the Notice of Completion is recorded.

The rights and remedies available to CITY pursuant to this provision shall be cumulative with all rights and remedies available to CITY pursuant to statutory and common law, which rights and remedies are hereby expressly reserved, and neither the foregoing guarantee by CONTRACTOR nor its furnishing of the bonds, nor acceptance

thereof by CITY, shall constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies available to CITY against CONTRACTOR.

20. INDEMNIFICATION.

CONTRACTOR agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless CITY and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, or damages of any nature, including attorneys' fees, for injury to or death of any person, and for injury or damage to any property, including consequential damages of any nature resulting therefrom, arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of this Agreement. The defense obligation provided for hereunder shall apply without any advance showing of negligence or wrongdoing by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, but shall be required whenever any claim, action, complaint, or suit asserts as its basis the negligence, errors, omissions or misconduct of the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, and/or whenever any claim, action, complaint or suit asserts liability against the CITY, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees based upon the work performed by the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors under this Agreement, whether or not the CONTRACTOR, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors are specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CONTRACTOR shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the CITY for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of the CITY. This provision shall supersede and replace all other indemnity provisions contained either in the CITY's specifications or CONTRACTOR's proposal, which shall be of no force and effect.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all of the provisions of the Workers' Compensation insurance laws and Safety in Employment laws of the State of California, including the applicable provisions of Divisions 4 and 5 of the California Labor Code and all amendments thereto and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and all similar State, Federal or local laws applicable; and CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless CITY from and against all claims, liabilities, expenses, damages, suits, actions, proceedings and judgments, of every nature and description, including attorney fees, that may be presented, brought or recovered against CITY for or on account of any liability under or failure to comply with any of said laws which may be incurred by reason of any Work performed under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor or others performing on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

CITY does not, and shall not, waive any rights against CONTRACTOR which it may have by reason of the above hold harmless agreements, because of the acceptance by CITY or the deposit with CITY by CONTRACTOR of any or all of the insurance policies described in Paragraph 21 (Insurance) of this Agreement.

The hold harmless agreements by CONTRACTOR shall apply to all liabilities, expenses, claims, and damages of every kind (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred or alleged to have been incurred, by reason of the operations of CONTRACTOR

or any subcontractor or others performing on behalf of CONTRACTOR, whether or not such insurance policies are applicable. CONTRACTOR shall require any and all tiers of subcontractors to afford the same degree of indemnification to the CITY OF COSTA MESA and its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, and employees that is required of CONTRACTOR and shall incorporate identical indemnity provisions in all contracts between CONTRACTOR and all tiers of its subcontractors.

In the event that CONTRACTOR and CITY are sued by a third party for damages caused or allegedly caused by negligent or other wrongful conduct of CONTRACTOR, or by a dangerous condition of CITY's property created by CONTRACTOR or existing while the property was under the control of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of its indemnity obligation to CITY by any settlement with any such third party unless that settlement includes a full release and dismissal of all claims by the third party against the CITY.

21. INSURANCE.

(a) Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this Paragraph 21 and CITY has approved the insurance as to form, amount, and carrier, nor shall CONTRACTOR allow any subcontractor to commence any Work until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and approved.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain, maintain, and keep in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement all of the following minimum scope of insurance coverages with an insurance company admitted to do business in California, rated "A," Class X, or better in the most recent Best's Key Insurance Rating Guide, and approved by CITY:

- (i) Commercial general liability, including premises-operations, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury or bodily injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (ii) Business automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (iii) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. CONTRACTOR agrees to waive, and to obtain endorsements from its workers' compensation insurer waiving subrogation rights under its

workers' compensation insurance policy against the CITY, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers arising from work performed by CONTRACTOR for the CITY and to require each of its subcontractors, if any, to do likewise under their workers' compensation insurance policies.

- (iv) Umbrella or excess liability insurance 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:
 - (1) A drop down feature requiring the policy to respond in the event that any primary insurance that would otherwise have applied proves to be uncollectable in whole or in part for any reason;
 - (2) Pay on behalf of wording as opposed to reimbursement;
 - (3) Concurrence of effective dates with primary policies;
 - (4) Policies shall "follow form" to underlying primary policies; and
 - (5) Insureds under primary policies shall also be insureds under the umbrella or excess policies.

(b) Endorsements. The commercial general liability insurance policy and business automobile liability policy shall contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- (i) Additional insureds: The City of Costa Mesa and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers are additional insureds with respect to: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR pursuant to its contract with the City; products and completed operations of the CONTRACTOR; premises owned, occupied or used by the CONTRACTOR; automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the CONTRACTOR."
- (ii) Notice: "Said policy shall not terminate, nor shall it be canceled nor the coverage reduced, until thirty (30) days after written notice is given to CITY."
- (iii) Other Insurance: "CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City of Costa Mesa, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers. Any other insurance maintained by the City of Costa Mesa shall be excess and not contributing with the insurance provided by this policy."

(c) Reporting Provisions. Any failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City of Costa Mesa, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers.

(d) Insurance Applies Separately. CONTRACTOR's insurance shall apply

separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

(e) Deductible or Self-Insured Retention. If any of such policies provide for a deductible or self-insured retention to provide such coverage, the amount of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be approved in advance by CITY. No policy of insurance issued as to which the CITY is an additional insured shall contain a provision which requires that no insured except the named insured can satisfy any such deductible or self-insured retention.

(f) Proof of Insurance. Prior to commencement of the Work, CONTRACTOR shall furnish CITY, through the Project Manager, proof of compliance with the above insurance requirements in a form satisfactory to City's Risk Management.

(g) Non-Limiting. Nothing in this Paragraph 21 shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, or the extent to which Consultant may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property.

22. PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Prevailing Wage Laws. CONTRACTOR is aware of the requirements of Chapter 1 (beginning at Section 1720 et seq.) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code, as well as Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. This Project is a "public works" project and requires compliance with the Prevailing Wage Laws. CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify and hold the CITY, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

(b) Payment of Prevailing Wages. CONTRACTOR shall pay the prevailing wage rates for all work performed under this Agreement. When any craft or classification is omitted from the general prevailing wage determinations, CONTRACTOR shall pay the wage rate of the craft or classification most closely related to the omitted classification. A copy of the general prevailing wage rate determination is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and is incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall post a copy of such wage rates at all times at the project site(s).

(c) Legal Working Day. In accordance with the provisions of Labor Code Section 1810 et seq., eight (8) hours is the legal working day. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor(s) of CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code regarding eight (8)-hour work day and 40-hour work week requirements, and overtime, Saturday, Sunday, and holiday work. Work performed by CONTRACTOR's or any subcontractor's employees in excess of eight (8) hours per day, and 40 hours during any one week, must include compensation for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day, or 40 hours during any one week, at not less than one and one-half times the

basic rate of pay. CONTRACTOR shall forfeit as a penalty to CITY Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), or any greater penalty set forth in the Labor Code, for each worker employed in the execution of the Work by CONTRACTOR or by any subcontractor(s) of CONTRACTOR, for each calendar day during which such worker is required or permitted to the work more than eight (8) hours in one calendar day or more than 40 hours in any one calendar week in violation of the Labor Code.

(d) Apprentices. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Labor Code Section 1777.5 concerning the employment of apprentices on public works projects. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for ensuring compliance by its subcontractors with Labor Code Section 1777.5.

(e) Payroll Records. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1776, CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor(s) shall keep accurate payroll records, showing the name, address, social security number, work classification, straight time and overtime hours worked each day and week, and the actual per diem wages paid to each journeyman, apprentice, worker, or other employee employed by CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor in connection with this Agreement. Each payroll record shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under penalty of perjury, stating both of the following: (1) The information contained in the payroll record is true and correct; and (2) The employer has complied with the requirements of Sections 1771, 1881, and 1815 of the Labor Code for any work performed by his or her employees on this Project. The payroll records shall be certified and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable hours in accordance with the requirements of Labor Code Section 1776. CONTRACTOR shall also furnish each week to CITY's Project Administration Division a statement with respect to the wages of each of its employees during the preceding weekly payroll period.

(f) Registration with DIR. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor(s) of CONTRACTOR shall comply with the provisions of Labor Code Section 1771 and Labor Code Section 1725.5 requiring registration with the DIR.

23. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS.

CONTRACTOR shall, at its own cost and expense, comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and requirements in the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to laws regarding health and safety, labor and employment, and wage and hours.

24. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY.

CONTRACTOR, upon notification of the award of this Agreement, shall establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees of the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace, and the employee assistance programs available to employees. Each employee engaged in the performance of a CITY contract must be notified of this Drug-Free Awareness Program, and must abide by its terms.

CONTRACTOR shall conform to all the requirements of CITY's Policy No. 100-5, attached hereto. Failure to establish a program, notify employees, or inform the CITY of a drug-related workplace conviction will constitute a material breach of contract and cause for immediate termination of the contract by the CITY.

25. NON-DISCRIMINATION.

In performing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will not engage in, nor permit its agents to engage in, discrimination in employment of persons because of their race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex, or sexual orientation, except as permitted pursuant to Section 12940 of the Government Code. Violation of this provision may result in the imposition of penalties referred to in Section 1735 of the California Labor Code.

26. PROVISIONS CUMULATIVE.

The provisions of this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights or remedies available to CITY.

27. NOTICES.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of CONTRACTOR to notify all tiers of subcontractors and material men of the following special notice provision; namely, all preliminary 20-day notices or stop notices shall be directed only to the City Clerk and to no other department, and shall be either personally delivered or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid.

All other notices shall be in writing and delivered in person or sent by certified mail, postage prepaid. Notices required to be given to CITY pursuant to this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Attn: Bobby Fouladi

Notices required to be given to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as follows:

American Construction Company, LLC DBA ACC
1130 N. Kraemer Blvd., Suite 1
Anaheim, CA 92806
Attn: Ben Hamed, A.M.ASCE, AIA, CEO & Principal Engineer

Notices required to be given to CONTRACTOR's sureties shall be addressed as follows:

Attn: _____

28. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the relationship between CITY and CONTRACTOR is one of principal and independent contractor and no other. All personnel to be utilized by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement shall be employees of CONTRACTOR and not employees of the CITY. CONTRACTOR shall pay all salaries and wages, employer’s social security taxes, unemployment insurance and similar taxes relating to employees and shall be responsible for all applicable withholding taxes. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, employment relations, or any other relationship except as set forth between the parties. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that CONTRACTOR is not a partner with CITY, whether general or limited, and no activities of CITY or CONTRACTOR or statements made by CITY or CONTRACTOR shall be interpreted by any of the parties hereto as establishing any type of business relationship other than an independent contractor relationship.

29. PERS ELIGIBILITY INDEMNIFICATION.

In the event that CONTRACTOR or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of CONTRACTOR providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the CITY, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of CONTRACTOR or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of CITY.

Notwithstanding any other agency, state or federal policy, rule, regulation, law or ordinance to the contrary, CONTRACTOR and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing service under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by CITY, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in PERS as an employee of CITY and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by CITY for employer contribution and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

30. VALIDITY.

The invalidity in whole or in part of any provision of this Agreement shall not void or affect the validity of any of the other provisions of this Agreement.

31. GOVERNING LAW.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws

of the State of California. Any legal action relating to or arising out of this Agreement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the County of Orange, California.

32. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS.

This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of the CITY and CONTRACTOR and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

33. ASSIGNABILITY.

This Agreement may not be transferred or assigned by either party, or by operation of law, to any other person or persons or business entity, without the other party's written permission. Any such transfer or assignment, or attempted transfer or assignment, without written permission, may be deemed by the other party to constitute a voluntary termination of this Agreement and this Agreement shall thereafter be deemed terminated and void.

34. WAIVER.

No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought referring expressly to this Paragraph. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

35. HEADINGS.

Section and subsection headings are not to be considered part of this Agreement, are included solely for convenience, and are not intended to modify or explain or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof.

36. CONSTRUCTION.

The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and have had an adequate opportunity to review each and every provision of the Agreement and submit the same to counsel or other consultants for review and comment. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

37. COUNTERPARTS.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by the parties hereto. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one Agreement.

38. CORPORATE AUTHORITY.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

CITY OF COSTA MESA
A municipal corporation

Lori Ann Farrell Harrison
City Manager

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

Signature

Date: _____

Ben Hamed, CEO & Principal Engineer

ATTEST:

Brenda Green
City Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Hall Barlow
City Attorney

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

Ruth Wang
Risk Management

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO PURCHASING:

Carol Molina
Finance Director

Date: _____

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL:

Raja Sethuraman
Public Works Director

Date: _____

Bobby Fouladi
Project Manager

Date: _____