

CITY OF BURLINGTON

Request for Proposals

City of Burlington, Vermont

Issued: May 15, 2023

Questions Due By: May 22, 2023

Answers Posted By: May 25, 2023

Proposals Due: June 7, 2023

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Church Street Marketplace is seeking proposals for installation of Winter Holiday and Winter Lights on the Church Street Marketplace District (Church Street between Main & Pearl Streets). The Church Street Marketplace intends to enter a three-year contract for services beginning Summer 2023 and expiring after Spring 2026.

II. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Exhibit A: Scope of Work
- B. Exhibit B: City of Burlington Draft Agreement
- C. Exhibit C: City of Burlington Standard Contractor Conditions
- D. Exhibit D: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification
- E. Exhibit E: Burlington Outsourcing Ordinance Certification
- F. Exhibit F: Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification

Bid documents include this main body of the request for proposals and all exhibits.

I. SCOPE OF WORK

The Selected Contractor will be expected to complete all work as outlined in the Scope of Work, Attachment A to this RFP.

III. RESPONSE FORMAT

Interested Contractors should complete the cost quote forms on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the Scope of Work, Attachment A. The successful bidder must possess all licenses required to operate machinery.

IV. CONTRACTOR SELECTION

Marketplace staff, including the Executive Director and the Foreman, will review the proposals and determine which, if any, contractor will be awarded the contract.

The Church Street Marketplace reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bidder's proposal or to obtain additional information necessary to properly evaluate a proposal. Failure of

a bidder to respond to such a request for additional information or clarification may result in rejection of the bidder's proposal. Bidders who submit qualifying proposals may be asked to for an interview.

No proposal will be considered accepted until all necessary City authorizations, including those required by Board of Finance and City Council if necessary, have been received and an agreement is executed by both parties.

V. SUBMISSIONS

Questions can be submitted through email to Director Kara Alnasrawi at the e-mail below by May 22, 2023. Responses will be posted on the Church Street Marketplace website, www.churchstmarketplace.com, by May 25, 2023.

To be considered, please submit an electronic copy by 6:00 p.m. EST on June 7, 2023 to:

Kara Alnasrawi
Executive Director
Church Street Marketplace
kalnasrawi@burlingtonvt.gov

Late submissions will not be accepted for consideration.

VI. CONTRACTING

The Contractor, prior to being awarded a contract, shall apply for registration with the Vermont Secretary of State's Office to do business in the State of Vermont, if not already so registered. The registration form may be obtained from the Vermont Secretary of State, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101, PH: 802-828-2363, Toll-free: 800-439-8683; Vermont Relay Service – 711; web site: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/>. The contract will not be executed until the Consultant is registered with the Secretary of State's Office. The successful Consultant will be expected to execute sub-agreements for each sub-consultant named in the proposal upon award of this contract.

Prior to beginning any work, the Consultant shall obtain Insurance Coverage in accordance with the Burlington Standard Contractor Conditions (attachment C in this RFP). The certificate of insurance (COI) coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the City.

VII. AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The selected contractor will be required to execute a contract with the City on the terms and conditions required by the City, including but not limited those in the Burlington Contractor Conditions (Attachment C) and the attached Draft Agreement (Attachment B).

VIII. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

The City assumes no responsibility or liability for costs incurred by parties responding to this Request for Proposals.

IX. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROPOSAL

Any costs incurred by any person or entity in preparing, submitting, or presenting a proposal are the sole responsibility of that person or entity. The City will not reimburse any person or entity for any costs incurred prior to the issuance of a contract.

X. INDEMNIFICATION

Any party responding to this Request for Proposals is acting in an independent capacity and not as an officer or employee of the City. Any party responding to this Request for Proposals will be required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its officers, and employees from all liability and any claims, suits, expenses, losses, judgments, and damages arising as a result of the responding party's acts and/or omissions in or related to the response.

XI. REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to negotiate with one or more parties, or to award the contract to the proposal the City deems will meet its best interests, even if that proposal is not the lowest bid. The City reserves the right to re-advertise for additional proposals and to extend the deadline for submission of the proposals. This Request for Proposals in no way obligates the City to award a contract.

XII. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

Any materials submitted to the City in response to this Request for Proposals shall become the property of the City unless another arrangement is made by written agreement between the City and the responding party. The responding party may retain copies of the original documents.

XIII. PUBLIC RECORDS

Any and all records submitted to the City, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise recorded, are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act. The determination of how those records must be handled is solely within the purview of City. All records the responding party considers to be trade secrets, as that term is defined by subsection 317(c)(9) of the Vermont Public Records Act, or that the responding party otherwise seeks to have the City consider as exempt must be identified clearly and specifically at the time of submission. It is not sufficient to merely state generally that a proposal is proprietary, contains a trade secret, or is otherwise exempt. Particular records, pages, and sections which are believed to be exempt must be specifically identified as such and must be separated from other records with a convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption from release consistent with Section 317 of Title 1 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

XIV. DUTY TO INFORM CITY OF BID DOCUMENT ERRORS

If a bidder knows, suspects, or has reasonable cause to believe, that an error or omission exists in any bid documents, including but not limited to unit prices and rate calculations, the bidder shall immediately give the City written notice thereof. Contractor shall not cause or permit any work to be conducted that may related to the error or omission without first receiving written acknowledgment from the City that City representatives understand the possible error or omission and have approved the requested modifications to the bid or contract documents or that the contractor may proceed without any modification being made to the bid or contract documents.

XV. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Bidders are advised that public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government, including the current pandemic of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), may introduce significant uncertainty into the project, including disruption of timelines or revised practices. Contractors shall consider public health emergencies as they develop project schedules and advance the work.

While the Contractor is responsible for ensuring that the project or site is stable and in a safe and maintainable condition, the City will have the right to inspect all preparatory, in-progress, and final work to ensure compliance with health and safety standards and may at any time require the Contractor to stop work until it becomes compliant.

If a public health emergency is declared, the City will not be responsible for any delays related to the sequence of operations or any expenses or losses incurred as a result of any delays. Any delays related to public emergencies, including the current pandemic of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), will be excusable, but will not be compensable.

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SCOPE OF WORK

I. ABOUT CHURCH STREET AND ITS LIGHTING PROGRAMS

The Church Street Marketplace is composed of four blocks:

1. City Hall Block - Church Street between Main and College Streets
2. Second Block - Church Street between College and Bank Streets
3. Mall Block - Church Street between Bank and Cherry Streets
4. Top Block - Church Street between Cherry and Pearl Streets

There are 78 trees on these four blocks of the Church Street Marketplace. The selected lighting contractor will be responsible for decorating all the trees with light strands, using at a minimum a required two workers and a bucket truck. There are also four intersections with steel cables which are intermittently decorated with lights and annually decorated with garland.

Every Christmas the Church Street Marketplace installs a 40-45 foot blue spruce tree on the Top Block of Church Street. The tree is donated by a local family or business. The Marketplace team retrieves the tree with the help of an additional contractor, and transport it to the Top Block of Church Street. Once the tree is secured in its base on the Top Block, the selected contractor will decorate the tree with at least 250 light strands – strands are installed vertically, spaced about 1 inch apart. The selected contract will need to use at a minimum a required two workers and a bucket truck.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor will complete the following tasks and all tasks included in Contractor's Cost Quote:

1. Bucket Truck Installations for Winter Holiday Lights. This task Includes:

- A) Remove lights from 78 TREES on all four blocks prior to the 2024 Winter Holiday installation.
- B) Stringing new lights on 78 TREES on all four blocks for the 2024 Winter Holidays and occasional maintenance as needed;
- C) Assisting CSM in securing Christmas tree at private residence in Greater Burlington Area, including cutting down the tree, grinding the stump, and stringing the tree with lights;
- D) Removing lights from Christmas tree and removing tree from Church Street by the end of the first week of January;

III. CONTRACTOR'S COST QUOTE

BUCKET TRUCK INSTALLATIONS FOR WINTER LIGHTS					
<i>What and Where</i>	<i>When does this work occur</i>	<i>Which years</i>	<i>What equipment & staff are required</i>	<i>Description of Work. Approximate # of light strands installed.</i>	<i>Write your individual quotes for A) B) C) D) & E) plus total</i>
A) REMOVE OLD AND REPLACE LIGHTS ON ALL TREES on all four blocks of Church Street. See description of all trees and their locations in section IV.	October - November	YEAR 2 And general maintenance other years	This job requires a BUCKET TRUCK and two workers.	Removing and Installing 50' Length warm white LED light strands on all 78 trees along the Marketplace. Approximate # of light strands: 2,250+	\$
B) HELPING CSM SECURE a Blue Spruce Christmas Tree from Private Home in Greater Burlington Area	Tree Friday BEFORE Black Friday	YEARS 1, 2, 3	This job requires chainsaw and two workers who are experienced working with a large rigger.	Assist Marketplace Staff and transportation company on the Friday morning that is one week before "Black Friday." From 8 AM -12 Noon. Help secure the Marketplace's annual Christmas tree from a private home in the greater Burlington area by October 15th; cut down the tree and grind out the tree stump; help with installation on the Marketplace with CSM and transportation company.	\$
C) INSTALLING LIGHTS ON MARKETPLACE CHRISTMAS TREE	Week before THANKSGIVING	YEARS 1,2,3	This job requires a BUCKET TRUCK and two workers.	Install LED lights on the 40'- 45' Marketplace Christmas Tree. Lights must be completed installation by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.	\$
D) REMOVING LIGHTS FROM CHRISTMAS TREE AND REMOVING TREE from Church Street by the end of the first week of January	First week of January	YEARS 1, 2, 3	Chain Saw, Crew, Chipper	Remove all lights from Top of the Block Christmas Tree and remove large 40' - 45' Christmas Tree. Requires one full day, two crew members.	\$
E) INSTALLING LIGHT STRANS AND GARLAND ON STEEL CABLES AT INTERSECTIONS of Church St. and Main St., College St., Bank St., and Cherry St.	Two weeks prior to Thanksgiving	Garland YEARS 1, 2, 3 Lights as requested	This job requires a BUCKET TRUCK and one worker.	Requires on full day, one crew member	\$
YOUR TOTAL COST					\$

IV. DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE TREES, BY BLOCK PLUS # OF LIGHT STRANDS REQUIRED PER TREE

The locations and descriptions of the trees and lights requirements are estimates and may be subject to modification.

PEARL STREET				PEARL STREET	
WEST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET				EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET	
Location of Tree	# of Light Strands per tree			# of Light Strands per tree	Location of Tree
S.W. corner of Church & Pearl.	N/A			N/A	SE corner of Church & Pearl Streets
Between Athleta and Black Diamond	12			15	In front of Danform Shoes – North side
In front of Black Diamond – North side	16			14	In front of Danform Shoes – South side
In front of Black Diamond – South side	12			12	In front of E.B. Strong
In front of Tina’s Home Design	16			13	In front of Crow Bookshop
between Tina’s Home Design and Underground Closet	24			20	In front of Halvorson’s
At Underground Closet	16			13	At Earthbound Trading
At Urban Outfitters	16			15	At Posh Nails
in front of lululemon	12			15	Between Posh Nails & Wild Lark
At CVS	10			13	In front of Ben & Jerry's
Corner of Church & Cherry @ CVS entrance	10			10	N.E. Corner of Church and Cherry
On Cherry St @N.E. corner, Church & Cherry. @Cherry Street entrance to CVS	50			50	On CHERRY ST @ Ben & Jerry’s ... N.E. corner of Church & Cherry
TOTALS	194		TOTALS	190	

CHERRY STREET					CHERRY STREET
WEST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET					EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET
Location of Tree	# of Light Strands per tree			# of Light Strands per tree	Location of Tree
On S.W. corner of Church & Cherry Streets	30			40	Between Dear Lucy and Pokeworks
Outdoor Gear Exchange – Northern most portion of business	30			15	In front of Fjallraven
Outdoor Gear Exchange – Southern most portion of business	50			10	In front of Homeport
In front of Outdoor Gear Exchange	10			15	In front of Banana Republic
In front of Lovermont802	15			10	In front of Helly Hansen
In front of Hatley	50			50	In front of Kiss the Cook
In front of 61 Church Street	40			40	In front of Karlise Jewelers, near N.E. corner of Church & Bank
In front of Ken’s Pizza	50				
In front of Monelle	40				
At N.W. Corner of Church & Bank Intersection	10				
TOTALS	325		TOTALS	180	

BANK STREET				BANK STREET
WEST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET				EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET
Location of Tree	# of Light Strands per tree		# of Light Strands per tree	Location of Tree
Bank Street near S.W. corner of Bank and Church Streets	40		40	Between Body Shop and TD Bank ATM
S.E. corner of Church and Bank Streets near Ecco	10		10	Between Saratoga Olive Oil & Free People
In front of Ecco	30		30	In front of Thorn + Roots
In front of Frog Hollow	15		15	In front of Thorn + Roots
			30	In front of Thorn + Roots
In front of Ten Thousand Villages	20		40	In front of Jess Boutique
In front of Garcia's Tobacco	50		40	In front of Expressions
In front of Sox Market	30		20	In front of Tradewinds
In front of Optical Center	40		20	Between Tradewinds and Lipa's
Between Danforth Pewter and	50		50	In front of Northfield Savings Bank
At Leunig's, corner of college and Church Streets	40		50	N.E. Corner of College & Church
TOTALS	325	TOTALS	345	

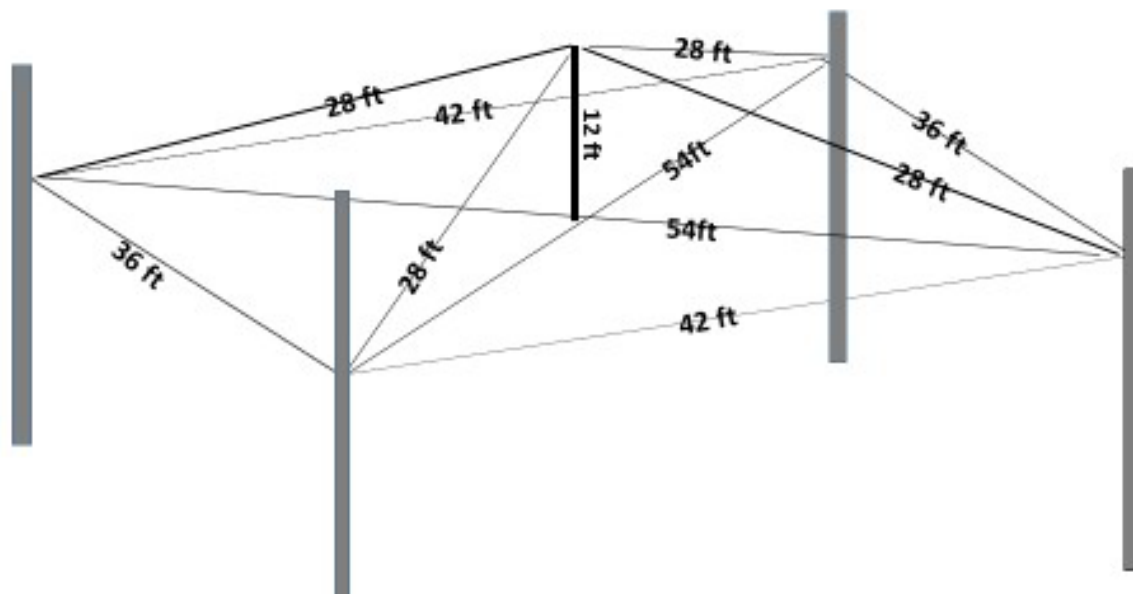
COLLEGE STREET				COLLEGE STREET	
WEST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET				EAST SIDE OF CHURCH STREET	
Location of Tree	# of Light Strands per tree			# of Light Strands per tree	Location of Tree
On College Street in front of MK Clothing at S.W. corner of College & Church	40			15	In front of Pascolo Ristorante – North side
In front of MK Clothing	15			15	In front of Pascolo – South side
Between MK Clothing and RiRa	15			10	In front of Maven, Global Pathways
Between RiRa and Von Bargaen’s	15			30	In front of Ake’s Place
In front of entrance to 131 Church	15			20	In front of 136 Church Street
Between Burlington City Arts and Von Bargaen’s Jewelers	15			20	In front of Gaku Ramen
In front of City Hall Flower Bed North	15			20	In front of Full Tank
City Hall Flower Bed North – Tree #1	10			50	In front of Earth Prime Comics, next to Honey Road Restaurant
City Hall Flower Bed North – Tree #2	10				
In front of City Hall South Flower Bed, closest to Church & Main intersection	10				
City Hall Flower Bed South – Tree #1	15				
City Hall Flower Bed South – Tree #2	15				
TOTALS	325		TOTALS	180	

VI. INTERSECTIONS WITH STEEL CABLES

INTERSECTIONS WITH STEEL CABLES	TOTAL feet of Light Strands to String	TOTAL # of Light Bulbs to Change Out 28 foot
MAIN STREET INTERSECTION	216	93
COLLEGE STREE INTERSECTION	388	166
BANK STREET INTERSECTION	548	235
CHERRY STREET INTERSECTION	548	235
TOTAL	1,700	729

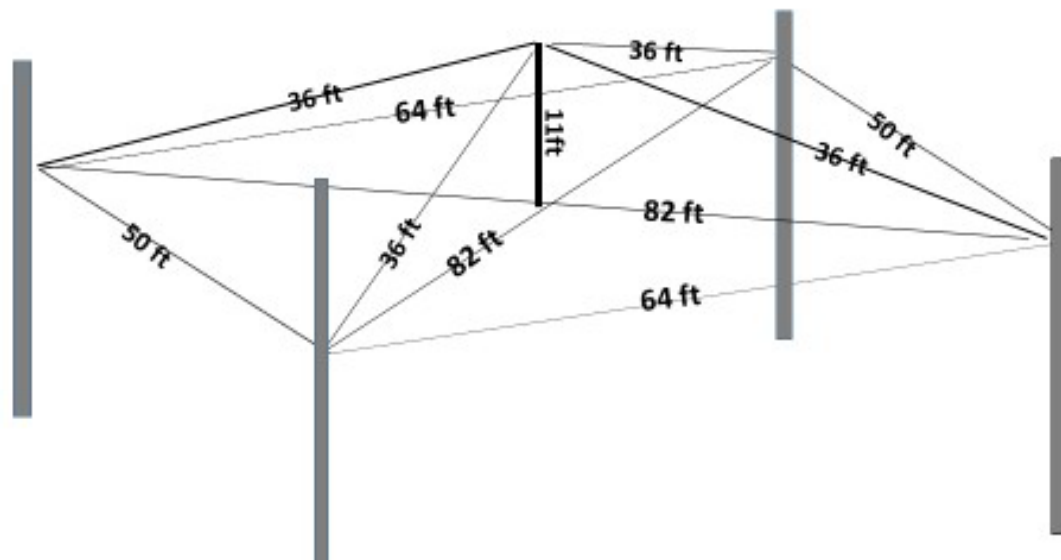
28 feet X 4 = 112
42 feet x 2 = 84
54 feet x 2 = 108
36 feet x 2 = 72
12 feet
TOTAL FEET: 388

Church & College Intersection



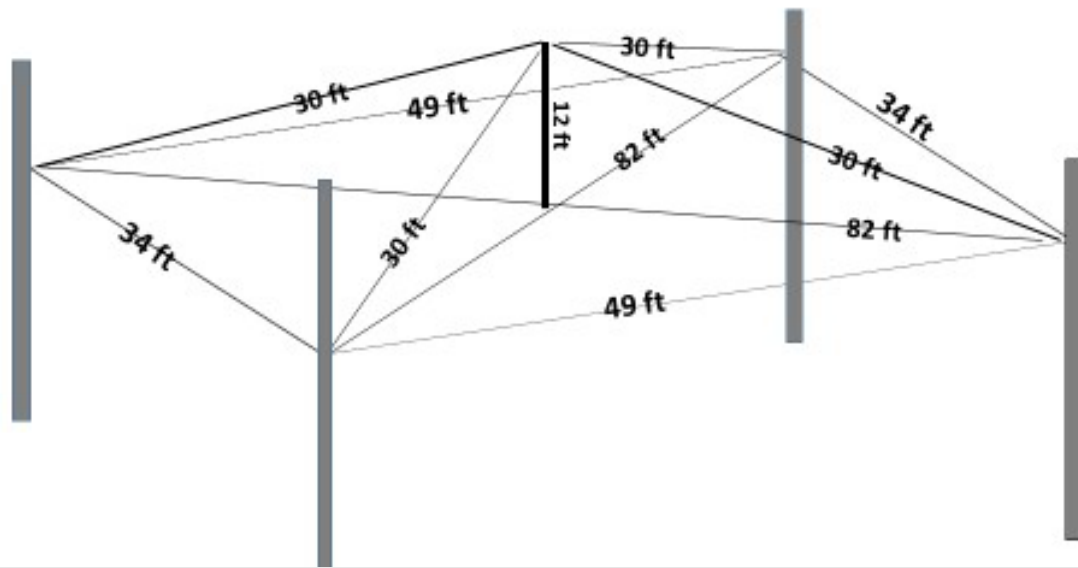
36 feet X 4 = 144
64 feet x 2 = 128
50 feet x 2 = 100
82 feet x 2 = 164
12 feet
TOTAL FEET: 548

Church & Bank Intersection



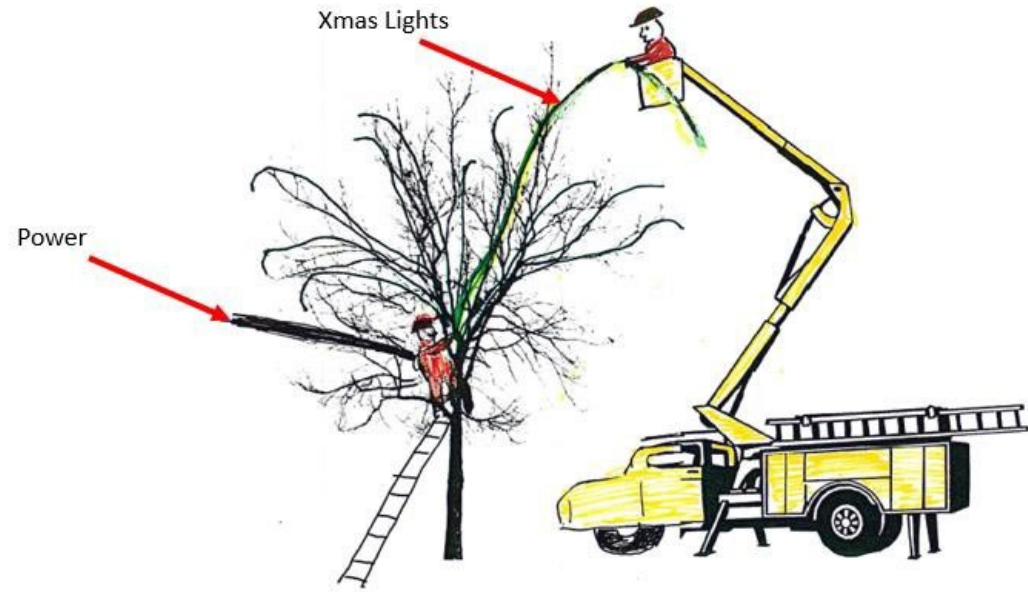
30 feet X 4 = 144
49 feet x 2 = 128
34 feet x 2 = 100
82 feet x 2 = 164
12 feet
TOTAL FEET: 548

Church & Cherry Intersection



VII. INSTILLATION OF LIGHTS IN LARGE TREES

Set up begins in mid-October and must be completed on the Monday before Black Friday (Black Friday is the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving Day and official kick-off of the Holiday season.) FOR LARGE TREES, person in bucket passes new light strand to person in tree. Person in tree PLUGS strand into electrical outlet. Person in bucket drops strand over canopy, letting the extra dangle at the tree canopy. Then, person in bucket grabs extra length and brings strand back towards the middle on the outside of the tree canopy. We call this process the “Fireworks” look.



CITY OF BURLINGTON
DRAFT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Burlington, Vermont by and through the Church Street Marketplace (“the City”), and _____ (“Contractor”), a Vermont corporation located at _____.

Contractor and the City agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall be construed and interpreted as follows:

- A. “Agreement Documents”** means all the documents identified in §4 of this Agreement.
- B. “Effective Date”** means the date on which this Agreement is approved and signed by the City, as shown on the signature page.
- C. “Party”** means the City or Contractor and “Parties” means the City and Contractor.
- D. “Work”** means the services described in §5 of this Agreement, along with the specifications contained in the Agreement Documents as defined in §4 below.
- E. “Public Health Emergency”** means public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government.

2. RECITALS

- A. Authority.** Each Party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such Party’s obligations have been duly authorized.
- B. Consideration.** The Parties acknowledge that the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration are sufficient and adequate to support this Agreement.
- C. Purpose.** The City seeks to employ the Contractor to provide holiday, summer, and winter lighting services within the Church Street Marketplace District.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM, AND TERMINATION

- A. Effective Date.** This Agreement shall not be valid or enforceable until the Effective Date. The City shall not be bound by any provision of this Agreement before the Effective Date and shall have no obligation to pay Contractor for any

performance or expense incurred before the Effective Date or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- B. Term.** This Agreement and the Parties' respective performance shall commence on the Effective Date and expire on _____, 2023 or upon the satisfaction of the City, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

4. AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS

The Agreement Documents are hereby adopted, incorporated by reference, and made part of this Agreement. The intention of the Agreement Documents is to establish the necessary terms, conditions, labor, materials, equipment, and other items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work to ensure the intended results.

The following documents constitute the Agreement Documents:

Attachment A: Request for Proposals dated May 2023

Attachment B: Contractor's Response to Request for Proposals dated _____ 2023

Attachment C: Burlington Standard Conditions

Attachment D: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification

Attachment E: Burlington Outsourcing Ordinance Certification

Attachment F: Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification

Attachment G: Contractor's Certificate of Insurance

5. SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall perform the services listed in Attachments A (Request for Proposals) and B (Contractor's Bid and Work Plan).

6. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

- A. Amount.** The City shall pay the Contractor for completion of the Work in accordance with Attachment B (Contractor's Response to Request for Proposals) [or as follows: _____]

Contractor agrees to accept this payment as full compensation for performance of all services and expenses incurred under this Agreement.

- B. Payment Schedule.** The City shall pay the Contractor in the manner and at such times as set forth in the Agreement Documents [or as follows: _____]. The City seeks to make payment within thirty days of receipt of an invoice and any backup documentation requested under §6D below.

- C. Maximum Limiting Amount.** The total amount that may be paid to the Contractor for all services and expenses under this Agreement shall not exceed the maximum limiting

amount of \$ _____. The City shall not be liable to Contractor for any amount exceeding the maximum limiting amount without duly authorized written approval.

- D. Invoice.** Contractor shall submit one copy of each invoice, including rates and a detailed breakdown by task for each individual providing services, and backup documentation for any equipment or other expenses to the following:

Kara Alnasrawi
Executive Director
Church Street Marketplace
131 Church St. Suite 209
Burlington, VT 05401
(802) 238-1910
kalnasrawi@burlingtonvt.gov

The City reserves the right to request supplemental information prior to payment. Contractor shall not be entitled to payment under this Agreement without providing sufficient backup documentation satisfactory to the City.

- E. Non-Appropriation.** The obligations of the City under this Agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Burlington City Council. If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted to support continuation of payments due under this Agreement, the Agreement shall terminate automatically on the first day of the fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated. The Parties understand and agree that the obligations of the City to make payments under this Agreement shall constitute a current expense of the City and shall not be construed to be a debt or a pledge of the credit of the City. Agreement. The decision whether or not to budget and appropriate funds during each fiscal year of the City is within the discretion of the Mayor and City Council of the City.

The City shall deliver written notice to Contractor as soon as practicable of any non-appropriation, and Agreement Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment or compensation of any kind for work performed after the City has delivered written notice of non-appropriation.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Parties, and any subcontractors approved under this Agreement, shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and/or requirements of federal, state, and local governments and agencies thereof.

8. BINDING EFFECT AND CONTINUITY

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their respective heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns. If a dispute arises between the Parties, each Party will continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement during

the resolution of the dispute, until the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

9. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement or the Agreement Documents shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided that the Parties can continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the intent of this Agreement.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the Agreement Documents, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. Prior or contemporaneous additions, deletions, or other changes to this Agreement shall not have any force or effect whatsoever, unless embodied herein or pursuant to Attachment C, Section 18.

11. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties. Enforcement of this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder are reserved solely to the Parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Agreement are incidental to this Agreement, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

12. ASSIGNMENT

Contractor shall not sublet or assign this Work, or any part of it, without the written consent of the City. If any subcontractor is approved, Contractor shall be responsible and liable for all acts or omissions of that subcontractor for any Work performed. If any subcontractor is approved, Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that the subcontractor is paid as agreed and that no lien is placed on any City property.

13. WAIVER

A Party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Agreement, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

14. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party to this Agreement shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligation under this Agreement to the extent the failure or delay is

caused by acts of God, public health emergencies, epidemics, acts of the public enemy, acts of superior governmental authority, weather conditions, riots, rebellion, sabotage, or any other circumstances for which it is not responsible or which is not under its control (“Force Majeure”). To assert Force Majeure, the nonperforming party must prove that a) it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate, or minimize the cause of delay or damage, b) diligently pursued performance of its obligations, c) substantially fulfilled all obligations that could be fulfilled, and d) timely notified the other part of the likelihood or actual occurrence of a Force Majeure event.

15. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- A. Contractor is advised that public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government, including the current pandemic of Novel Coronavirus (COVID–19), may introduce significant uncertainty into the project. Contractor must comply with all local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, advisories during a public health emergency. Contractor shall adhere to the below provisions and consider public health emergencies as they develop project schedules and advance the work.
- B. Enforcement & Stoppage of Work. If Contractor fails to comply with any local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, or advisories during a public health emergency, the City may stop Work under the Contract until such failure is corrected. Such failure to comply shall constitute breach of the Agreement pursuant to Section 21 (City’s Option to Terminate). The City shall have sole discretion in determining if Contractor is compliant with the above.

Upon stoppage of work, the City may allow Work to resume, at a time determined by the City, under this Agreement if such failure to comply is adequately corrected. The City shall have sole discretion in determining if Contractor has adequately corrected its failure to comply with the above. Upon any resumption of Work, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith an equitable adjustment to reflect the reasonable impacts on Contractor resulting from such Work stoppage.

If Contractor’s breach of Agreement has not been cured within fourteen (14) days after commencement of such Work stoppage, then City shall be entitled to terminate this Contract pursuant to Section 22.2 (City’s Option to Terminate, Termination for Cause).

- C. City Liability Relating to Potential Delays. If a public health emergency is declared, the City will not be responsible for any delays related to the sequence of operations or any expenses or losses incurred as a result of any delays. Any delays related to a public health emergency will be excusable, but will not be compensable.

16. CHOICE OF LAW

Vermont law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Agreement. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. Any provision rendered null and void by operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Agreement to the extent capable of execution.

17. JURISDICTION

All suits or actions related to this Agreement shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Vermont.

18. ARM'S LENGTH

This Agreement has been negotiated at arm's length, and any ambiguity in any of its terms or provisions shall be interpreted in accordance with the intent of the Parties and not against or in favor of either the City or Contractor.

19. SECTION HEADINGS

The section heading of this Agreement, including its Attachments, are for convenience of reference only and do not modify or restrict the terms of the Agreement.

— Signatures follow on the next page —

20. SIGNATURE

Persons signing for the Parties hereby swear and affirm that they are authorized to act on behalf of their respective Party and acknowledge that the other Party is relying on their representations to that effect.

Contractor
Business Name

By: _____
Name
Title

Date: _____

City of Burlington
(Church Street Marketplace)

By: _____
Kara Alnasrawi
Executive Director, Church Street Marketplace

Date: _____

**EXHIBIT C:
BURLINGTON STANDARD CONTRACT CONDITIONS
FOR CONTRACTORS**

1. DEFINITIONS:

- A. The “Contract” shall mean the Contract between Contractor and the City to which these conditions apply and includes this Attachment C.
- B. The “Contractor” shall mean _____.
- C. The “City” shall mean the City of Burlington, Vermont or any of its departments.
- D. The “Effective Date” shall mean the date on which the Contract becomes effective according to its terms, or if no effective date is stated, the date that all parties to it have signed.
- E. The “Parties” shall mean the parties to this Contract.
- F. The “Work” shall mean the services being provided by the Contractor, as provided in the Contract.

2. REGISTRATION: The Contractor agrees to be registered with the Vermont Secretary of State’s office as a business entity doing business in the State of Vermont at all times this Contract is effective. This registration must be complete prior to Contract execution.

3. INSURANCE: Prior to beginning any work, the Contractor shall obtain the following insurance coverage from an insurance company registered and licensed to do business in the State of Vermont and having an A.M. Best insurance rating of at least A-, financial size category VII or greater (www.ambest.com). The certificate of insurance coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the City. Compliance with minimum limits and coverage, evidenced by a certificate of insurance showing policies and carriers that are acceptable to the City, must be received prior to the Effective Date of the Contract. The insurance policies shall provide that insurance coverage cannot be canceled or revised without thirty (30) days prior notice to the City. If this Contract extends to more than one year, evidence of continuing coverage must be submitted to the City on an annual basis. Copies of any insurance policies may be required. Each policy (with the exception of professional liability and worker’s compensation) shall name the City as an additional insured for the possible liabilities resulting from the Contractor’s actions or omissions. The liability insurance furnished by the Contractor is primary and non-contributory for all the additional insured.

The Contractor is responsible to verify and confirm in writing to the City that: (i) all sub-contractors must comply with the same insurance requirements as the Contractor; (ii) all coverage shall include adequate protection for activities involving hazardous materials; and (iii) all work activities related to the Contract shall meet minimum coverage and limits.

No warranty is made that the coverage and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Contractor for the Contractor’s operations. These are solely minimums that have been developed and must be met to protect the interests of the City.

- A. General Liability And Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed by the Contractor, sub-contractors, agents or workers, it is the Contractor’s responsibility to

ensure that general liability insurance coverage, on an occurrence form, provides all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

1. Premises Operations
2. Independent Contractors'/Consultants' Protective
3. Products and Completed Operations
4. Personal Injury Liability
5. Medical Expenses

Coverage limits shall not be less than:

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| 1. | General Aggregate | \$2,000,000 |
| 2. | Products-Completed/Operations | \$2,000,000 |
| 3. | Personal & Advertising Injury | \$1,000,000 |
| 4. | Each Occurrence | \$1,000,000 |
| 5. | Damage to Rented Premises | \$ 250,000 |
| 6. | Med. Expense (Any one person) | \$ 5,000 |

B. Workers' Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Contractor shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont and ensure that all sub-contractors carry the same workers' compensation insurance for all work performed by them under this Contract. Minimum limits for Employer's Liability:

1. Bodily Injury by Accident: \$500,000 each accident
2. Bodily Injury by Disease: \$500,000 policy limit,
\$500,000 each employee

C. Professional Liability Insurance:

1. General: The Consultant/Contractor shall carry appropriate professional liability insurance covering errors and omissions made during their performance of contractual duties with the following minimum limits:
 - (a) \$3,000,000 - Annual Aggregate
 - (b) \$2,000,000 - Per Occurrence
2. Deductibles: The Contractor is responsible for any and all deductibles.
3. Coverage: Prior to performing any work, the Contractor shall provide evidence of professional liability insurance coverage defined under this section. In addition, the Contractor shall maintain continuous professional liability coverage for the period of the Contract and for a period of five years following substantial completion of construction.

D. Automobile Liability: The Contractor shall carry commercial automobile liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including owned, non-owned and hired, used in connection with the Contract. Each policy shall provide coverage with a limit not less than: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit for each occurrence.

E. Valuable Papers And Records Insurance: The Contractor shall carry valuable papers insurance in a form and amount sufficient to ensure the restoration or replacement of any plans, drawings, field notes, or other information or data relating to the work, whether supplied by the City or developed by the Contractor, sub-contractor, worker, or agent, in the event of loss, impairment, or destruction. Such coverage shall remain in force until the final plans as well as all related materials have been delivered by the Contractor to, and accepted by, the City. Unless otherwise provided, Valuable Papers and Records Insurance shall provide coverage on an “individual occurrence” basis with limits in the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) when the insured items are in the Contractor’s possession, and in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) regardless of the physical location of the insured items.

F. Umbrella Liability:

1. \$1,000,000 Each Event Limit
2. \$1,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

- 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The Contractor shall disclose in writing to the City any actual or potential conflicts of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest by the Contractor, its employees or agents, or its sub-contractors, if any.
- 5. PLANS, RECORDS, AND AVAILABLE DATA:** The City agrees to make available, at no charge, for the Contractor’s use all available data related to the Contract including any preliminary plans, maps, drawings, photographs, reports, traffic data, calculations, EDM, valuable papers, topographic survey, utility location plats, or any other pertinent public records.
- 6. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:** The Contractor shall employ only qualified personnel with appropriate and valid licensure, to the extent a license is required for the work performed. The City shall have the right to approve or disapprove key personnel assigned to administer activities related to the Contract.

Except with the approval of the City, during the life of the Contract, the Contractor shall not employ:

1. Any City employees who are directly involved with the awarding, administration, monitoring, or performance of the Contract or any project(s) that are the subjects of the Contract.
2. Any person so involved within one (1) year of termination of employment with the

City.

The Contractor warrants that no company or person has been employed or retained, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Contract, and that no company or person has been paid or has a contract with the Contractor to be paid, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to annul the Contract, without liability to the City, and to regain all costs incurred by the City in the performance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to require removal of any person employed by a Contractor, from work related to the Contract, for misconduct, incompetence, or negligence as determined by the City, in the due and proper performance of Contractor's duties, or for neglecting or refusing to comply with the requirements of the Contract.

7. **PERFORMANCE:** Contractor warrants that performance of Work will conform to the requirements of this Contract. Contractor shall use that degree of ordinary care and reasonable diligence that an experienced and qualified provider of similar services would use acting in like circumstances and experience in such matters and in accordance with the standards, practices and procedures established by Contractor for its own business.
8. **DESIGN STANDARDS:** Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Contract, or directed in writing, Contractor services, studies or designs, that include or make reference to plans, specifications, special provisions, computations, estimates, or other data shall be in conformance with applicable City, state, and federal specifications, manuals, codes or regulations, including supplements to or revisions thereof, adopted prior to or during the duration of this Contract. In case of any conflict with the guidelines referenced, the Contractor is responsible to identify and follow any course of direction provided by the City.
9. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION:** The Contractor shall assume primary responsibility for general supervision of Contractor employees and their sub-Contractors for all work performed under the Contract and shall be solely responsible for all procedures, methods of analysis, interpretation, conclusions and contents of work performed under the Contract. The Contractor shall be responsible to the City for all acts or omissions of its sub-contractors and any other person performing work under this Contract.
10. **UTILITIES:** Whenever a facility or component of a private, public, or cooperatively-owned utility will be affected by any proposed construction, the Contractor will counsel with the City, plus achieve any necessary contacts and discussions with the affected owners, regarding any requirement necessary for revisions of facilities or existing installations, both above and below ground. Any such installations must be completely and accurately exhibited on any detail sheets or plans. The Contractor shall inform the City, in writing, of any such contacts and the results thereof.
11. **INSPECTION OF WORK:** The City shall, at all times, have access to the Contractor's work

for the purposes of inspection, accounting, and auditing, and the Contractor shall provide whatever access is considered necessary to accomplish such inspections. At any time, the Contractor shall permit the City or representative for the City the opportunity to inspect any plans, drawings, estimates, specifications, or other materials prepared or undertaken by the Contractor pursuant to the Contract, as well as any preparatory work, work-in-progress, or completed work at a field site, where applicable.

Conferences, visits to a site, or an inspection of the work, may be held at the request of any involved party or by representatives of the City.

- 12. REVIEWS AND ACCEPTANCES:** All preliminary and detailed designs, plans, specifications, estimates or other documents prepared by the Contractor, shall be subject to review and endorsement by the City.

Approval for any inspections or sequences of progress of work shall be documented by letters, memoranda or other appropriate written means.

A frequency for formal reviews shall be set forth in the Contract. Informal reviews, conducted by the City will be performed as deemed necessary. The Contractor shall respond to all official comments regardless of their source. The Contractor shall supply the City with written copies of all correspondence relating to formal and informal reviews.

No acceptance shall relieve a Contractor of their professional obligation to correct any defects or errors in their work at their own expense.

- 13. PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Whenever it is necessary to perform work in the field, particularly with respect to reconnaissance, the Contractor will endeavor to maintain good relations with the public and any affected property owners. Personnel employed by or representing the Contractor shall conduct themselves with propriety. The Contractor agrees to inform property owners and/or tenants, in a timely manner, if there is need for entering upon private property as an agent of the City, in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 35 and §.503, to accomplish the work under the Contract. The Contractor agrees that any work will be done with minimum damage to the land and disturbance to the owner. Upon request of the Contractor, the City shall furnish a letter of introduction to property owners soliciting their cooperation and explaining that the Contractor is acting as an agent of the City.

- 14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** Acknowledgment of the City's support must be included in any and all publications, renderings and project publicity, including audio/visual materials developed under this Contract.

15. APPEARANCES:

- A. Hearings and Conferences:** The Contractor shall provide services required by the City and necessary for furtherance of any work covered under the Contract. These services shall include appropriate representation at design conferences, public gatherings and hearings, and appearances before any legislative body, commission, board, or court, to justify,

explain and defend its contractual services covered under the Contract.

The Contractor shall perform any liaison that the City deems necessary for the furtherance of the work and participate in conferences with the City, at any reasonable time, concerning interpretation and evaluation of all aspects covered under the Contract.

The Contractor further agrees to participate in meetings with the City and any other interested or affected participant, for the purpose of review or resolution of any conflicts pertaining to the Contract.

The Contractor shall be equitably paid for such services and for any reasonable expenses incurred in relation thereto in accordance with the Contract.

- B. Appearance as Witness:** If and when required by the City, the Contractor, or an appropriate representative, shall prepare and appear for any litigation concerning any relevant project or related contract, on behalf of the City. The Contractor shall be equitably paid, to the extent permitted by law, for such services and for any reasonable expenses incurred in relation thereto, in accordance with the Contract.

16. PAYMENT PROCEDURES: The City shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Contractor or the Contractor's legal representative payments in accordance with the Contract. All payments will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Contractor, whether in invoices, progress reports, emails, or other proof of work. When applicable, for the type of payment specified in the Contract, the progress report shall summarize actual costs and any earned portion of fixed fee.

All invoices and correspondence shall indicate the applicable project name, project number and the Contract number. When relevant, the invoice shall further be broken down in detail between projects.

When applicable, for the type of payment specified in the Contract, expenses for meals and travel shall be limited to the current approved in-state rates, as determined by the State of Vermont's labor contract, and need not be receipted. All other expenses are subject to approval by the City and must be accompanied with documentation to substantiate their charges.

No approval given or payment made under the Contract, shall be conclusive evidence of the performance of the Contract, either wholly or in part thereof, and no payment shall be construed to be acceptance of defective work or improper materials.

The City agrees to pay the Contractor and the Contractor agrees to accept, as full compensation, for performance of all services rendered and expenses incurred, the fee specified in the Contract.

Upon completion of all services covered under the Contract and payment of the agreed upon fee, the Contract with its mutual obligations shall end.

- 17. DUTY TO INFORM CITY OF CONTRACT DOCUMENT ERRORS:** If Contractor knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that a clearly identifiable error or omission exists in the Contract Documents, including but not limited to unit prices and rate calculations, Contractor shall immediately give the City written notice thereof. Contractor shall not cause or permit any Work to be conducted which may relate to the error or omission without first receiving written notice by the City that City representatives understand the possible error or omission and have approved of modifications to the Contract Documents or that Contractor may proceed without any modification being made to Contract Documents.
- 18. NON-APPROPRIATION:** The obligations of the City under this Contract are subject to annual appropriation by the Burlington City Council. If no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated or budgeted to support continuation of payments due under this Contract, the Contract shall terminate automatically on the first day of the fiscal year for which funds have not been appropriated. The Parties understand and agree that the obligations of the City to make payments under this Contract shall constitute a current expense of the City and shall not be construed to be a debt or a pledge of the credit of the City. The decision whether or not to budget and appropriate funds during each fiscal year of the City is within the discretion of the Mayor and City Council of the City. The City shall deliver written notice to Contractor as soon as practicable of any non-appropriation, and Contractor shall not be entitled to any payment or compensation of any kind for work performed after the City has delivered written notice of non-appropriation.
- 19. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS:** No changes or amendments to the Work of the Contract shall be effective unless documented in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor.
- 20. EXTENSION OF TIME:** The Contractor agrees to prosecute the work continuously and diligently and no charges or claims for damages shall be made by the Contractor for delays or hindrances, from any cause whatsoever, during the progress of any portion of services specified in the Contract. Such delays or hindrances, if any, may be compensated for by an extension of time for such reasonable period as the City may decide. Time extensions shall be granted by amendment, only for excusable delays, such as delays beyond the control of the Contractor and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor.
- 21. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY:**
- A. Compliance with Mandates and Guidance:** The Contractor is advised that public health emergencies—meaning public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government—may introduce significant uncertainty into the project. The Contractor must comply with all local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, advisories during a public health emergency. Contractor shall adhere to the below provisions and consider public health emergencies as it develops project schedules and advances the Work.
 - B. Creation of Public Health Emergency Plan:** For any work performed on-site at a City location, the Contractor shall create a public health emergency plan acceptable to the City.

The Contractor shall be responsible for following this plan and ensuring that the project or site is stable and in a safe and maintainable condition.

- a. Public Health Emergency Plan: The Public Health Emergency Plan will contain:
 - i. Measures to manage risk and mitigate potential impacts to the health and safety of the public, the City and Contractor's workers;
 - ii. Explicit reference to any health and safety performance standards and mandates provided by the City, the State of Vermont, the Federal government, or other relevant governmental entities;
 - iii. A schedule for possible updates to the plan as standards and mandates change; and
 - iv. Means to adjust the schedule and sequence of work should the emergency change in nature or duration.
- b. Review and Acceptance of Plan:
 - i. Contractor must provide the plan to the City by the Effective Date of this Contract or by one (1) week prior to the commencement of on-site activities, whichever is later.
 - ii. The City shall have sole discretion to require changes to the plan.
 - iii. The City may revisit the plan at any time to verify compliance with obligations that arise under a state of emergency.

C. Enforcement & Stoppage of Work: Contractor fails to comply with either 1) the approved public health emergency plan, or 2) any local, state, federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, or advisories during a public health emergency, the City may stop Work under the Contract until such failure is corrected. Such failure to comply shall constitute a breach of the Contract.

Upon stoppage of work, the City may allow Work to resume, at a time determined by the City, under this Contract if such failure to comply is adequately corrected. The City shall have sole discretion in determining if Contractor has adequately corrected its failure to comply with the above.

If Contractor's breach of Contract has not been cured within seven (7) days after notice to stop Work from the City, then City may terminate this Contract, at its discretion.

D. City Liability Relating to Potential Delays: If a public health emergency is declared, the City will not be responsible for any delays related to the sequence of operations or any expenses or losses incurred as a result of any delays. Any delays related to a public health emergency will be excusable, but will not be compensable.

22. FORCE MAJEURE: Neither Party to this Contract shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligation under this Contract to the extent the failure or delay is caused by acts of God, public health emergencies, epidemics, acts of the public enemy, acts of superior governmental authority, weather conditions, riots, rebellion, sabotage, or any other

circumstances for which it is not responsible or which is not under its control (“Force Majeure”). To assert Force Majeure, the nonperforming party must prove that a) it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate, or minimize the cause of delay or damage, b) diligently pursued performance of its obligations, c) substantially fulfilled all obligations that could be fulfilled, and d) timely notified the other part of the likelihood or actual occurrence of a Force Majeure event. If any such causes for delay are of such magnitude as to prevent the complete performance of the Contract within two (2) years of the originally scheduled completion date, either Party may by written notice request to amend or terminate the Contract. The suspension of any obligations under this section shall not cause the term of this Contract to be extended and shall not affect any rights accrued under this Contract prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure. The Party giving notice of the Force Majeure shall also give notice of its cessation.

23. PAYMENT FOR EXTRA WORK, ADDITIONAL SERVICES OR CHANGES: The City may, in writing, and without invalidating the Contract, require changes resulting from revision or abandonment of work already performed by the Contractor or changes in the scope of work.

The value of such changes, to the extent not reflected in other payments to the Contractor, shall be incorporated in an amendment and be determined by mutual agreement. Any adjustments of this nature shall be executed under the appropriate fee established in the Contract, based on the adjusted quantity of work.

No changes for which additional fee payment is claimed shall be made unless pursuant to a written order from the City, and no claim for payment shall be valid unless so ordered.

The Contractor agrees to maintain complete and accurate records, in a form satisfactory to the City for all time devoted directly to same by Contractor employees. The City reserves the right to audit the records of the Contractor related to any extra work or additional services. Any such services rendered shall be subject, in all other respects, to the terms of the Contract. When changes are so ordered, no additional work shall be performed by the Contractor until a Contract amendment has been fully executed, unless written notice to proceed is issued by the City. Any claim for extension of time that may be necessitated as a result of extra work or additional services and changes shall be given consideration and evaluated insofar as it directly relates to the change.

24. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TIME SCHEDULE: If the City is dissatisfied because of slow progress or incompetence in the performance of the Work in accordance with the schedule for completion of the various aspects of construction, the City shall give the Contractor written notice in which the City shall specify in detail the cause of dissatisfaction. Should the Contractor fail or refuse to remedy the matters complained of within five days after the written notice is received by the Contractor, the City shall have the right to take control of the Work and either make good the deficiencies of the Contractor itself or direct the activities of the Contractor in doing so, employing such additional help as the City deems advisable. In such events, the City shall be entitled to collect from the Contractor any expenses in completing the Work. In addition, the City may withhold from the amount payable to the Contractor an amount approximately equal to any interest lost or charges incurred by the City for each calendar day that the Contractor is in default after the time of completion stipulated in the Contract Documents.

- 25. RETURN OF MATERIALS:** Contractor agrees that at the expiration or termination of this Contract, it shall return to City all materials provided to it during its engagement on behalf of City.
- 26. ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT; RELEASE:** Contractor's acceptance of the final payment shall be a release in full of all claims against the City or its agents arising out of or by reason of the Work. Any payment, however, final or otherwise, shall not release the Contractor or their sureties from any obligations under the Contract Documents or any performance or payment bond.
- 27. OWNERSHIP OF THE WORK:** The Contractor agrees that the ownership of all studies, data sheets, survey notes, subsoil information, drawings, tracings, estimates, specifications, proposals, diagrams, calculations, EDM and other material prepared or collected by the Contractor, hereafter referred to as "instruments of professional service", shall become the property of the City as they are prepared and/or developed during execution of the Contract. The Contractor agrees to allow the City access to all "instruments of professional service" at any time. The Contractor shall not copyright any material originating under the Contract without prior written approval of the City. No publications or publicity of the work, in part or in total, shall be made without the express written agreement of the City, except that Contractor may in general terms use previously developed instruments of professional service to describe its abilities for a project in promotional materials.
- 28. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** The Parties under the Contract hereby mutually agree that, if patentable discoveries or inventions should result from work performed by the Contractors under the Contract, all rights accruing from such discoveries or inventions shall be the sole property of the Contractor. The Contractor, however, agrees to and does hereby grant to the City an irrevocable, nonexclusive, non-transferable, and royalty-free license to the manufacture, use, and disposition of any discovery or invention that may be developed as a part of the Work under the Contract.
- 29. PUBLIC RECORDS:** The Contractor understands that any and all records related to and acquired by the City, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise recorded, are subject to the Vermont Public Records Act and that the determination of how those records must be handled is solely within the purview of City. The Contractor shall identify all records that it considers to be trade secrets as that term is defined by subsection 317(c)(9) of the Vermont Public Records Act and shall also identify all other records it considers to be exempt under the Act. It is not sufficient to merely state generally that the record is proprietary or a trade secret or is otherwise exempt. Particular records, pages or section which are believed to be exempt must be specifically identified as such and must be separated from other records with a convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption from release consistent with Section 317 of Title 1 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
- 30. RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS:** The Contractor agrees to retain, in its files, and to produce to the City—within the time periods requested—all books, documents, Electronic Data Media (EDM), accounting records, and other records produced or acquired by the

Contractor in the performance of this Contract which are related to the City, at any time during this Contract and for a period of at least three (3) years after its completion or termination. In addition, if any audit, claim, or litigation is commenced before the expiration of that three (3) year period, the records shall be retained until all related audits, claims, or litigation are resolved. The Contractor further agrees that the City shall have access to all the above information for the purpose of review and audit during the Contract period and anytime within the aforementioned retention period. Copies of all of the above referenced information shall be provided to the City, if requested, in the format in which the records were obtained, created, or maintained, such that their original use and purpose can be achieved. Contractor, sub-Contractors, or their representatives performing work related to the Contract, are responsible to ensure that all data and information created or stored on EDM is secure and can be duplicated and used if the EDM mechanism is subjected to power outage, obsolescence, or damage.

31. CONTRACT DISPUTES: In the event of a dispute between the parties to this Contract each party will continue to perform its obligations unless the Contract is terminated in accordance with these terms.

32. SETTLEMENTS OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS: To avoid misunderstandings and litigation, it is mutually agreed by all Parties that the [Head of Department] shall act as referee on all questions arising under the terms of the Contract and that the decision of the [Head of Department] in such cases shall be binding upon both Parties.

33. CITY'S OPTION TO TERMINATE: The Contract may be terminated in accordance with the following provisions, which are not exclusive:

A. Termination for Convenience: At any time prior to completion of services specified under the Contract, the City may terminate the Contract for any reason by submitting written notice via certified or registered mail to the Contractor, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the termination date, of its intention to do so. If the termination is for the City's convenience, payment to the Contractor will be made promptly for the amount of any fees earned to the date of the notice of termination and costs of materials obtained in preparation for Work but not yet installed or delivered, less any payments previously made. However, if a notice of termination is given to a Contractor prior to completion of twenty (20) percent of the estimated services, as set forth in the approved Work Schedule and Progress Report, the Contractor will be reimbursed for that portion of any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred to date of the notice of termination that are in excess of the amount earned under its approved fee to the date of said termination. Such requests for reimbursement shall be supported with factual data and shall be subject to the City's approval. The Contractor shall make no claim for additional compensation against the City by reason of such termination.

B. Termination for Cause:

- i. Breach: Contractor shall be in default if Contractor fails in any manner to fully perform and carry out each and all conditions of this Contract, including, but not limited to, Contractor's failure to begin or to prosecute the Work in a timely manner

or to make progress as to endanger performance of this Contract; failure to supply a sufficient number of properly skilled employees or a sufficient quantity of materials of proper quality; failure to perform the Work unsatisfactorily as determined by the City; failure to neglect or refuse to remove materials; or in the event of a breach of warranty with respect to any materials, workmanship, or performance guaranty. Contractor will not be in default for any excusable delays as provided in Sections 19-21.

The City may give Contractor written notice of such default. If Contractor does not cure such default or provide a plan to cure such default which is acceptable to the City within the time permitted by the City, then the City may terminate this contract for cause.

- ii. Proceedings for Relief of Debtors: If a federal or state proceeding for relief of debtors is undertaken by or against Contractor, or if Contractor makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then the City may immediately terminate this contract.
- iii. Dishonest Conduct: If Contractor engages in any dishonest conduct related to the performance or administration of this Contract then the City may immediately terminate this contract.
- iv. Cover: In the event the City terminates this contract as provided in this section, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the City may deem appropriate, services similar in scope and level of effort to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to the City for all of its costs and damages, including, but not limited to, any excess costs for such services, interest, or other charges the City incurs to cover.
- v. Rights and Remedies Not Exclusive: The rights and remedies of the City provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

34. GENERAL COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: The Contractor and any sub-contractor approved under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, including but not limited to the Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance, the Non-Outsourcing Ordinance, and the Union-Deterrence Ordinance and shall provide the required certifications attesting to compliance with these ordinances (see attached ordinances and certifications).

Provisions of the Contract shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with each other and using procedures that will achieve the intent of both Parties. If, for any reason, a provision in the Contract is unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract, and the remaining provisions shall be carried out with the same force and effect as if the severed provisions had never been a part of the Contract.

35. CIVIL RIGHTS AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: During performance of the Contract, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for

employment because of religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status, crime victim status, or genetic information. Contractor, and any sub-contractors, shall comply with any Federal, State, or local law, statute, regulation, Executive Order, or rule that applies to it or the services to be provided under this contract concerning equal employment, fair employment practices, affirmative action, or prohibitions on discrimination or harassment in employment.

36. CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS: By signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies, as of the date of signing the Contract, that the Contractor (a) is not under an obligation to pay child support; or (b) is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or (c) has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan. If the Contractor is a sole proprietorship, the Contractor's statement applies only to the proprietor. If the Contractor is a partnership, the Contractor's statement applies to all general partners with a permanent residence in Vermont. If the Contractor is a corporation, this provision does not apply.

37. TAX REQUIREMENTS: By signing the Contract, the Contractor certifies, as required by law under 32 VSA, Section 3113, that under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the Contractor is in good standing with respect to payment, or in full compliance with a plan to pay, any and all taxes due the State of Vermont as of the date of signature on the Contract.

38. INDEMNIFICATION:

A. Indemnification by Contractor: Except for the active negligence or willful misconduct of the City, or any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest, Contractor undertakes and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and any of its boards, officers, agents, employees, assigns, and successors in interest from and against all suits and causes of action, claims, losses, demands and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees (both in house and outside counsel) and cost of litigation (including all actual litigation costs incurred by the City, including but not limited to, costs of experts and Contractors), damages or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person, including Contractor's employees and agents, or damage or destruction of any property of either party hereto or of third parties, arising in any manner by reason of the negligent acts, errors, omissions or willful misconduct incident to the performance of this Contract by Contractor or its sub-contractors of any tier.

B. Notice of Claims & City's Right to Participate: If the City, its officers, agents, or employees are notified of any claims asserted against it to which this indemnification provision may apply, the City shall immediately thereafter notify the Contractor in writing that a claim to which the indemnification provision may apply has been filed. Contractor shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The City retains the right to participate, at its own expense, in the defense of any claim, and to approve all proposed settlements of claims to which this provision applies.

C. City's Rights and Remedies: Rights and remedies available to the City under this provision are cumulative of those provided for elsewhere in this Contract and those allowed under the laws of the United States and the State of Vermont.

D. No Indemnification by City: Under no conditions shall the City be obligated to indemnify the Contractor or any third party, nor shall the City be otherwise liable for expenses or reimbursement including attorney's fees, collection costs, or other costs of the Contractor or any third party.

39. NO GIFTS OR GRATUITIES: The Contractor shall not make any payment or gift or donation of substantial value to any elected official, officer, employee, or agent of the City during the term of this Contract.

40. ASSIGNMENT: Contractor shall not sublet or assign this Work, or any part of it, without the written consent of the City. If any sub-contractor is approved, Contractor shall be responsible and liable for all acts or omissions of that sub-contractor for any Work performed. If any sub-contractor is approved, Contractor shall be responsible to ensure that the sub-contractor is paid as agreed and that no lien is placed on any City property.

41. TRANSFERS, SUBLETTING, ETC: The Contractor shall not assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in the work, covered by this Contract, without prior written consent of the City, and further, if any sub-contractor participates in any work involving additional services, the estimated extent and cost of the contemplated work must receive prior written consent of the City. The approval or consent to assign or sublet any portion of the work, shall in no way relieve the Contractor of responsibility for the performance of that portion of the work so transferred. The form of the sub-contractor's contract shall be as developed by the Contractor and approved by the City. The Contractor shall ensure that insurance coverage exists for any operations to be performed by any sub-contractor as specified in the insurance requirements section of this Contract.

The services of the Contractor, to be performed under the Contract, shall not be transferred without written authorization of the City. Any authorized sub-contracts shall contain all of the same provisions contained in and attached to the original Contract with the City.

42. CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS: The Contractor agrees that if because of death, disability, or other occurrences, it becomes impossible to effectively perform its services in compliance with the Contract, neither the Contractor nor its surviving members shall be relieved of their obligations to complete the Contract unless the City agrees to terminate the Contract because it determines that the Contractor is unable to satisfactorily execute the Contract.

43. INTERPRETATION & IMPLEMENTATION: Provisions of the Contract shall be interpreted and implemented in a manner consistent with each other and using procedures that will achieve the intent of both Parties.

44. ARM'S LENGTH: This Contract has been negotiated at arm's length, and any ambiguity in any of its terms or provisions shall be interpreted in accordance with the intent of the Parties and not against or in favor of either the City or Contractor.

45. RELATIONSHIP: The Contractor is an independent contractor and shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the City. To that end, the Contractor shall determine the method, details, and means of performing the work, but will comply with all legal requirements in doing so. The Contractor shall provide its own tools, materials, or equipment. The Parties agree that neither the Contractor nor its principal(s) or employees are entitled to any employee benefits from the City. Contractor understands and agrees that it and its principal(s) or employees have no right to claim any benefits under the Burlington Employee Retirement System, the City's worker's compensation benefits, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, or any other employee benefit plan offered by the City. The Contractor agrees to execute any certifications or other documents and provide any certificates of insurance required by the City and understands that this Contract is conditioned on its doing so, if requested.

The Contractor understands and agrees that it is responsible for the payment of all taxes on the above sums and that the City will not withhold or pay for Social Security, Medicare, or other taxes or benefits or be responsible for any unemployment benefits.

46. CHOICE OF LAW: Vermont law, and rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be applied in the interpretation, execution, and enforcement of this Contract. Any provision included or incorporated herein by reference which conflicts with said laws, rules, and regulations shall be null and void. Any provision rendered null and void by operation of this provision shall not invalidate the remainder of this Contract to the extent capable of execution.

47. JURISDICTION: All suits or actions related to this Contract shall be filed and proceedings held in the State of Vermont.

48. BINDING EFFECT AND CONTINUITY: This Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties, their' respective heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns. If a dispute arises between the Parties, each Party will continue to perform its obligations under this Contract during the resolution of the dispute, until the Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms.

49. SEVERABILITY: The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, which shall remain in full force and effect, provided that the Parties can continue to perform their obligations under this Contract in accordance with the intent of this Contract.

50. ENTIRE CONTRACT & AGREEMENT: This Contract constitutes the entire Contract, agreement, and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract. Prior or contemporaneous additions, deletions, or other changes to this Contract shall not have any force or effect whatsoever, unless embodied herein.

51. APPENDICES: The City may attach to these conditions appendices containing various forms

and typical sample sheets for guidance and assistance to the Contractor in the performance of the work. It is understood, however, that such forms and samples may be modified, altered, and augmented from time to time by the City as occasions may require. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that they have the latest versions applicable to the Contract.

52. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: This Contract does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or entity other than the Parties. Enforcement of this Contract and all rights and obligations hereunder are reserved solely to the Parties. Any services or benefits which third parties receive as a result of this Contract are incidental to this Contract, and do not create any rights for such third parties.

53. WAIVER: A Party's failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege under this Contract, whether explicit or by lack of enforcement, shall not operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or privilege.

EXHIBIT D

ARTICLE VI. LIVABLE WAGES¹

21-80 Findings and purpose.

In enacting this article, the city council states the following findings and purposes:

- (a) Income from full-time work should be sufficient to meet an individual's basic needs;
- (b) The City of Burlington is committed to ensuring that its employees have an opportunity for a decent quality of life and are compensated such that they are not dependent on public assistance to meet their basic needs;
- (c) The City of Burlington is committed, through its contracts with vendors and provision of financial assistance, to encourage the private sector to pay its employees a livable wage and contribute to employee health care benefits;
- (d) The creation of jobs that pay livable wages promotes the prosperity and general welfare of the City of Burlington and its residents, increases consumer spending with local businesses, improves the economic welfare and security of affected employees and reduces expenditures for public assistance;
- (e) It is the intention of the city council in passing this article to provide a minimum level of compensation for employees of the City of Burlington and employees of entities that enter into service contracts or receive financial assistance from the City of Burlington.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-81 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) *Contractor or vendor* is a person or entity that has a service contract with the City of Burlington where the total amount of the service contract or service contracts exceeds fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for any twelve (12) month period, including any subcontractors of such contractor or vendor.
- (b) *Grantee* is a person or entity that is the recipient of financial assistance from the City of Burlington in the form of grants, including any contractors or subgrantees of the grantee, that exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for any twelve (12) month period.

(c) *Covered employer* means the City of Burlington, a contractor or vendor or a grantee as defined above. The primary contractor, vendor, or grantee shall be responsible for the compliance of each of its subcontractors (or of each subgrantee) that is a covered employer.

(d) *Covered employee* means an "employee" as defined below, who is employed by a "covered employer," subject to the following:

(1) An employee who is employed by a contractor or vendor is a "covered employee" during the period of time he or she expends on furnishing services under a service contract with the City of Burlington, notwithstanding that the employee may be a temporary or seasonal employee;

(2) An employee who is employed by a grantee who expends at least half of his or her time on activities funded by the City of Burlington is a "covered employee."

(e) *Designated accountability monitor* shall mean a nonprofit corporation which has established and maintains valid nonprofit status under Section [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that is independent of the parties it is monitoring.

(f) *Employee* means a person who is employed on a full-time or part-time regular basis. In addition, commencing with the next fiscal year, a seasonal or temporary employee of the City of Burlington who works ten (10) or more hours per week and has been employed by the City of Burlington for a period of four (4) years shall be considered a covered employee commencing in the fifth year of employment. "Employee" shall not refer to volunteers working without pay or for a nominal stipend, persons working in an approved apprenticeship program, persons who are hired for a prescribed period of six (6) months or less to fulfill the requirements to obtain a professional license as an attorney, persons who are hired through youth employment programs or student workers or interns participating in established educational internship programs.

(g) *Employer-assisted health care* means health care benefits provided by employers for employees (or employees and their dependents) at the employer's cost or at an employer contribution towards the purchase of such health care benefits, provided that the employer cost or contribution consists of at least one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) per hour. (Said amount shall be adjusted every two (2) years for inflation, by the chief administrative officer of the city.)

(h) *Livable wage* has the meaning set forth in Section [21-82](#).

(i) *Retaliation* shall mean the denial of any right guaranteed under this article, and any threat, discipline, discharge, demotion, suspension, reduction of hours, or any other adverse action against an employee for exercising any right guaranteed under this article. Retaliation shall also include coercion, intimidation, threat, harassment, or interference in any manner with any investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this article.

(j) *Service contract* means a contract primarily for the furnishing of services to the City of Burlington (as opposed to the purchasing or leasing of goods or property). A contract involving the furnishing of financial products, insurance products, or software, even if that contract also includes some support or other services related to the provision of the products, shall not be considered a service contract.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-82 Livable wages required.

(a) Every covered employer shall pay each and every covered employee at least a livable wage no less than:

(1) For a covered employer that provides employer-assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least fifteen dollars and thirty-five cents (\$15.35) per hour on the effective date of the amendments to this article.

(2) For a covered employer that does not provide employer-assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least sixteen dollars and seventy-four cents (\$16.74) per hour on the effective date of the amendments to this article.

(3) Covered employees whose wage compensation consists of more or other than hourly wages, including, but not limited to, tips, commissions, flat fees or bonuses, shall be paid so that the total of all wage compensation will at least equal the livable wage as established under this article.

(b) The amount of the livable wage established in this section shall be adjusted by the chief administrative officer of the city as of July 1 of each year based upon a report of the Joint Fiscal Office of the State of Vermont that describes the basic needs budget for a single person but utilizes a model of two (2) adults residing in a two (2) bedroom living unit in an urban area with the moderate cost food plan. Should there be no such report from the Joint Fiscal Office, the chief administrative officer shall obtain and utilize a basic needs budget that applies a similar methodology. The livable wage rates derived from utilizing a model of two (2) adults residing in a two (2) bedroom living unit in an urban area with a moderate cost food plan shall not become effective until rates meet or exceed the 2010 posted livable wage rates. Prior to May 1 preceding any such adjustment and prior to

May 1 of each calendar year thereafter, the chief administrative officer will provide public notice of this adjustment by posting a written notice in a prominent place in City Hall by sending written notice to the city council and, in the case of covered employers that have requested individual notice and provided contact information to the chief administrative officer, by notice to each such covered employer. However, once a livable wage is applied to an individual employee, no reduction in that employee's pay rate is permissible due to this annual adjustment.

(c) Covered employers shall provide at least twelve (12) compensated days off per year for full-time covered employees, and a proportionate amount for part-time covered employees, for sick leave, vacation, personal, or combined time off leave.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 5-2-11; Ord. of 6-13-11; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-83 Applicability.

(a) This article shall apply to any service contract or grant, as provided by this article that is awarded or entered into after the effective date of the article. After the effective date of the article, entering into any agreement or an extension, renewal or amendment of any contract or grant as defined herein shall be subject to compliance with this article.

(b) The requirements of this article shall apply during the term of any service contract subject to the article. Covered employers who receive grants shall comply with this article during the period of time the funds awarded by the City of Burlington are being expended by the covered employer.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-84 Enforcement.

(a) Each service contract or grant covered by this article shall contain provisions requiring that the covered employer or grantee submit a written certification, under oath, during each year during the term of the service contract or grant, that the covered employer or grantee (including all of its subcontractors and subgrantees, if any) is in compliance with this article. The failure of a contract to contain such provisions does not excuse a covered employer from its obligations under this article. The covered employer shall agree to post a notice regarding the applicability of this section in any workplace or other location where employees or other persons contracted for employment are working. The covered employer shall agree to provide payroll records or other documentation for itself and any subcontractors or subgrantees, as deemed necessary by the chief

administrative officer of the City of Burlington, within ten (10) business days from receipt of the City of Burlington's request.

(b) The chief administrative officer of the City of Burlington may require that a covered employer submit proof of compliance with this article at any time, including but not limited to:

- (1) Verification of an individual employee's compensation;
- (2) Production of payroll, health insurance enrollment records, or other relevant documentation; or
- (3) Evidence of proper posting of notice.

If a covered employer is not able to provide that information within ten (10) business days of the request, the chief administrative officer may turn the matter over to the city attorney's office for further enforcement proceedings.

(c) The City of Burlington shall appoint a designated accountability monitor that shall have the authority:

- (1) To inform and educate employees of all applicable provisions of this article and other applicable laws, codes, and regulations;
- (2) To create a telephonic and electronic accountability system under this article that shall be available at all times to receive complaints under this article;
- (3) To establish and implement a system for processing employees' complaints under this article, including a system for investigating complaints and determining their initial credibility; and
- (4) To refer credible complaints to the city attorney's office for potential enforcement action under this article.

The designated accountability monitor shall forward to the City of Burlington all credible complaints of violations within ten (10) days of their receipt.

(d) Any covered employee who believes his or her covered employer is not complying with this article may file a complaint in writing with the city attorney's office within one (1) year after the alleged violation. The city attorney's office shall conduct an investigation of the complaint, during which it may require from the covered employer evidence such as may be required to determine whether the covered employer has been compliant, and shall make a finding of compliance or noncompliance within a reasonable time after receiving the

complaint. Prior to ordering any penalty provided in subsection (e), (f), or (g) of this section, the city attorney's office shall give notice to the covered employer. The covered employer may request a hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice. The hearing shall be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the city attorney's office, who shall affirm or reverse the finding or the penalty based upon evidence presented by the city attorney's office and the covered employer.

(e) The City of Burlington shall have the right to modify, terminate and/or seek specific performance of any contract or grant with a covered employer from any court of competent jurisdiction, if the covered employer has not complied with this article.

(f) Any covered employer who violates this article may be barred from receiving a contract or grant from the city for a period up to two (2) years from the date of the finding of violation.

(g) A violation of this article shall be a civil offense subject to a civil penalty of from two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All law enforcement officers and any other duly authorized municipal officials are authorized to issue a municipal complaint for a violation of this article. Each day any covered employee is not compensated as required by this article shall constitute a separate violation.

(h) If a complaint is received that implicates any City of Burlington employee in a possible violation of this article, that complaint will be handled through the City's personnel procedures, not through the process outlined in this article.

(i) Any covered employee aggrieved by a violation of this article may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against the covered employer within two (2) years after discovery of the alleged violation. The court may award any covered employee who files suit pursuant to this section, as to the relevant period of time, the following:

(1) The difference between the livable wage required under this article and the amount actually paid to the covered employee;

(2) Equitable payment for any compensated days off that were unlawfully denied or were not properly compensated;

(3) Liquidated damages in an amount equal to the amount of back wages and/or compensated days off unlawfully withheld or fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each employee or person whose rights under this article were violated for each day that the violation occurred or continued, whichever is greater;

(4) Reinstatement in employment and/or injunctive relief; and

(5) Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

(j) It shall be unlawful for an employer or any other person to interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right protected under this article. No person shall engage in retaliation against an employee or threaten to do so because such employee has exercised rights or is planning to exercise rights protected under this article or has cooperated in any investigation conducted pursuant to this article.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 2-17-04; Ord. of 5-2-11; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-85 Other provisions.

(a) No covered employer shall reduce the compensation, wages, fringe benefits or leave available to any covered employee in order to pay the livable wage required by this article. Any action in violation of this subsection shall be deemed a violation of this article subject to the remedies of Section [21-84](#).

(b) No covered employer with a current contract, as of the effective date of this provision, with the City of Burlington for the use of property located at the Burlington International Airport may reduce, during the term of that contract, the wages of a covered employee below the livable wage as a result of amendments to this article.

(c) Where pursuant to a contract for services with the city, the contractor or subcontractor incurs a contractual obligation to pay its employees certain wage rates, in no case except as stated in subsection (d) of this section, shall the wage rates paid pursuant to that contract be less than the minimum livable wage paid pursuant to this article.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, where employees are represented by a bargaining unit or labor union pursuant to rights conferred by state or federal law and a collective bargaining labor agreement is in effect governing the terms and conditions of employment of those employees, this chapter shall not apply to those employees, and the collective bargaining labor agreement shall control.

(e) Covered employers shall inform employees making less than twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour of their possible right to the Earned Income Tax Credit under federal and state law.

(f) The chief administrative officer of the city shall have the authority to promulgate rules as necessary to administer the provisions of this article, which shall become effective upon approval by the city council.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-86 Exemptions.

An exemption from any requirement of this article may be requested for a period not to exceed two (2) years:

- (a) By a covered employer where payment of the livable wage would cause substantial economic hardship;
and
- (b) By the City of Burlington where application of this article to a particular contract or grant is found to violate specific state or federal statutory, regulatory or constitutional provisions or where granting the exemption would be in the best interests of the City.

A covered employer or grantee granted an exemption under this section may reapply for an exemption upon the expiration of the exemption. Requests for exemption may be granted by majority vote of the city council. All requests for exemption shall be submitted to the chief administrative officer. The finance committee of the City of Burlington shall first consider such request and make a recommendation to the city council. The decision of the city council shall be final.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-87 Severability.

If any part or parts or application of any part of this article is held invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this article.

(Ord. of 11-19-01; Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-88 Annual reporting.

On or before April 15 of each year, the city attorney's office shall submit a report to the city council that provides the following information:

- (a) A list of all covered employers broken down by department;
- (b) A list of all covered employers whose service contract did not contain the language required by this article;
and
- (c) All complaints filed and investigated by the city attorney's office and the results of such investigation.

(Ord. of 10-21-13)

21-89 Effective date.

The amendments to this article shall take effect on January 1, 2014, and shall not be retroactively applied.

(Ord. of 10-21-13)

EXHIBIT E

ARTICLE VII. OUTSOURCING

21-90 Policy.

It is the policy of the City of Burlington to let service contracts to contractors, subcontractors and vendors who perform work in the United States.

(Ord. of 11-21-05/12-21-05)

21-91 Definitions.

(a) *Contractor or vendor.* A person or entity that has a contract with the City of Burlington primarily for the furnishing of services (as opposed to the purchasing of goods), including any subcontractors of such contractor or vendor.

(b) *Government funded project.* Any contract for services which involves any city funds and the total amount of the contract is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or more. Burlington School Department contracts shall not be considered government funded projects under this article.

(c) *Outsourcing.* The assigning or reassigning, directly, or indirectly through subcontracting, of services under a government funded project to workers performing the work outside of the United States.

(Ord. of 11-21-05/12-21-05)

21-92 Implementation.

(a) No contract for a government funded project shall be let to any contractor, subcontractor, or vendor who is outsourcing, or causing the work to be performed outside of the United States or Canada.

(b) Prior to the commencement of work on a government funded project a contractor, subcontractor or vendor shall provide written certification that the services provided under the contract will be performed in the United States or Canada.

(Ord. of 11-21-05/12-21-05)

21-93 Exemption.

An exemption from requirements of this article may be authorized by the chief administrative officer based upon a determination that the services to be performed for the government funded project are not available in the United States or Canada at a reasonable cost. Any such exemption decision by the chief administrative officer

shall be reported to the board of finance in writing within five (5) days. The board of finance may, if it should vote to do so, override the exemption decision if such vote occurs within fourteen (14) days of the date of the chief administrative officer's communication to such board.

(Ord. of 11-21-05/12-21-05)

21-94 Enforcement.

(a) Any contractor, subcontractor or vendor who files false or materially misleading information in connection with an application, certification or request for information pursuant to the provisions of this article or outsources work on a government funded project shall be deemed to be in violation of this article.

(b) A violation of this article shall be a civil offense subject to a civil penalty of from one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to five hundred (\$500.00). All law enforcement officers and any other duly authorized municipal officials are authorized to issue a municipal complaint for a violation of this article. Each day any violation of any provision of this article shall continue shall constitute a separate violation.

(c) The City of Burlington shall have the right to modify, terminate and or seek specific performance of any contract for a government funded project if the contractor, subcontractor or vendor has not complied with this article.

(Ord. of 11-21-05/12-21-05)

21-95—21-99 Reserved.

EXHIBIT F

ARTICLE VIII. UNION DETERRENCE

21-100 Policy.

It is the policy of the City of Burlington to limit letting contracts to organizations that provide union deterrence services to other companies.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-101 Definitions.

(a) *Contractor or vendor.* A person or entity that has a contract with the City of Burlington primarily for the furnishing of services (as opposed to the purchasing of goods), including any subcontractors of such contractor or vendor.

(b) *Government funded project.* Any contract for services which involves any City funds and the total amount of the contract is fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) or more. Burlington School Department contracts shall not be considered government funded projects under this article.

(c) *Union deterrence services.* Services provided by a contractor, subcontractor or vendor that are not restricted to advice concerning what activities by an employer are prohibited and permitted by applicable laws and regulations, but extend beyond such legal advice to encouraging an employer to do any of the following:

- 1) Hold captive audience, (i.e., mandatory) meetings with employees encouraging employees to vote against the union;
- 2) Have supervisors force workers to meet individually with them to discuss the union;
- 3) Imply to employees, whether through written or oral communication, that their employer may have to shut down or lay people off if the union wins the election;
- 4) Discipline or fire workers for union activity;
- 5) Train managers on how to dissuade employees from supporting the union.

(d) *Substantial portion of income.* For the purposes of this article, substantial portion of income shall mean greater than ten (10) percent of annual gross revenues or one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), whichever is less.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-102 Implementation.

- (a) No contract for a government funded project shall be let to any contractor, subcontractor, or vendor who
 - 1) Advises or has advised an employer to conduct any illegal activity in its dealings with a union.
 - 2) Advertises union deterrence services as specialty services;
 - 3) Earns a substantial portion of its income by providing union deterrence services to other companies in order to defeat union organizing efforts.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on a government funded project a contractor, subcontractor or vendor shall provide written certification that it has not advised the conduct of any illegal activity, it does not currently, nor will it over the life of the contract provide union deterrence services in violation of this article.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-103 Enforcement.

- (a) Any contractor, subcontractor or vendor who files false or materially misleading information in connection with an application, certification or request for information pursuant to the provisions of this article or provided union deterrence services during the life of a contract for a government funded project shall be deemed to be in violation of this article.
- (b) The City of Burlington shall have the right to modify, terminate and or seek specific performance of any contract for a government funded project if the contractor, subcontractor or vendor has not complied with this article.

(Ord. of 3-27-06/4-26-06)

21-104—21-110 Reserved.
