



Request for Proposals

**On-Call Services for
Water Resources Utility Repairs and Excavation Projects**

Department of Public Works Water Resources Division
235 Penny Lane
Burlington, VT 05401

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I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

During the course of normal maintenance, repairs or upgrades of city utilities (water, sewer, stormwater, etc.), the City occasionally requires services deemed urgent and/or beyond the capabilities of “in-house” resources. The City intends to update a list of qualified Contractors willing to contract with the City of Burlington Department of Public Works on an as-needed basis and to establish in advance, the unit pricing for compensations of such services.

The City of Burlington Department of Public Works has had recent success using on-call contractors through a similar procurement process in 2020. This request for proposals is intended to update our list of qualified on-call contractors and the maximum limiting amount available for this important work. Note: Contractors who have active Master Agreements with Water Resources valid through October 31, 2023 should reapply at this time.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The City of Burlington Department of Public Works is seeking agreements with up to ten (10) qualified contractors to provide services required to complete work associated with both planned projects as well as emergency maintenance and repairs of city utilities. The work can include, but not be limited to: installation, replacement, and repairs of water distribution pipes, valves, hydrants, gravity sewers, sewage force mains, catch basins, manholes, storm pipes, stormwater infiltration systems or rain gardens, pavement failures (sinkholes), and erosional damage throughout the City, including excavation, backfill, paving and site restoration. Work under this on-call contract generally falls into two categories – Emergency/Unplanned Work and Urgent/Planned Work. Emergency/Unplanned Work is work that must be performed immediately and, as such, will have a general scope of work and will proceed based on time and materials pricing under the oversight of on-site City personnel. Urgent/Planned Work allows for a little bit more planning (several days – 1 week) and will include more defined scopes of work for which the contractor will be asked to provide a not to exceed cost estimate.

Each of the selected contractors will be expected to enter into a Main On-Call Agreement with an initial maximum limiting amount of \$200,000 which will be valid for an approximate three (3) year period (through December 2026) but which may be amended as deemed necessary by the City. Work will only be authorized through Work Assignment Agreements. Executed Work Assignment Agreements will be paid on a time and materials basis and shall be in accordance with Exhibit A (Pricing Schedules). Work Assignment Agreements will include a not to exceed value for the individual projects, agreed to by both parties and based on the scope of the work and information available. Unexpected or unforeseen conditions may warrant additional work beyond the original scope and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Any changes to the Work Assignment Agreement will be issued in writing.

On-call contractors must indicate availability, including nighttime, weekends and holidays, in order to be considered for this Request for Proposals (RFP). Contractors who are qualified to do this work but do not have 24 hour / 7 days a week on-call services may still be considered for planned projects.

In all cases, the City will provide a scope of work to be completed through the issuance of a Work Assignment Agreement. In the case of Urgent/Planned Work, the scope of work will describe the work, location and timing requirements involved. The scope of work may include information such as addresses, site maps, basic plans and standard details as necessary to support the understanding and consistency of the work to be completed. A mutually agreed upon approach will be determined for each job and the Contractor will provide a not to exceed estimate for the work to be performed, but will be paid based on time and materials in accordance with the pricing submitted as part of this RFP. The Contractor shall obtain necessary permits, licenses and certificates and give notices as required during the performance of the work. All local Right of Way (ROW) permit fees shall be waived for work performed under a Work Assignment Agreement. In the case of Emergency/Unplanned Work, the scope of work may be more general in the Emergency Coverage Work Assignment Agreement but will be directed by City personnel on-site and will be based on time and materials basis and shall be in accordance with Exhibit A (Pricing Schedules).

The Contractor shall perform work in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, codes, and ordinance of local, state and federal authorities, and in accordance with the requirements of public utility corporations having jurisdiction over the work. The contractor shall provide proof of and carry insurance for the duration of the Main On-Call Agreement naming the City as additionally insured in case emergency on-call work that requires immediate action is required and provide proof of annual renewal until the end of the Main On-Call Agreement term.

III. RESPONSE FORMAT

Qualified firms interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal that reflects their ability to provide the requested services. All proposals should be clear, concise, and allow the City to efficiently evaluate the qualifications of the submitting firm. All proposals must be submitted electronically and contain the following components:

- 1) A letter of interest signed by the contact representative for the participating firm with the name, physical address, email address and telephone number of the submitting firm with a subject line titled: "On-Call Services for Water Resources Utility Repairs and Excavation Projects".
- 2) If the responding firm has not done utility repair and excavation work for the City of Burlington within the last three (3) years, provide a brief description of the firm's history and examples of relevant experience on a minimum of three (3) similar utility repairs and excavation projects with reference contact information provided for each (including contact name, physical address, email address and phone number). Identify the specific proposed team members who worked on the identified projects.
- 3) Completed Pricing Schedules (for calendar years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026) including prices for each item (Exhibit A):
 - a. Provide a normal and overtime hourly rates for each On-Call Services item. Leave any

- personnel or equipment items not readily available blank. Equipment rentals are not considered readily available but can be included in cost estimates for planned work. Optional – Provide normal and overtime rates for personnel and equipment that are not identified on the Pricing Schedules.
- b. Provide a set rate of mark-up on materials and subcontractors.
 - c. Any extra costs not specifically called out on the rate sheet will not be considered unless approved in advance in writing.
 - d. Any overtime costs may be audited by the City to ensure proper use of overtime charges are being applied to the project.
 - e. No minimum amount of work is implied or guaranteed under this invitation.
 - f. Onsite City representatives will have the authority to direct Contractor to modify size and make-up of responding personnel crew and equipment fleet.

IV. CONTRACTOR SELECTION

During the evaluation process, the City reserves the right, where it may serve the City's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications. The City reserves the exclusive right to select or reject a firm that it deems to be in its best interest to do so. The City will award the project to the most advantageous proposal from a responsible and responsive offeror. No minimum amount of work is implied or guaranteed under this request for proposals. All proposals shall be in full compliance with all applicable requirements of Federal, State and local laws. The City reserves the right to further negotiate the price proposal.

Selection of On-Call Contractors: Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by City staff based on the information provided in the proposal. Additional information may be requested prior to final selection. It is anticipated that a decision will be made within 30 days of the due date.

Selection for Work Assignments: The selected Contractors will generally be utilized on a rotation. However, the City reserves the right to consider responsiveness, unit pricing as well as past performance in determining which Contractor will be contacted first for the opportunity to perform the work. Should the first Contractor contacted be unable or unwilling to perform the needed work, the City will proceed down the list as necessary to meet the needs of the City.

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

- a. **Pre-Proposal Meeting.** None.
- b. **Deadline for Receipt of Proposals.** Proposals must be received by the point of contact no later than **2:00 p.m. on July 7, 2023**. Late replies will not be accepted under any circumstances. Proposals must be submitted by **e-mail** in a common PDF file with pages numbered to:

Mike Schramm, PE
Water Resources Engineer

Department of Public Works - Water Resources Division
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The subject line of the e-mail should state: “On-Call Services for Water Resources Utility Repairs and Excavation Projects”. It is the responsibility of the participating firm to ensure that the point of contact has received a complete proposal by the required deadline. Proposals should be a maximum of ten (10) pages.

- c. **Questions.** Questions and requests for clarification relating to this Request for Proposal may be made to:

Mike Schramm, PE
Water Resources Engineer
Department of Public Works – Water Resources Division
mschramm@burlingtonvt.gov

Only e-mail communications will be accepted. All questions and requests for clarification must be received by **11:00 a.m. on June 29, 2023**. Answers will be posted via addendum online at the RFP site (<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/RFP>).

VI. EXHIBITS

- A. Exhibit A: Pricing Schedules (for calendar year 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026)
- B. Exhibit B: Draft Main On-Call Agreement
- C. Exhibit C: Draft Work Assignment Agreement
- D. Exhibit D: Burlington Standard Contract Conditions
- E. Exhibit E: City of Burlington Livable Wage, Outsourcing and Union Deterrence Ordinances with required Compliance Certificates

Note:

1. Exhibit E Ordinance Compliance Certificates shall be required of the selected firms prior to contract execution and do not need to be provided within proposal.
2. Selected Contractors shall be required to submit insurance certificates in accordance with the requirements within Exhibit D (Burlington Standard Contract Conditions).
3. No bid bond or performance bond will be required.
4. Bid documents include this main body of the request for proposals and all exhibits.

VII. CONTRACTING

The contractor must qualify as an independent contractor and, prior to being awarded a contract, must 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.

Prior to beginning any work, the consultant shall obtain Insurance Coverage in accordance with the Burlington Contract Conditions (Exhibit D in this RFP). The certificate of insurance coverage shall be documented on forms acceptable to the City.

VIII. AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The selected consultant will be required to execute a contract with the City on the terms and conditions required by the City, including but not limited to those in the Burlington Contract Conditions (Exhibit D) and the attached Draft Agreement. 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.

IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

The City assumes no responsibility or liability for the response to this Request for Proposals.

X. 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, including any requests for additional information or interviews. The City will not reimburse any person or entity for any costs incurred prior to the issuance of the contract.

XI. 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.

XII. 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 On-Call Services pricing. 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.

XIII. 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.

XIV. DUTY TO INFORM CITY OF BID DOCUMENT ERRORS

If a responding firm 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 responding firm 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 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.

XVI. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Responding Firms are advised that public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government, 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.

The City may require a public health emergency plan be submitted as part of a project bid. This plan will contain:

- 1) Measures to manage risk and ensure that potential impacts to safety and mobility are mitigated in accordance with health and safety standards and guidelines proposed by local, state, and federal agencies (see Exhibit D - Standard Contract Conditions);
- 2) A schedule for possible updates to the plan in advance of the start of work (see Exhibit D - Standard Contract Conditions); and
- 3) Means to adjust the schedule and sequence of work should the emergency change in nature or duration.

The City will have sole discretion to approve, deny, or require changes to this plan as a condition of consideration of the proposal, will retain the right to inspect all work to ensure compliance with health and safety standards, and may at any time require the contractor to stop work because of the emergency.

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, will be excusable, but will not be compensable.

Item	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	2023 Normal Working Hours Rate	2023 Overtime Rate
2023 Pricing Schedule					
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
2	Hourly rate Project Manager	HR	1	\$	\$
3	Hourly rate Site Supervisor	HR	1	\$	\$
4	Hourly rate Site Foreman	HR	1	\$	\$
5	Hourly rate per Laborer	HR	1	\$	\$
6	Hourly rate Equipment Operator	HR	1	\$	\$
7	Hourly rate per Truck Driver	HR	1	\$	\$
8	Traffic Flagger	HR	1	\$	\$
9	< 2 ton Mini-Excavator	HR	1	\$	\$
10	5 ton Excavator	HR	1	\$	\$
11	10 ton Excavator	HR	1	\$	\$
12	15 ton Excavator	HR	1	\$	\$
13	25 ton Excavator	HR	1	\$	\$
14	Skid Steer	HR	1	\$	\$
15	Track Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
16	1.5 Yard Loader	HR	1	\$	\$
17	3 Yard Loader	HR	1	\$	\$
18	Service Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
19	Pickup Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
20	1 Ton Dump Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
21	Single Axle Dump Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
22	Tandem Dump Truck	HR	1	\$	\$
23	Small Trench Box (i.e. 6' x 8')	HR	1	\$	\$
24	Large Trench Box (i.e. 8' x 16')	HR	1	\$	\$
25	<1/2 ton Plate Compactor	HR	1	\$	\$
26	<2 ton Vibratory Roller	HR	1	\$	\$
27	10 ton Vibratory Roller	HR	1	\$	\$
28	Subcontractor Mark Up	N/A	N/A	_____%	_____%
29	Materials Mark Up	N/A	N/A	_____%	_____%

Item	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	2024 Normal Working Hours Rate	2024 Overtime Rate
2024 Pricing Schedule					
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
2	Hourly rate Project Manager	HR	1	\$	\$
3	Hourly rate Site Supervisor	HR	1	\$	\$
4	Hourly rate Site Foreman	HR	1	\$	\$
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26	<2 ton Vibratory Roller	HR	1	\$	\$
27	10 ton Vibratory Roller	HR	1	\$	\$
28	Subcontractor Mark Up	N/A	N/A	_____%	_____%
29	Materials Mark Up	N/A	N/A	_____%	_____%

Item	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	2025 Normal Working Hours Rate	2025 Overtime Rate
2025 Pricing Schedule					
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
2	Hourly rate Project Manager	HR	1	\$	\$
3	Hourly rate Site Supervisor	HR	1	\$	\$
4	Hourly rate Site Foreman	HR	1	\$	\$
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Item	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	2026 Normal Working Hours Rate	2026 Overtime Rate
2026 Pricing Schedule					
1	Mobilization/Demobilization	LS	1	\$	\$
2	Hourly rate Project Manager	HR	1	\$	\$
3	Hourly rate Site Supervisor	HR	1	\$	\$
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**CITY OF BURLINGTON
MAIN ON-CALL AGREEMENT
FOR [TYPE OF SERVICE] SERVICES**

This Main On-Call Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Burlington (“City”), acting through its [Department], and [Contractor/Consultant’s Full Name] (“[Contractor/Consultant]”), a business authorized to do business in Vermont, with a principal place of business at [Address]. [Contractor/Consultant] and the City agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. DEFINITIONS

- A. **“Effective Date”** means the date on which this Agreement is approved and signed by the City, as shown on the signature page of this Agreement.
- B. **“Party”** means the City or [Contractor/Consultant] and **“Parties”** means both the City and [Contractor/Consultant].
- C. **“Pool [Contractor/Consultant]”** means a [Contractor/Consultant] selected and deemed qualified by the City to perform specified on-call technical assistance and who have executed Main On-Call Agreements with the City.
- D. **“Services”** means the [Types of Services].
- E. **“Public Health Emergency”** means public health emergencies, as declared by the City, the State of Vermont, or the Federal Government.
- D. **“Work”** means the services described in Section 4 of this Agreement (Scope of Work), along with the specifications contained in the Agreement Documents as defined in Section 8 (Attachments and Agreement Documents) below.

2. RECITALS

- A. **Authority.** Authority to enter into this Agreement exists in the City Charter. Required approvals, clearance, and coordination have been accomplished from and within each Party.
- 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. **Background.** The City is in need of qualified [contractors/consultants] to be on-call to perform technical assistance for [Type of Services] services. The City—through a Request for Proposals process—has identified qualified [contractors/consultants] that can provide such services. [Contractor/Consultant] has been identified as one of those qualified consultants. The City will enter into Main On-Call Service Agreements with each such

consultant and request proposals from those consultant for technical assistance in specified areas as needed.

D. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish [Contractor/Consultant] as an on-call [contractor/consultant] eligible for being selected and awarded a Work Assignment Contract to perform necessary technical assistance. This Agreement only establishes the on-call eligibility of the [Contractor/Consultant]. Selection and assignment of specific work shall occur under a Work Assignment Contract as described in this Agreement.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

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/Consultant] 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 [Date].

4. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Designation. [Contractor/Consultant] is hereby designated as a Pool [Contractor/Consultant] eligible for assignment of [Type of Work] work as set forth in Attachment A (Request for Proposals dated [Date]). When a need for [Type of Work] services arises, the City may issue a request to the Consultant for a scope of work, schedule, list of deliverables, and proposed budget in accordance with Attachment E (On-Call Engineering Contract Process). Upon receipt of such request, Consultant shall submit a proposal containing all information requested by the City. If selected by the City, Consultant shall execute a Work Assignment Contract with the City to perform the selected services.

B. Limitation. This Agreement shall not obligate the City to assign work to [Contractor/Consultant], nor shall it obligate the City to limit the procurement of future contractual services for the areas specified in Attachment A (Request for Proposals dated [Date]) to the Pool [Contractors/Consultants].

5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

A. Contract Fee. This Agreement only designates [Contractor/Consultant] as eligible for assignment of [Type of Work] work. The City shall only be liable for payment to [Contractor/Consultant] if [Contractor/Consultant] is selected to perform services and executes a Work Assignment Contract with the City. The terms of payment shall be limited to the Work Assignment Contract and the City shall not be liable for any costs or expenses not included in a properly executed Work Assignment Contract. If the [Contractor/Consultant] is selected to perform the designated work, the City shall pay the

[Contractor/Consultant] at the rates specified in the operative Work Assignment Contract(s). [Contractor/Consultant] agrees to accept these payments as full compensation for performance of all services and expenses under this Agreement. The City shall only execute Work Assignment Contracts for amounts that have been previously appropriated.

B. Maximum Limiting Amount. The total cumulative amount that may be paid to the [Contractor/Consultant] for all services and expenses under any Work Assignment Contract executed pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed the maximum limiting amount of [Amount]. The City shall not be liable to [Contractor/Consultant] for any amount exceeding the maximum limiting amount without duly authorized written approval. If this Agreement is renewed or extended, the Parties shall execute an amendment to this Agreement which identifies the maximum limiting amount for the renewal term.

6. ORDER OF PRECEDENT

In the event of a conflict between an attachment and this Agreement, this Agreement will be controlling. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and a subsequent Work Assignment Contract, this Agreement will be controlling.

7. [RESERVED]

8. ATTACHMENTS & 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 Agreement Documents and are adopted, incorporated by reference, and made part of this Agreement:

- A. Attachment A: Request for Proposals dated [DATE]**
- B. Attachment B: Contractor's Response to Request for Proposals dated [DATE]**
- C. Attachment C: Burlington Contractor Conditions**
- D. Attachment D: List of Qualified [Contractors/Consultants]**
- E. Attachment E: On-Call Engineering Contract Process**
- F. Attachment F*: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification**
 - *Note: Burlington Livable Wage Ordinance Certification must be annually renewed beginning on Effective Date.
- G. Attachment G: Burlington Outsourcing Ordinance Certification**
- H. Attachment H: Burlington Union Deterrence Ordinance Certification**
- I. Attachment I: [Contractor's/Consultant's] Certificate of Insurance**

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SIGNATURE PAGE

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.

The Parties hereto have executed this Main On-Call Agreement

<p>CONSULTANT [Insert Firm Name] [Insert Firm Address]</p> <p>By: _____ Print Name: Title:</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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<p>City of Burlington [Department]</p> <p>By: _____ [Department Head's Name] [Department Head's Title]</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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WORK ASSIGNMENT CONTRACT #_
On-Call [e.g. Professional Engineering] Services
[Title of Project]

This Work Assignment Contract (“Contract”) is entered into by and between the City of Burlington (“City”), acting through its Department of Public Works, and _____ (“Consultant”), a business authorized to do business in Vermont, with a principal place of business at _____. Consultant and the City agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

1. RECITALS

- A. Authority.** Authority to enter into this Contract exists in the City Charter. Required approvals, clearance, and coordination have been accomplished from and within each Party.
- 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 Contract.
- C. Background.** The City and Consultant entered into a Main On-Call Agreement dated _____, which established Consultant as an on-call consultant eligible to be selected and awarded a Work Assignment Contract. Pursuant to that Agreement, Consultant has been selected to perform the services described in this Contract.
- D. Purpose.** The City seeks to employ the Contractor to perform the technical assistance services described in this Contract pursuant to the Agreement. Specifically, [Brief description of project goals, e.g. “to design traffic calming curb on Grants Street.”].

2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- A. Effective Date.** This Contract shall not be valid or enforceable until the Effective Date. The City shall not be bound by any provision of this Contract before the Effective Date, and shall have no obligation to pay Consultant for any performance or expense incurred before the Effective Date or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- B. Term.** This Contract and the Parties respective performance shall commence on the Effective Date and expire on June 30, 2019.

3. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Agreement”** means the Main On-Call Agreement executed between the City and Consultant on _____, which governs this Contract and is attached hereto as Attachment B.
- B. “Effective Date”** means the date on which this Agreement is approved and signed by the City, as shown on the signature page of this Agreement.

C. **“Party”** means the City or Consultant and **“Parties”** means both the City and Consultant.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant shall provide all services set forth in the Scope of Services, attached hereto as Attachment A. In addition to Attachment A, Consultant shall comply with the following conditions:

_____.

5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

A. Contract Fee. The City shall pay Consultant at the rates specified in Attachment B for completion of the services specified in the Scope of Work attached as Attachment A. Consultant agrees to accept this payment as full compensation for performance of all services and expenses (including those of sub-consultants, if any) under this Contract.

B. Maximum Limiting Amount. The total amount that may be paid to the Consultant for all services and expenses (including those of sub-consultants, if any) shall not exceed the maximum limiting amount of \$ _____ without duly authorized written approval by the City.

C. Invoices. Consultant shall submit on copy of each invoice and backup documentation for expenses to the following:

[Contact info]

Consultant shall not be entitled to payment under this Contract without providing an invoice and sufficient backup documentation for expenses.

6. ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are adopted, incorporated by reference, and made part of this Contract.

A. Attachment A: Scope of Work

B. Attachment B: Main On-Call Agreement with attachments (includes Burlington Standard Contract Conditions, Consultant Schedule of Fees, City’s Livable Wage Ordinance Certificate, City’s Outsourcing Ordinance Certificate, City’s Union Deterrence Ordinance Certificate, and Certificate of Insurance)

7. ORDER OF PRECEDENT

In the event of a conflict between an attachment and this Contract, such conflict shall be resolved by reference to the documents in the following order of priority:

1. Attachment B: Main On-Call Agreement with attachments
2. Work Assignment Contract
3. Attachment A: Scope of Work

8. SIGNATURE PAGE

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.

The Parties hereto have executed this Work Assignment Contract

CONSULTANT

By: _____
Name, Title, Signature

Date: _____

**City of Burlington
Department of Public Works**

By: _____
Chapin Spencer
Director of Public Works

Date: _____

EXHIBIT D
BURLINGTON STANDARD CONTRACT CONDITIONS
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS (ATTACHMENT C)

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 subcontractors 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, subcontractors, 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' Protective
3. Products and Completed Operations
4. Personal Injury Liability
5. Medical Expenses

Coverage limits shall not be less than:

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 subcontractors 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. 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.

D. Umbrella Liability:

1. \$1,000,000 Each Event Limit

\$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 subcontractors, if any.

5. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS: A Contractor shall employ only qualified personnel with responsible authority to supervise the work. 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 City employees 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, in the opinion of the City, in the due and proper performance of Contractor's duties, or who neglects or refuses to comply with the requirements of the Contract.

6. **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.
7. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION:** The Contractor shall assume primary responsibility for general supervision of Contractor employees and any subcontractors 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 subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Contract.
8. **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.

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.

- 9. UTILITIES & ACCESS:** 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 and will enter into 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.

The City shall provide the land and/or construction easements for the land upon which the Work under this Contract is to be done, and will, so far as is convenient, permit the Contractor to use as much of the land as is required for the erection of temporary construction facilities and storage of materials, together with the right of access to same, but beyond this, the Contractor shall provide at the Contractor's cost and expense any additional land required.

10. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:

- A. In General:** Contractor shall avoid damage, as a result of its operations, to trees, plant life, existing sidewalks, curbs, streets, alleys, pavements, utilities, adjoining property, the work of other contractors, and the property of the City and others. Contractor shall, at its own expense, repair any damage to any property caused by Contractor's operations.
- B. Underpinning and Shoring:** Contractor shall become familiar with the requirements of local and state laws applicable to underpinning, shoring and other work affecting adjoining property, and wherever required by law Contractor shall shore up, brace, underpin, secure and protect as may be necessary all foundations and other parts of existing structures adjacent to, adjoining, and in the vicinity of the site, which may be affected in any way by the excavations or other operations connected with the work to be performed under this Contract.
- C. Damage to Utilities:** Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to any utility equipment or structures caused by its acts or omissions to act, whether negligent or otherwise, and shall leave the utility equipment or structures in as good condition as they were in prior to the commencement of operations under this contract. However, any utility equipment or structures damaged as a result of any act, or omission to act, of the contractor may, at the option of the city department, utility company, or other party owning or operating the utility equipment or structures damaged, be repaired by the city department, utility company, or other party, and in that event, the cost of repairs shall be borne by Contractor.

- 11. PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Throughout the performance of the Contract, 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 property 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. RESPONSIBILITY OF COST: The Contractor shall furnish and pay the cost, including taxes (except tax-exempt entities) and all applicable fees, of all the necessary materials and shall furnish and pay for full time on-site superintendence during any construction activity, labor, tools, equipment, and transportation. The Contractor shall perform all the Work required for the construction of all items listed and itemized under Attachment A (Request for Proposals) and Attachment B (Contractor's Response to Request for Proposals) and in strict accordance with the Contract Documents and any amendments thereto and any approved supplemental plans and specifications. The Contractor agrees to pay all claims for labor, materials, services and supplies and agrees to allow no such charge, including no mechanic's lien, to be fixed on the property of the City.

15. 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. When applicable, for the type of payment specified in the Contract, a progress report shall summarize actual costs and any earned portion of fixed fee. 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.

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 by 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, 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 encompassed in conformance therewith, the fee specified in the Contract.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. CHANGE ORDERS & AMENDMENTS: No changes or amendments to the Contract shall be effective unless documented in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the City and the Contractor. All changes affecting the Project's construction cost, length of time, or modifications of the terms or conditions of the Contract, must be authorized by means of a written Contract Change Order which is mutually agreed to by the City and Contractor. The Contract Change Order will include extra Work, Work for which quantities have been altered from those shown in the Bid Schedule, as well as decreases or increases in the quantities of installed units from those shown in the Bid Schedule because of final measurements. All changes must be recorded on a Contract Change Order (which form is part of these Contract Documents) and fully executed before they can be included in a partial payment estimate. Changes for Work, quantities, and/or conditions will include any respective time adjustment, if justified. Time adjustments will require an updated Project Schedule with the Change Order.

19. 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. The Contractor may request an extension of time for such delays or hindrances, if any.

Time extensions may 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.

The City may suspend the work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than ninety (90) days at its discretion or such further time as agreed by the Contractor. The Contractor will be allowed an extension of contract time directly attributable to any suspension.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. PAYMENT FOR EXTRA WORK, ADDITIONAL SERVICES OR CHANGES: The City may, in writing, require or agree to changes, or additions to or deletions from the originally contemplated 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, by one or more of the following:

1. Fixed Price. By a price that is not subject to any adjustment on the basis of the Contractor's expenses experienced in performing the work. The Contractor is fully responsible for all costs and resulting profit or loss.
2. Rate Schedule. By unit prices designated in the Contract, or by unit prices covered under any subsequent contracts.
3. Actual Cost. By amounts determined on the basis of actual costs incurred, as distinguished from forecasted expenditures.

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 of all change work, in a form satisfactory to the City. 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.

23. 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.

- 24. 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.
- 25. 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 its sureties from any obligations under the Contract Documents or any performance or payment bond.
- 26. 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 in the course 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.
- 27. PROPRIETARY RIGHTS:** The Parties under the Contract hereby mutually agree that, if patentable discoveries or inventions should result from work performed by the Contractor 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.
- 28. 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.

29. 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 any time 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, subcontractors, 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.

30. WARRANTY: In addition to any warranty provided by the manufacturer or distributor, Contractor guarantees the Work performed, and all materials or equipment furnished, to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of the City's acceptance of completion. The Contractor's warranty is not intended and shall not be interpreted as a limitation upon the City's rights or a waiver of manufacturer and distributor warranties, any subcontractor warranties, or any other warranties provided in connection with the Work.

Contractor, at its own expense, shall make any repairs, or replacement necessary to correct these defects to the satisfaction of the City.

This warranty of material and workmanship applies only:

1. To the property only as long as it remains in the possession of the City.
2. To the Work that has not been subject to accident, misuse, or abuse by someone other than the Contractor.
3. To the Work that has not been modified, altered, defaced, or had repairs made or attempted by someone other than the Contractor.
4. If the Contractor is immediately notified in writing within ten (10) days of first knowledge of the defect by the City.
5. If the Contractor is given the first opportunity to make any repairs, replacements, or corrections to the defective construction at no cost to the City within a reasonable period of time.

Under no circumstances shall Contractor be liable by virtue of this warranty or otherwise for damage to any person or property whatsoever for any special, indirect, secondary or consequential damages of any nature however arising out of the use or inability to use because of the construction defect.

If the Contractor is unable, after receipt of two (2) written notices given to Contractor by the City, to successfully repair or replace the labor, equipment, or materials within six (6) months of the second notice, then the District's repair and replace warranty shall be deemed to have failed and the City's rights and remedies shall not be limited by the provisions of this section.

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 18-20.

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. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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 subcontractor 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).

35. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: The Contractor shall comply with all pertinent provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and any VOSHA (Vermont OSHA) Safety and Health requirements, including the provision and use of appropriate safety equipment and practices.

The Contractor, and not the City, shall be responsible for the safety, efficiency, and adequacy of Contractor's or its subcontractors' plant, appliances, equipment, vehicles, and methods, and for any damages, which may result from their failure or their improper construction, maintenance or operation.

36. 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 subcontractors, 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.

37. 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.

38. 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, 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.

39. INDEMNIFICATION:

A. Indemnification by Contractor: Except for the gross negligence or willful misconduct by 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 consultants), 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 subcontractors 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.

40. 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.

41. 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.

42. TRANSFERS, SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENTS, ETC: 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 subcontractor 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 subcontractor'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 subcontractor 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. 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.

47. 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.

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

49. 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.

50. SEVERABILITY: The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Contract or the Contract 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 Contract in accordance with the intent of this Contract.

51. ENTIRE CONTRACT & AGREEMENT: This Contract, including the Contract Documents, 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.

- 52. APPENDICES:** The City may attach, to these specifications, 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.
- 53. 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.
- 54. 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.

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)

Rights & Responsibilities

Under Burlington's Livable Wage Ordinance

\$16.98/hr

WHEN

employer *provides* employer assisted health insurance

\$18.09/hr

WHEN

employer *does not provide* employer assisted health insurance

and 12 days of paid time off per year*

*prorated for part-time employees

The law requires employers to display this poster where employees can readily see it.

COVERAGE

Any employer who receives City contracts or grants totaling in excess of \$15,000 for any 12-month period is covered. Covered employees are entitled to livable wages, 12 days paid time off per year* for vacation, sick leave, or personal leave, and all rights under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), as well as other applicable state and federal laws.

Covered contractors are required to include all subcontracts notice of the Livable Wage Ordinance (LWO), and are liable for LWO violations committed by their covered subcontractors.

ENFORCEMENT

The City is responsible for the administration of the LWO, and has the authority to recover back wages in instances of violations. Employers found in violation of the LWO may be assessed monetary penalties and be barred from future City contracts and grants. The law prohibits retaliation against workers who file a complaint or participate in any proceeding under the LWO.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To obtain additional information about your rights and responsibilities under the LWO, visit the LWO Landing Page (<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Livable-Wage-Ordinance>) or contact the LWO at their email address (livablewage@burlingtonvt.gov).

Livable Wage July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Effective July 1, 2022

Certification of Agreement to Comply with the City of Burlington’s Livable Wage Ordinance

I, _____, on behalf of _____ (“the Contractor”), in connection with a contract for _____ services to be provided to the City of Burlington (“the City”), hereby certify, under oath, that the Contractor (and any of its subcontractors or subgrantees under this contract) shall comply with the City’s Livable Wage Ordinance (“LWO”), B.C.O. 21-80 et seq., and that:

- (1) The Contractor shall pay all “covered employees” as defined by the LWO (including covered employees of subcontractors or subgrantees) a livable wage (as determined, or adjusted, annually by the City’s chief administrative officer), and shall provide required paid time off for the term of the contract (*or the duration of the contracted project*);
 - (a) Full-time employees are entitled to 12 days of paid time off per year; and
 - (b) Part-time employees are entitled to 12 days of paid time off per year on a prorated basis;
 - (c) For a covered employer that provides employer assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least \$16.98 per hour; and
 - (d) For a covered employer that does not provide employer assisted health care, the livable wage shall be at least \$18.09 per hour.

- (2) The Contractor shall post a notice regarding the applicability of the LWO in the workplace or in other locations where covered employees normally work, and where such notice can be readily seen;

- (3) Upon request of the City’s chief administrative officer, the Contractor, for itself and, as applicable, for any of its subcontractors or subgrantees, shall provide payroll records, health insurance enrollment records, and other relevant documentation, as deemed necessary by the chief administrative officer, within ten (10) business days from receipt of the City’s request;

- (4) The Contractor shall cooperate in any investigation conducted pursuant to the LWO by the City’s designated accountability monitors or the City’s Office of City Attorney & Corporate Counsel;

- (5) The Contractor shall not retaliate, nor allow any of its subcontractors or subgrantees to retaliate, against an employee or other person because such employee or person has exercised rights or is planning to exercise rights protected under the LWO, or has cooperated in an investigation conducted pursuant to the LWO;

- (6) The Contractor is required to insert in all subcontracts the requirements of the LWO. The Contractor is liable for violations of the LWO committed by its covered subcontractors.

Date: _____

By: _____

Contractor, or its duly authorized agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me:

Date: _____

Notary Public

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.

Certification of Compliance with the City of Burlington's Outsourcing Ordinance

I, _____, on behalf of

_____ (Contractor) and in connection with the

_____ [project], hereby certify under oath that (1) Contractor shall comply with the City of Burlington's Outsourcing Ordinance (Ordinance §§ 21-90 – 21-93); (2) as a condition of entering into this contract or grant, Contractor confirms that the services provided under the above-referenced contract will be performed in the United States or Canada.

Dated at _____, Vermont this ____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____
Duly Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me: _____
Notary

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.

Certification of Compliance with the City of Burlington's
Union Deterrence Ordinance

I, _____, on behalf of _____
(Contractor) and in connection with _____ (City
contract/project/grant), hereby certify under oath that _____
(Contractor) has not advised the conduct of any illegal activity, and it does not currently, nor will
it over the life of the contract advertise or provide union deterrence services in violation of the
City's union deterrence ordinance.

Dated at _____, Vermont this ____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____
Duly Authorized Agent