

Attachment B

**DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT FOR UTILITY BILLING SERVICES ("Agreement"), made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by and between the City of Madera ("City") and \_\_\_\_\_, ("Service Provider");

**RECITALS**

A. City desires to retain a qualified firm to provide Utility Billing Services in accordance with the terms of Request for Proposal Utility Billing Services RFP No. 201516-03 ("RFP"). The Service Provider has responded to the Request for Proposals ("RFP") to perform these needed services attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and as indicated in the response to RFP attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein as though fully set forth. The City desires to have the Service Provider perform the work in accordance with the RFP and the response thereto prepared by the Service Provider. The work to be performed in accordance with Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" is hereinafter referred to as "Utility Billing Services."

B. The Service Provider represents to City that it is a firm composed of highly trained professionals and is fully qualified to conduct these services for City as described in their response to RFP and accepted as final.

**AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is agreed by and between the City and the Service Provider as follows:

1. Services. The City hereby employs Service Provider to perform the Utility Billing Services herein set forth at the compensation and upon the terms and conditions herein expressed, and Service Provider hereby agrees to perform such services for said compensation, and upon said terms and conditions City hereby authorizes Service Provider to commence work on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms contained in the RFP and response thereto, the terms set forth in the main body of this Agreement shall govern.

2. Compensation. As compensation for all services of Service Provider in performance of this Agreement, City shall pay Service Provider as described herein. For the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, Service Provider shall be

compensated and reimbursed, in accordance with the schedule of fees set forth in Exhibit "A,"

A. Method of Payment. In any month in which Service Provider wishes to receive payment, Service Provider shall no later than the first working day of such month, submit to City in the form approved by City's Finance Director, an invoice for services rendered prior to the date of the invoice. Payments shall be based on the rates as set forth in Exhibit "B" for authorized services performed. City shall pay Service Provider for all expenses stated thereon, which are approved by City consistent with this Agreement, within thirty (30) days of receipt of Service Provider's invoice.

3. Changes. In the event any change or changes in the Scope of Services/Work is requested by City, the parties hereto shall execute a written amendment to this Agreement, setting forth with particularity all terms of such amendment, including, but not limited to, any additional fees. An amendment may be entered into:

A. To provide for revisions or modifications to documents or other work product or work when documents or other work product or work is required by the enactment or revision of law subsequent to the preparation of any documents, other work product, or work;

B. To provide for additional services not included in this Agreement or not customarily furnished in accordance with generally accepted practice in Service Provider's profession.

Any changes to this Agreement requested by either City or Service Provider may only be effected if mutually agreed upon in writing by duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto. This Agreement shall not be modified or amended or any rights of a party to it waived except by such a writing.

4. Appropriations. This Agreement is subject to and contingent upon funds being appropriated therefore by the City Council of City for each fiscal year covered by the Agreement. If such appropriations are not made, this Agreement shall automatically terminate without penalty to City.

5. Entire Agreement. This Agreement consists of the following documents, in order of precedence, and shall be the entire agreement between parties:

This Agreement

A. City's Request for Proposal \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

B. Service Provider's response to RFP dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 and all attachments thereto, by reference, included herein.

6. Term of Agreement. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Section 12 of

this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for a period commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and ending on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. City and Service Provider may, upon mutual agreement of both parties, extend this Agreement for up to three (3) additional one-year terms.

7. Time for Completion. The time for completion of the services to be performed by Service Provider is an essential condition of this Agreement. Service Provider shall prosecute regularly and diligently the work of this Agreement according to the agreed upon schedule of performance set forth in Exhibit's "A" and "B." Service Provider shall not be accountable for delays in the progress of its work caused by any condition beyond its control and without the fault or negligence of Service Provider. Delays shall not entitle Service Provider to any additional compensation regardless of the party responsible for the delay.

8. Performance Schedule

A. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

B. Schedule of Performance. All services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed pursuant to the agreed upon schedule of performance set forth in Exhibit's "A" and "B." The extension of any time period must be approved in writing by the City's Finance Director.

9. Force Majeure. The time for performance of services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement may be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of Service Provider, including, but not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, acts of the government, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather if Service Provider shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such condition notify the Finance Director who shall thereupon ascertain the facts and the extent of any necessary delay, and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the Finance Director's judgment such delay is justified, and the Finance Director's determination shall be final and conclusive upon the parties to this Agreement.

10. Qualifications of Employees. The City may require dismissal from the work on this contract, employees whom it deems incompetent, careless or otherwise objectionable to the public interest.

11. Notices. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, any notice, submittal or communication required or permitted to be served on a party hereto, may be served by personal delivery to the person or the office of the person identified below. Service may also be made by mail, by placing first class postage affixed thereto, and addressed as indicated below, and depositing said envelope in the United States mail to:

**City of Madera**

Finance Division  
205 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Madera, California 93637  
559-661-5454

**Service Provider**

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12. Termination

A. Termination for Contract Default. If at any time, in the opinion of the City Council, upon recommendation of the Finance Director, 1) Service Provider fails to conform to the requirements of this contract; 2) Service Provider seeks relief under any law for the benefit of insolvents or is adjudicated bankrupt; 3) any legal proceedings are commenced against the Service Provider which may interfere with the performance of the contract; or 4) Service Provider has failed to supply an adequate working force, or material of proper quality, or has failed in any other respect to prosecute the work with the diligence and force specified and intended in and by the terms of the contract, notice thereof in writing may be served upon him; and should he neglect or refuse to provide means for a satisfactory compliance with contract as directed by the Finance Director within fourteen (14) days from the receipt of such notice the City Council in any such case shall have the right and power, at its option and without prejudice to any other right it may have, to terminate the contract. Any excess of the cost arising there from will be charged against the Service Provider and his sureties, who will be liable thereof. In the event of such termination, all monies due the Service Provider or retained under terms of the contract shall be forfeited to the City; but such forfeiture will not release the Service Provider or this sureties from liability for failure to fulfill the contract.

B. Termination for Convenience. City reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to Service Provider, except that where termination is due to the fault of Service Provider and constitutes an immediate danger to health, safety, and general welfare, the period of notice shall be such shorter time as may be determined by the City. Upon receipt of the notice of termination, Service Provider shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved by the Finance Director. Service Provider shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to receipt of the notice of termination and for any services authorized by the Finance Director thereafter. Service Provider may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to City.

13. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Service Provider shall not assign or subcontract the work, or any part thereof, without the previous written consent of the

City, nor shall He assign, by power of attorney or otherwise, any of the money payable under this contract unless written consent of the City has been obtained. No right under this contract, no claim for money due or to become due hereunder shall be asserted against the City, or persons acting for the City, by reason of any so-called assignment of this contract or any part thereof, unless such assignment has been authorized by the written consent of the City. In case the Service Provider is permitted to assign monies due or to become due under this contract, the instrument of assignment shall contain a clause subordinating the claim of the assignee to all prior liens for services rendered or materials supplied for the performance of work.

Should any subservice provider fail to perform in a satisfactory manner the work undertaken by him, his subcontract shall be immediately terminated by the Service Provider upon notice from the City. The Service Provider shall be fully responsible and accountable to the City for the acts and omissions of his subservice providers, and of persons directly or indirectly employed by them, as he is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by him. Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontract and the City.

14. Independent Contractor. Neither City nor any of its employees shall have any control over the manner, mode, or means by which Service Provider, its agents or employees, perform the services required herein, except as otherwise set forth herein. Service Provider shall perform all services required herein as an independent contractor of City and shall not be an employee of City and shall remain at all times as to City a wholly independent contractor with only such obligations as are consistent with that role; however, City shall have the right to review Service Provider's work product, result, and advice. Service Provider shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of City.

15. Indemnification. The Service Provider agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless City and its officers, employees and volunteers from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, costs (including without limitation, costs and fees of litigation) of every nature arising out of or in connection with Service Provider's performance of work hereunder or its failure to comply with any of its obligations contained in the Agreement, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City.

16 Insurance Requirements. During the term of this Agreement, Service Provider shall maintain, keep in force and pay all premiums required to maintain and keep in force liability and property damage insurance. The limits of such policy shall be as required by the City of Madera as set forth in the Request for Proposals ("RFP") to perform these needed services attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as though set forth in full and as indicated in the response to RFP attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

17. Successor and Assigns. City and Service Provider each binds itself, its partners, successors, legal representatives and assigns to the other party to this Agreement and

to the partners, successors, legal representatives and assigns of such other party in respect of all promises and agreements contained herein.

18. Legal Requirements and Permits. The Service Provider agrees to fully comply with all local, City, State and Federal laws, regulations and ordinances governing performance of contractual services required hereunder, and it will be the responsibility of the Service Provider to obtain any and all necessary licenses, permits and/or clearances.

19. Attorney's fees/venue. In the event that any action is brought to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the party found by the court to be in default agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees to the successful party in an amount to be fixed by the Court. The venue for any claim being brought for breach of this Agreement shall be in Madera County.

20. Governing Law. The laws of the State of California shall govern the rights and obligations of the parties under the Agreement, including the interpretation of the Agreement. If any part of the Agreement is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity shall not affect the full force and effect of the remainder of the Agreement.

21. Familiarity with Work. By executing this Agreement, Service Provider warrants that it has carefully considered how the work should be performed and fully understands the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending performance of the work under this Agreement.

22. Records and Reports

A. Reports. Service Provider shall periodically prepare and submit to the Finance Director such reports concerning the performance of the services required by this Agreement as the Finance Director shall require.

B. Records. Service Provider shall keep such books and records as shall be necessary to properly perform the services required by this Agreement and enable the Finance Director to evaluate the performance of such services. The Finance Director shall have full and free access to such books and records at all reasonable times, including the right to inspect, copy, audit, and make records and transcripts from such records.

C. Ownership of Documents. All drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, and other materials prepared by Service Provider in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of City and shall be delivered to City upon request of the Finance Director or upon the termination of this Agreement, and Service Provider shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by City of its full rights or ownership of the documents and materials hereunder. Service Provider may retain copies of

such documents for its own use. Service Provider shall have an unrestricted right to use the concepts embodied therein.

D. Release of Documents. All drawings, specifications, reports, records, documents, and other materials prepared by Service Provider in the performance of services under this Agreement shall not be released publicly without the prior written approval of the Finance Director.

E. Cost Records. Service Provider shall maintain all books, documents, papers, employee time sheets, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred while performing under this Agreement and shall make such materials available at its offices at all reasonable times during the term of this Agreement and for three (3) years from the date of final payment for inspection by City and copies thereof shall be promptly furnished to City upon request.

23. Severability. In the event that any one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this Agreement, which shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder.

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

25. Waiver. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy of a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. No consent or approval of City shall be deemed to waive or render unnecessary City's consent to or approval of any subsequent act of Service Provider. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

26. Rights and Remedies are Cumulative. Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties are cumulative and the exercise by either party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by the other party.

27. Legal Action. In addition to any other rights or remedies, either party may take legal action, in law or in equity, to cure, correct, or remedy any default, to recover damages for any default, to compel specific performance of this Agreement, to obtain injunctive relief, a declaratory judgment, or any other remedy consistent with the purposes of this Agreement.

This agreement and the attachments and exhibits incorporated herein by reference,

represents the entire agreement and understanding between the parties. Any modifications to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties. One or more waivers of any term, condition or covenant by either party shall not be construed as a waiver of any other term, condition or covenant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement at Madera, California, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF MADERA

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert L. Poythress, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
City Attorney

ATTEST:  
City

Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brent Richardson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonia Alvarez