



**HYDROGEOLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES AND  
CONNECT CONSULTING, INC.**

**THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”)**, dated \_\_\_\_\_, is entered into by and between:

**THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida with a business address of **601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025**, hereinafter referred to as "CITY",

and

**CONNECT CONSULTING, INC.**, a For-Profit Corporation, as listed with the Florida Division of Corporations, with a business address of **1210 Emmel Road, Lake Helen, FL 32744**, hereinafter referred to as "CONSULTANT". "CITY" and "CONSULTANT" may be collectively referred to herein as "Parties" and individually as "Party".

**W I T N E S S E T H**

**WHEREAS** the CITY is in need of **hydrogeologic consulting services for Mechanical Integrity Testing (“MIT”)** at CITY’s deep injection wells IW-1 and IW-2; and,

**WHEREAS** these are specialized and intricate areas of expertise requiring specific knowledge and skill; and,

**WHEREAS** CONSULTANT maintains all required licenses necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement; and,

**WHEREAS** CONSULTANT possesses specific knowledge, skills, abilities, experiences, and expertise in the required areas that would particularly benefit CITY; and,

**WHEREAS**, CITY Code of Ordinance **Section 35.18(C)(2)**, entitled “**Professional Services**,” authorizes the CITY to enter into contracts for professional services involving peculiar skill, ability, experience or expertise, which are in their nature unique. Pursuant to Section 35.18(C)(2), the professional services to be provided herein are exempt from the CITY's formal bidding procedures; however, state laws such as the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (“CCNA”) of Florida Statutes, if applicable, shall be followed, and,

**WHEREAS** the services to be provided herein by the CONSULTANT do not include "professional services", as defined by Section 287.055(2)(a), Florida Statutes, the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (the "CCNA"). Therefore, the CCNA does not apply to this engagement; and,



**WHEREAS** CITY desires to engage CONSULTANT to perform the services required herein for the CITY.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the sum of the mutual covenants and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PREAMBLE**

The recitations set forth in the above "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 CONSULTANT hereby agrees to perform the **hydrogeological consulting services for Mechanical Integrity Testing ("MIT") at the CITY's deep injection wells IW-1 and IW-2**, located at the CITY's Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP") at 13955 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027 (the "Property"), as more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. CONSULTANT agrees to do everything required by this Agreement.

2.2 CONSULTANT shall furnish all services, labor, equipment, and materials necessary and as may be required in the performance of this Agreement, except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, and all services required under this Agreement shall be performed in a professional manner.

2.3 CONSULTANT hereby represents to CITY, with full knowledge that CITY is relying upon these representations when entering into this Agreement with CONSULTANT, that CONSULTANT has the professional expertise, experience and manpower to perform the services to be provided by CONSULTANT pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2.4 CONSULTANT assumes professional and technical responsibility for performance of its services to be provided hereunder in accordance with recognized professional and ethical guidelines established by their profession. If within one year following completion of its services, such services fail to meet the aforesaid standards, and the CITY promptly advises CONSULTANT thereof in writing, CONSULTANT agrees to re-perform such deficient services without charge to the CITY.

2.5 CONSULTANT shall schedule regular meetings with the CITY's representatives to discuss the progress of the work as more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"**.

2.6 The relationship between CITY and CONSULTANT created hereunder and the services to be provided by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement are non-exclusive. CITY shall be free to pursue and engage similar relationships with other contractors to perform the same or similar services performed by CONSULTANT hereunder, so long as no other consultant shall be engaged



to perform the specific project(s) assigned to CONSULTANT while CONSULTANT is so engaged without first terminating such assignment. CONSULTANT shall be free to pursue relationships with other parties to perform the same or similar services, whether or not such relationships are for services to be performed within the City of Pembroke Pines, so long as no such relationship shall result in a conflict of interest, ethical or otherwise, with the CITY's interests in the services provided by CONSULTANT hereunder.

2.7 CONSULTANT shall not utilize the services of any sub-consultant without the prior written approval of CITY.

2.8 CONSULTANT shall comply with the applicable provisions of the City of Pembroke Pines Code of Ordinances. CONSULTANT shall require that all sub-consultants comply with the applicable provisions of the City of Pembroke Pines Code of Ordinances.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TERM FOR PERFORMANCE AND TERMINATION**

3.1 CONSULTANT shall perform the services herein required, as more particularly described in **Exhibit "A"** commencing **upon full execution of this Agreement** and completing said services by the deadlines set forth therein and providing the final summary report by or before **July 7, 2026**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONSULTANT also agrees to perform the necessary services and prepare the MIT plans in a diligent manner, and shall submit the MIT plans to CITY for final review within a reasonable time prior to the December 2025, Florida Department of Environmental Protection deadlines for Deep Injection Wells IW-1 and IW-2. As such, both Parties acknowledge time shall be of the essence during performance of Agreement. Minor adjustments to the timetable for completion approved by CITY Manager in advance, in writing, will not constitute non-performance by CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement.

3.2 **Termination for Convenience.** This Agreement may be terminated by CITY for convenience, upon providing seven (7) calendar days of written notice to CONSULTANT for such termination in which event CONSULTANT shall be paid its compensation for services performed before the termination date, including services reasonably related to termination. In the event that the CONSULTANT abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY against any loss pertaining to this termination up to a maximum of the full contracted fee amount. All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, plans, surveys, and reports prepared by CONSULTANT shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to CITY immediately.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT**

4.1 CONSULTANT shall be entitled to invoice CITY monthly for services performed and properly invoiced in accordance with this Agreement. The total compensation amount paid to CONSULTANT for the services herein required shall not exceed **SIXTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$60,837.00)**, which includes an owner's contingency of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00)**.



4.2 **Contingency or Allowance.** Any contingency or allowance amount provided for herein authorizes the CITY to execute change orders up to the amount of the contingency or allowance without the need to obtain additional Commission approval. In addition, CITY shall utilize the contingency or allowance to reimburse CONSULTANT for the related permit, license, impact or inspection fees. Payments will be made to CONSULTANT based on the actual cost of permits upon submission of paid permit receipts. It is hereby understood and agreed that the CONSULTANT shall not expend any dollars in connection with the contingency or allowance without the expressed prior written approval of the CITY's authorized representative. Any contingency or allowance funds that have not been utilized at the end of the project will remain with the CITY; the CONSULTANT shall only be paid for the proposed project cost as approved by the City Commission along with any contingency or allowance expenses that were approved by the CITY's authorized representative. If the permit fees exceed the contingency or allowance CITY will reimburse the CONSULTANT the actual amount of the permit fees required for project completion.

4.3 CITY will make its best efforts to pay CONSULTANT within thirty (30) days of receipt of proper invoice, which invoice must include the total shown to be due. Invoices submitted to the CITY shall include information such as, but not limited to, the date(s) of service, staff classification, the amount of time spent, a description of the service(s), and any other information reasonably required by CITY.

4.4 **Method of Billing and Payment.** All payments shall be governed by the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as set forth in Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes. The CITY shall within thirty (30) calendar days, from the date the CITY approves the Application for Payment, pay the CONSULTANT the amount approved by the Utilities Director or his or her assignees. Payment will be made to CONSULTANT at:

**Connect Consulting, Inc.**  
**Attn.: James L. Andersen, P.G.**  
**1907 Commerce Lane, Suite # 104**  
**Jupiter, FL 32744**

4.5 **Truth-In-Negotiation Certificate.** Signature of this Agreement by CONSULTANT shall act as the execution of a Truth-in-Negotiation Certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums, by which the CITY determines that contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDITIONAL WORK**

5.1 CITY or CONSULTANT may, from time to time, request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Work, as described in **Exhibit "A"**, to be provided under this Agreement subject to the requirements set forth in §287.055, Florida Statutes. Such



changes or additional work must be in accordance with the provisions of the CITY's Code of Ordinances, and must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the Parties hereto, with the same formality, equality and dignity herewith prior to any deviation from the terms of this Agreement, including the initiation of any additional or extra work.

5.2 CONSULTANT shall continue work when seeking a change order unless work has not been authorized herein, or by written amendment or change order, executed by the parties hereto, with the same formality, equality, and dignity herewith. Work to be performed while a seeking change order which has not been described herein or in a separate written agreement shall be performed at the CONSULTANT's own risk. CITY shall not be responsible for any payments requested pursuant to a change order until the change order is approved by the CITY.

5.3 In no event will the CONSULTANT be compensated for any services which have not been described either herein or in a separate written agreement executed by the Parties hereto.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

6.1 The CONSULTANT shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and its officers and employees from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the CITY or its officers and employees, may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the errors, omissions, negligence, recklessness, or intentional wrongful misconduct of CONSULTANT, and other persons employed or utilized by CONSULTANT during performance of this Agreement. The CONSULTANT shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the CITY, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorneys' fees which may issue thereon.

6.2 CONSULTANT's aggregate liability arising from this Agreement shall not exceed the proceeds of insurance required to be placed pursuant to this Agreement, plus the compensation received by CONSULTANT.

6.3 Parties understand and agree that the covenants and representations relating to this indemnification provision shall survive the term of this Agreement and continue in full force and effect as to the party's responsibility to indemnify.

6.4 Nothing contained herein is intended nor shall be construed to waive CITY's rights and immunities under the common law or Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **INSURANCE**

7.1 The CONSULTANT expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the CONSULTANT shall in no way limit



the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the CITY or its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities as herein provided.

7.2 CONSULTANT AND ALL SUBCONSULTANTS, SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO commence work under this AGREEMENT until the CONSULTANT has obtained all insurance required by this Insurance Section, including the purchase of a Policy of Insurance naming the City of Pembroke Pines as an Additional Named Insured, which Insurance Policy and its terms must be agreed to and approved in writing by the Risk Manager for the City of Pembroke Pines , nor shall any SUBCONSULTANT be allowed to commence work under this AGREEMENT until the SUBCONSULTANT complies with the Insurance requirements required by this Insurance Section, including the duty to purchase a Policy of Insurance which names the City of Pembroke Pines as an Additional Named Insured, which Insurance Policy and its terms are agreed to and approved in writing by the Risk Manager for the City of Pembroke Pines.

7.3 Certificates of Insurance, reflecting evidence of the required insurance, shall be filed with the CITY's Risk Manager prior to the commencement of this Agreement. Policies shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida. The insurance company shall be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class VI" as to financial strength according to the latest edition of Best's Insurance Guide published by A.M. Best Company.

7.4 Certificates of Insurance shall provide for thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the CITY in case of cancellation or material changes in the policy limits or coverage states. If the carrier cannot provide thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation, either the CONSULTANT or their Insurance Broker must agree to provide notice.

7.5 Insurance shall be in force until all obligations required to be fulfilled under the terms of the Agreement are satisfactorily completed as evidenced by the formal acceptance by the CITY. In the event the insurance certificate provided indicates that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the period of this Agreement, the CONSULTANT shall furnish, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the date of such insurance, a renewed certificate of insurance as proof that equal and like coverage for the balance of the period of the Agreement and extension thereunder is in effect. The CONSULTANT shall neither commence nor continue to provide any services pursuant to this Agreement unless all required insurance remains in full force and effect. CONSULTANT shall be liable to CITY for any lapses in service resulting from a gap in insurance coverage.

#### 7.6 REQUIRED INSURANCE

CONSULTANT shall be required to obtain all applicable insurance coverage, as indicated below, prior to commencing any work pursuant to this Agreement:

Yes No

✓ ☐ 7.6.1 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance written on an occurrence basis including, but not limited to: coverage for bodily injury and property damage, personal & advertising injury, products & completed operations, and contractual liability. Coverage must be written on an occurrence basis, with limits of liability no less than:





1. Each Occurrence Limit - \$1,000,000
2. Fire Damage Limit (Damage to rented premises) - \$100,000
3. Personal & Advertising Injury Limit - \$1,000,000
4. General Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000
5. Products & Completed Operations Aggregate Limit - \$2,000,000

Aggregate Reduction: CONSULTANT shall advise the CITY in the event any aggregate limits are reduced below the required per-occurrence limit. At its own expense, the CONSULTANT will reinstate the aggregate limits to comply with the minimum requirements and shall furnish the CITY with a new certificate of insurance showing such coverage is in force.

Products & Completed Operations Coverage shall be maintained for the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment under the Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No



7.6.2 Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance covering all employees, and/or volunteers of the CONSULTANT engaged in the performance of the scope of work associated with this Agreement. In the case any work is sublet, the CONSULTANT shall require the subcontractors similarly to provide Workers' Compensation Insurance for all the latter's employees unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the CONSULTANT. Coverage for the CONSULTANT and all subcontractors shall be in accordance with applicable state and/or federal laws that may apply to Workers' Compensation Insurance with limits of liability no less than:

1. Workers' Compensation: Coverage A – Statutory
2. Employers Liability: Coverage B \$500,000 Each Accident  
\$500,000 Disease – Policy Limit  
\$500,000 Disease – Each Employee

If CONSULTANT claims to be exempt from this requirement, CONSULTANT shall provide CITY proof of such exemption for CITY to exempt CONSULTANT.

Yes No



7.6.3 Comprehensive Auto Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement, with a combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage no less than:

1. Any Auto (Symbol 1)  
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
2. Hired Autos (Symbol 8)  
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000
3. Non-Owned Autos (Symbol 9)  
Combined Single Limit (Each Accident) - \$1,000,000



If work under this Agreement includes transportation of hazardous materials, policy shall include pollution liability coverage equivalent to that provided by the latest version of the ISO pollution liability broadened endorsement for auto and the latest version of the ISO Motor Carrier Act endorsement, equivalents or broader language.

Yes No

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7.6.3.1 If CONSULTANT requests reduced limits under a Personal Auto Liability Policy and it is agreed to by the CITY, coverage shall include Bodily Injury limits of \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per occurrence and Property Damage limits of \$300,000 per occurrence.

Yes No

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7.6.4 Umbrella/Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 as determined appropriate by the CITY depending on the type of job and exposures contemplated. Coverage must be follow form of the General Liability, Auto Liability and Employer's Liability. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than the later of three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services or final payment pursuant to this Agreement. **The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. The CITY's additional insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum limits of liability found herein.**

Yes No

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7.6.5 Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance with a limit of liability of no less than \$1,000,000 per wrongful or negligent act. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than three (3) years after the delivery of goods/services final payment pursuant to this Agreement. Retroactive date, if any, to be no later than the first day of service to the CITY.

## 7.7 REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

7.7.1 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as an Additional Insured on each of the Liability Policies required herein.

7.7.2 Waiver of all Rights of Subrogation against the CITY.

7.7.3 Thirty (30) Day Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal to the CITY.

7.7.4 CONSULTANT's policies shall be Primary & Non-Contributory.

7.7.5 All policies shall contain a "severability of interest" or "cross liability" clause without obligation for premium payment of the CITY.

7.7.6 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as a Loss Payee on all Property and/or Inland Marine Policies as their interest may appear.

7.8 Any and all insurance required of the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement must also be required by any subcontractor in the same limits and with all requirements as provided herein, including naming the CITY as an additional insured, in any work that is subcontracted unless such subcontractor is covered by the protection afforded by the CONSULTANT and provided proof of such coverage is provided to CITY. The CONSULTANT and any subcontractors shall maintain such policies during the term of this Agreement.

7.9 The CITY reserves the right to require any other additional types of insurance coverage and/or higher limits of liability it deems necessary based on the nature of work being performed under this Agreement.





7.10 The insurance requirements specified in this Agreement are minimum requirements and in no way reduce any liability the CONSULTANT has assumed in the indemnification/hold harmless section(s) of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT**

During the performance of the Agreement, neither the CONSULTANT nor any subcontractors shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, gender, national origin, sex, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. CONSULTANT will take affirmative action to ensure that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, religion, color, gender, national origin, sex, age, marital status, political affiliation, familial status, sexual orientation, or disability if qualified. Such actions must include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. CONSULTANT shall agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. CONSULTANT further agrees that CONSULTANT will ensure that subcontractors, if any, will be made aware of and will comply with this nondiscrimination clause.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

This Agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the parties. It is the intent of the parties that the CONSULTANT is an independent contractor under this Agreement and not the CITY's employee for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the State Workers' Compensation Act, and the State unemployment insurance law. The CONSULTANT shall retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out CONSULTANT's activities and responsibilities hereunder provided, further that administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONSULTANT, which policies of CONSULTANT shall not conflict with CITY, State, or United States policies, rules or regulations relating to the use of CONSULTANT's funds provided for herein. The CONSULTANT agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the CITY, that it has full opportunity to find other business, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This Agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the CONSULTANT and the CITY and the CITY will not be liable for any obligation incurred by CONSULTANT, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.



## **ARTICLE 10**

### **AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO FUNDING**

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect only as long as the expenditures provided for in the Agreement have been appropriated by the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines in the annual budget for each fiscal year of this Agreement, and is subject to termination based on lack of funding.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES**

11.1 Neither CITY nor CONSULTANT shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance shall be due to Uncontrollable Forces, the effect of which, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the non-performing Party could not avoid. The term "Uncontrollable Forces" shall mean any event which results in the prevention or delay of performance by a Party of its obligations under this Agreement and which is beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming Party. It includes, but is not limited to: fire, flood, earthquakes, storms, lightning, epidemic, pandemic, acts of God, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions.

11.2 Neither Party shall, however, be excused from performance if nonperformance is due to forces, which are preventable, removable, or remediable, and which the nonperforming Party could have, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, prevented, removed, or remedied with reasonable dispatch. The nonperforming Party shall, within a reasonable time of being prevented or delayed from performance by an uncontrollable force, give written notice to the other Party describing the circumstances and uncontrollable forces preventing continued performance of the obligations of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida as now and hereafter in force. The venue for any and all claims or actions arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **SIGNATORY AUTHORITY**

Upon CITY's request, CONSULTANT shall provide CITY with copies of requisite documentation evidencing that the signatory for CONSULTANT has the authority to enter into this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **DEFAULT OF CONTRACT & REMEDIES**

14.1 **Damages.** CITY reserves the right to recover from CONSULTANT, any ascertainable actual damages incurred as a result of the failure of CONSULTANT to perform in accordance with



the requirements of this Agreement, or for losses sustained by CITY resultant from CONSULTANT's failure to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

**14.2 Correction of Work.** If, in the judgment of CITY, the services provided by CONSULTANT do not conform to the requirements of this Agreement, or if the services exhibit poor workmanship, CITY reserves the right to require that CONSULTANT correct all deficiencies in the services to bring the services into conformance without additional cost to CITY, and / or replace any personnel who fail to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. CITY shall be the sole judge of non-conformance and the quality of services.

**14.3 Default of Contract.** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a default and breach of this Agreement by CONSULTANT for which CITY may terminate for cause:

14.3.1 The abandonment of the project by CONSULTANT for a period of more than seven (7) business days.

14.3.2 The abandonment, unnecessary delay, refusal of, or failure to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement or neglect, or refusal to comply with the instructions of the Utilities Director or individual relative thereto.

14.3.3 The failure by CONSULTANT to observe or perform any of the terms, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement to be observed or performed by CONSULTANT, where such failure shall continue for a period of seven (7) calendar days after written notice thereof by CITY to CONSULTANT; provided, however, that if the nature of CONSULTANT's default is such that more than seven (7) calendar days are reasonably required for its cure, then CONSULTANT shall not be deemed to be in default if CONSULTANT commences such cure within said seven (7) calendar day period and thereafter diligently prosecutes such cure to completion.

14.3.4 The assignment and/or transfer of this Agreement or execution or attachment thereon by CONSULTANT or any other Party in a manner not expressly permitted hereunder.

14.3.5 The making by CONSULTANT of any general assignment or general arrangement for the benefit of creditors, or the filing by or against CONSULTANT of a petition to have CONSULTANT adjudged a bankruptcy, or a petition for reorganization or arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy (unless, in the case of a petition filed against CONSULTANT, the same is dismissed within sixty (60) calendar days); or the appointment of a trustee or a receiver to take possession of substantially all of CONSULTANT's assets, or for CONSULTANT's interest in this Agreement, where possession is not restored to CONSULTANT within thirty (30) calendar days; for attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of CONSULTANT's assets, or for CONSULTANT's interest in this Agreement, where such seizure is not discharged within thirty (30) calendar days.



14.4 **Remedies in Default.** In case of default by CONSULTANT, CITY shall notify CONSULTANT, in writing, of such abandonment, delay, refusal, failure, neglect, or default and direct CONSULTANT to comply with all provisions of the Agreement. If the abandonment, delay, refusal, failure, neglect or default is not cured within seven (7) calendar days of when notice was sent by CITY, CITY may declare a default of the Agreement and notify CONSULTANT of such declaration of default and terminate the Agreement.

14.4.1 Upon such declaration of default, all payments remaining due CONSULTANT at the time of default, less all sums due CITY for damages suffered, or expenses incurred by reason of default, shall be due and payable to CONSULTANT.

14.4.2 CITY may complete the Agreement, or any part thereof, either by day labor or re-letting a contract for the same, and procure services necessary for the completion of the Agreement, and charge the cost of same to CONSULTANT with the costs incident thereto to such default.

14.4.3 In the event CITY completes the Agreement at a lesser cost than would have been payable to CONSULTANT under this Agreement, if the same had been fulfilled by CONSULTANT, CITY shall retain such differences. Should such cost to CITY be greater, CONSULTANT shall pay the amount of such excess to the CITY.

14.4.4 Notwithstanding the other provisions in this Article, CITY reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time, whenever the service provided by CONSULTANT fails to meet reasonable standards of the trade after CITY gives written notice to the CONSULTANT of the deficiencies as set forth in the written notice within fourteen calendar (14) calendar days of the receipt by CONSULTANT of such notice from CITY.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **BANKRUPTCY**

It is agreed that if CONSULTANT is adjudged bankrupt, either voluntarily or involuntarily, then this Agreement shall terminate effective on the date and at the time the bankruptcy petition is filed.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

16.1 In the event that a dispute, if any, arises between CITY and CONSULTANT relating to this Agreement, performance or compensation hereunder, CONSULTANT shall continue to render service in full compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement as interpreted by CITY regardless of such dispute. CONSULTANT expressly agrees, in consideration for the execution of this Agreement, that in the event of such a dispute, if any, it will not seek injunctive relief in any court, but will negotiate with CITY for an adjustment on the matter or matters in dispute and, upon failure of said negotiations to resolve the dispute, may present the matter to a court of competent jurisdiction in an appropriate suit therefore instituted by it or by CITY.



16.2 Notwithstanding the other provisions in this Article, CITY reserves the right to terminate the Agreement at any time, whenever the service provided by CONSULTANT fails to meet reasonable standards of the trade after CITY gives written notice to the CONSULTANT of the deficiencies as set forth in the written notice within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt by CONSULTANT of such notice from CITY.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **PUBLIC RECORDS**

17.1 The City of Pembroke Pines is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time. The CONSULTANT shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, the CONSULTANT shall:

17.1.1 Keep and maintain public records required by the CITY to perform the service;

17.1.2 Upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, provide the CITY with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law;

17.1.3 Ensure that public records that are exempt or that are confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and, following completion of the Agreement, CONSULTANT shall destroy all copies of such confidential and exempt records remaining in its possession after the CONSULTANT transfers the records in its possession to the CITY; and

17.1.4 Upon completion of the Agreement, CONSULTANT shall transfer to the CITY, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in CONSULTANT's possession. All records stored electronically by the CONSULTANT must be provided to the CITY, upon request from the CITY's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the CITY.

17.2 The failure of CONSULTANT to comply with the provisions set forth in this Article shall constitute a Default and Breach of this Agreement, for which the CITY may terminate the Agreement in accordance with the terms herein.

**IF THE CONSULTANT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO  
THE CONSULTANT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC**



**RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT  
THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT:**

**CITY CLERK  
601 CITY CENTER WAY, 4th FLOOR  
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33025  
(954) 450-1050  
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**ARTICLE 18  
SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

18.1 CONSULTANT, its principals or owners, certify that they are not listed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List, Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, or is engaged in business operations with Syria. In accordance with Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, as amended, a company is ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with any agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of:

18.1.1 Any amount if, at the time bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or

18.1.2 One million dollars or more if, at the time of bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing such contract, the company:

18.1.2.1 Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, created pursuant to Section 215.473, Florida Statutes; or

18.1.2.2 Is engaged in business operations in Syria.

**ARTICLE 19  
EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY**

19.1 **E-Verify**. CONSULTANT certifies that it is aware of and complies with the requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time and briefly described herein below.

**19.1.1 Definitions for this Section.**

19.1.1.1 “Contractor” means a person or entity that has entered or is attempting to enter into a contract with a public employer to provide labor, supplies, or services to such employer in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.





19.1.1.2 “Contractor” includes, but is not limited to, a vendor or consultant.

19.1.1.3 “Subcontractor” means a person or entity that provides labor, supplies, or services to or for a contractor or another subcontractor in exchange for salary, wages, or other remuneration.

19.1.1.4 “E-Verify system” means an Internet-based system operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security that allows participating employers to electronically verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees.

19.2 **Registration Requirement; Termination.** Pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, effective January 1, 2021, Contractors, shall register with and use the E-verify system in order to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall register for and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System to verify the employment eligibility of:

19.2.1 All persons employed by a Contractor to perform employment duties within Florida during the term of the contract; and

19.2.2 All persons (including subvendors/subconsultants/subcontractors) assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the City of Pembroke Pines. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that registration and use of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify System during the term of the contract is a condition of the contract with the City of Pembroke Pines; and

19.2.3 The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility," as amended from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to registration and utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract. Failure to comply will lead to termination of this Contract, or if a subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the date of termination. Termination of this Contract under this Section is not a breach of contract and may not be considered as such. If this contract is terminated for a violation of the statute by the Contractor, the Contractor may not be awarded a public contract for a period of one (1) year after the date of termination.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

20.1 **Ownership of Documents.** Reports, surveys, plans, studies and other data provided in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of CITY whether or not the project for which they are made is completed. CITY hereby agrees to use CONSULTANT’s work product for its intended purposes. CONSULTANT agrees to transfer all reports, surveys, plans, studies, and



other data related to performance of the services described herein to CITY upon termination of Agreement.

**20.2 Legal Representation.** It is acknowledged that each party to this Agreement had the opportunity to be represented by counsel in the preparation of this Agreement, and accordingly, the rule that a contract shall be interpreted strictly against the party preparing same shall not apply herein due to the joint contributions of both Parties.

**20.3 Records.** CONSULTANT shall keep such records and accounts and require any and all subcontractors to keep records and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries as to personnel hours charged to this engagement, and any expenses for which CONSULTANT expects to be reimbursed. Such books and records will be available at all reasonable times for examination and audit by CITY and shall be kept for a period of ten (10) years after the completion of all work to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. Incomplete or incorrect entries in such books and records will be grounds for disallowance by CITY of any fees or expenses based upon such entries. All records shall be maintained and available for disclosure, as appropriate, in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

**20.4 Assignments; Amendments.** This Agreement, and any interests herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by CONSULTANT without the prior written consent of CITY. For purposes of this Agreement, any change of ownership of CONSULTANT shall constitute an assignment which requires CITY approval. However, this Agreement shall run to the benefit of CITY and its successors and assigns. It is further agreed that no modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

**20.5 No Contingent Fees.** CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of this provision, CITY shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

**20.6 Notice.** Whenever any party desires to give notice unto any other party, it must be given by written notice, sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended and the remaining party, at the places last specified, and the places for giving of notice shall remain such until they shall have been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this section. For the present, CONSULTANT and CITY designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:



*City of Pembroke Pines*

CITY: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager  
City of Pembroke Pines  
601 City Center Way, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025  
Telephone No. (954) 450-1040

Copy To: Samuel S. Goren, City Attorney  
Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.  
3099 East Commercial Boulevard, Suite 200  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308  
Telephone No. (954) 771-4500  
Facsimile No. (954) 771-4923

CONSULTANT: **Connect Consulting, Inc.**  
**1210 Emmel Road,**  
**Lake Helen, FL 32744**

Copy To: **James L. Andersen, P.G.,**  
**Connect Consulting, Inc.**  
**1907 Commerce Ln., Ste. 104,**  
**Jupiter, FL 33458**  
**E-mail: jandersen@cciwater.com**  
**Telephone No: (561) 758-2475**

20.7 **Binding Authority.** Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of either party individually warrants that he or she has full legal power to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party for whom he or she is signing, and to bind and obligate such party with respect to all provisions contained in this Agreement.

20.8 **Headings.** Headings herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered on any interpretation of this Agreement.

20.9 **Exhibits.** Each exhibit referred to in this Agreement forms an essential part of this Agreement. The exhibits if not physically attached should be treated as part of this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.

20.10 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or situation shall to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, and the application of such provisions to persons or situations other than those as to which it shall have been held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and shall continue in full force and effect, and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20.11 **Extent of Agreement and Conflicts.** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between CITY and CONSULTANT and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and **Exhibit “A”**, this Agreement shall govern, then **Exhibit “A”**.



20.12 **Waiver.** Failure of CITY to insist upon strict performance of any provision or condition of this Agreement, or to execute any right therein contained, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of any such provision, condition, or right, but the same shall remain in full force and effect.

20.13 **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event that either party brings suit for enforcement of this Agreement, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and court costs, except as otherwise provided under the indemnification provisions set forth herein above.

20.14 **Protection of CITY Property.** At all times during the performance of this Agreement, CONSULTANT shall protect CITY's property from all damage whatsoever on account of the work being carried on under this Agreement.

20.15 **Counterparts and Execution.** This Agreement may be executed by hand or electronically in multiple originals or counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Parties shall be legally binding, valid and effective upon delivery of the executed documents to the other party through facsimile transmission, email, or other electronic delivery.

20.16 **No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing contained herein is intended nor shall be construed to waive the CITY's rights and immunities under the common law of Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

20.17 **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** The services to be performed by the CONSULTANT are intended solely for the benefit of the CITY. No person or entity not a signatory to this Agreement shall be entitled to rely on the CONSULTANT's performance of its services hereunder, and no right to assert a claim against the CONSULTANT by assignment of indemnity rights or otherwise shall accrue to a third party as a result of this Agreement or the performance of the CONSULTANT's services hereunder.

20.18 **Human Trafficking.** Pursuant to Section 787.06(13), Fla. Stat., nongovernmental agencies contracting with CITY are required to provide an affidavit attesting that the nongovernmental agency does not use coercion for labor or services as defined within Section 787.06, Fla. Stat. By executing this Agreement and submitting the executed required affidavit, the CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it does not use coercion for labor or services as provided by state law.

20.19 **Discriminatory Vendor List.** Pursuant to Section 287.134(2)(a), Fla. Stat., an entity or affiliate, as defined in Section 287.134(1), who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. By executing this Agreement, the CONSULTANT represents and warrants



that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the discriminatory vendor list.

**20.20 Antitrust Violations.** Pursuant to Section 287.137, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, a person or an affiliate who has been placed on the antitrust violator vendor list (electronically published and updated quarterly by the State of Florida) following a conviction or being held civilly liable for an antitrust violation may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for any new contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply for a new contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on new leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a new contract with a public entity; and may not transact new business with a public entity. By entering into this Agreement, CONSULTANT certifies neither it nor its affiliate(s) are on the antitrust violator vendor list at the time of entering this Agreement. False certification under this paragraph or being subsequently added to that list will result in termination of this Agreement, at the option of the CITY consistent with Section 287.137, Florida Statutes, as amended.

**20.21 Public Entity Crimes.** Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a), Fla. Stat., a person or affiliate, as defined in Section 287.1 33(1), Fla. Stat., who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for a period of thirty-six (36) months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. By executing this Agreement, the CONSULTANT represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its affiliates is currently on the convicted vendor list.

**20.22 Compliance with Statutes.** It shall be the CONSULTANT's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all statutes, ordinances, rules, orders, regulations and requirements of all local, City, state, and federal agencies as applicable.

**20.23 Compliance with Foreign Entity Laws.** CONSULTANT ("Entity") hereby attests under penalty of perjury the following:

- 20.23.1 Entity is not owned by the government of a foreign country of concern as defined in Section 287.138, Florida Statutes. (Source: § 287.138(2)(a), Florida Statutes);
- 20.23.2 The government of a foreign country of concern does not have a controlling interest in Entity. (Source: § 287.138(2)(b), Florida Statutes);
- 20.23.3 Entity is not owned or controlled by the government of a foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes. (Source: § 288.007(2), Florida Statutes);
- 20.23.4 Entity is not a partnership, association, corporation, organization, or other combination of persons organized under the laws of or having its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes, or a subsidiary of such entity. (Source: § 288.007(2), Florida Statutes);



- 20.23.5 Entity is not a foreign principal, as defined in Section 692.201, Florida Statutes. (Source: § 692.202(5)(a)(1), Florida Statutes); and,
- 20.23.6 Entity is in compliance with all applicable requirements of Sections 692.202, 692.203, and 692.204, Florida Statutes.

**SIGNATURE PAGE AND  
AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS FOLLOW**





City of Pembroke Pines

**IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING**, the Parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

**CITY:**

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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*Jacob G. Horowitz*

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Print Name: Jacob G. Horowitz

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR ANGELO CASTILLO

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

CHARLES F. DODGE, CITY MANAGER

DEBRA E. ROGERS, CITY CLERK

**CONSULTANT:**

CONNECT CONSULTING, INC.

Signed by:

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

*James L. Andersen*

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Printed Name: James L. Andersen

Title: P. G.

August 7, 2025



**AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS**

In accordance with section 787.06 (13), Florida Statutes, the undersigned, on behalf of the entity listed below (“Entity”), hereby attests under penalty of perjury that:

1. The Affiant is an officer or representative of the Entity entering into an agreement with the City of Pembroke Pines.
2. The Entity does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes, entitled “Human Trafficking”.
3. The Affiant is authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Entity.
4. I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.
5. Pursuant to Sec. 92.525(2), Fla. Stat., under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing affidavit of compliance with Human Trafficking Laws and that the facts stated in it are true.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

DATE: August 7, 2025

ENTITY: **CONNECT CONSULTING, INC.**

SIGNED BY: Signed by:  
James L. Andersen  
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NAME: James L. Andersen

TITLE: P. G.