



## **CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

**THIS IS AN AGREEMENT ("Agreement")**, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **2019**, by and between:

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

and

**USSI, LLC.**, a limited liability company, authorized to do business in the State of Florida, with a business address of **752 Commerce Drive, Suite 15, Venice, FL 34292** (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR"). CITY and CONTRACTOR may hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "Parties".

### **WITNESSETH:**

In consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, covenants and payments hereinafter set forth, CITY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1** **PREAMBLE**

In order to establish the background, context and form of reference for this Agreement, and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective Parties herein, the following statements, representations, and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions which follow, and may be relied upon by the Parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

1.1 The City of Cape Coral, Florida, issued an Invitation to Bid for Sanitary Sewer Collection System and In-Flow Abatement Service and awarded the contract to CONTRACTOR.

1.2 Pursuant to §35.18(C)(5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pembroke Pines, CITY evaluated the procurement process implemented by the City of Cape Coral and determined that it would be preferable to utilize and rely upon the pricing agreed to by and between the City of Cape Coral and CONTRACTOR, as opposed to CITY issuing its own request for proposals based upon the costs associated therewith and the frequency with which the CITY would utilize such services.

1.3 The CITY has determined that utilization of the City of Cape Coral's pricing with CONTRACTOR would be in the best interests of the CITY.

1.4 The CONTRACTOR has agreed to allow the CITY to purchase based on the pricing from the contract existing between them and the City of Cape Coral.



1.5 The City of Cape Coral **is a public agency and** CONTRACTOR's price offered for the commodities and services exactly equals the price offered for the commodities or services from vendor awarded the governmental contract.

1.6 Upon execution of this Agreement, all references made to the City of Cape Coral Invitation to Bid ITB-UT17-29/KR and CONTRACTOR's response thereto, as **Composite Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, shall be interpreted as pertaining to the City of Pembroke Pines, and all terms and conditions of **Exhibit "A"** shall be deemed as having been implemented for use within the City of Pembroke Pines. It is understood that any reference to the City of Cape Coral or City of Cape Coral's designated representative, shall be read as referring to the City of Pembroke Pines and the City of Pembroke Pines' designated representative.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **SERVICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

2.1 CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide the products and perform the services for sanitary sewer collection service on an as-needed basis, and as more particularly described in the Scope of Services outlined in the specifications of the City of Cape Coral's ITB-UT17-29/KR attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "A"**, and CONTRACTOR's proposal, attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Exhibit "B"**. CONTRACTOR agrees to do everything required by this Agreement and the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2.2 CONTRACTOR 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 work performed under this Agreement shall be done in a professional manner.

2.3 CONTRACTOR shall supervise the work force to ensure that all workers conduct themselves and perform their work in a safe and professional manner. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all OSHA safety rules and regulations in the operation of equipment and in the performance of the work. CONTRACTOR shall at all times have a competent field supervisor available to enforce these policies and procedures at the CONTRACTOR's expense.

2.4 CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY with seventy-two (72) hours written notice prior to the beginning of work under this Agreement and prior to any schedule change with the exception of changes caused by inclement weather.

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

2.6 CONTRACTOR hereby represents to CITY that CONTRACTOR is properly licensed by the applicable federal, state, and local agencies to provide the services under this Agreement. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain such licenses during the term of this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR's license is revoked, suspended, or terminated for any reason by any governmental agency, CONTRACTOR shall notify the CITY immediately.



2.7 CONTRACTOR shall comply with any and all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations now in effect, or hereinafter enacted during the term of this Agreement, which are applicable to CONTRACTOR, its employees, agents or subcontractors, if any, with respect to the work and services described herein. A violation of any federal, state, or local law or regulation may be cause for breach, allowing the CITY to terminate this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION**

3.1 The work to be performed under this Agreement shall be commenced upon issuance of the CITY's Notice to Proceed or issuance of the CITY's Work Order and shall be completed within **twenty four (24) months**, subject to any permitted extensions of time under this Agreement and any amendments thereto.

3.2 During the pre-construction portion of the work hereunder, the Parties agree to work diligently and in good faith in performing their obligations hereunder, so that all required permits for the construction portion of the work may be obtained. In the event that any delays in the pre-construction or construction portion of the work occur, despite the diligent efforts of the Parties hereto, and such delays are the result of force majeure or are otherwise outside of the control of either party hereto, then the Parties shall agree on an equitable extension of the time for substantial completion hereunder and any resulting increase in general condition costs.

3.3 In the event that CONTRACTOR abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, it shall indemnify 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, surveys, and reports prepared by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONTRACTOR to CITY.

### **ARTICLE 4**

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

4.1 CITY agrees to compensate CONTRACTOR for all services performed by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and the contract entered into by and between CONTRACTOR and the City of Cape Coral, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit "A"**, for work that has been completed, inspected and properly invoiced. The total compensation for all services shall **NOT EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$447,962.57)** which includes a **ten (10) percent** owner's contingency fee of **FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$40,723.87)**.

4.1.1 This contingency or allowance authorizes the CITY to execute change orders up to the amount of the contingency without the need to obtain additional approval from the CITY Commission. **It is hereby understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR shall not expend any monies in connection with the CITY's contingency or allowance without the expressed prior approval of the CITY's authorized representative.** Any contingency funds or allowance that have



not been utilized at the end of the project will remain with the CITY, the CONTRACTOR shall only be paid for the proposed project cost as approved by the CITY Commission along with any CITY contingency expenses or allowances that were approved by an authorized representative of the CITY.

4.1.2 The total compensation amount may not be exceeded without a written amendment to this Agreement. A retainage of ten percent (10%) will be deducted from monthly payments until fifty percent (50%) of the project is complete. Retainage will be reduced to five percent (5%) thereafter. Retainage monies will be released upon satisfactory completion and final inspection of the work. Invoices must bear the project name, project number, bid number and purchase order number. CITY has up to thirty (30) days to review, approve and pay all invoices after receipt. CONTRACTOR shall invoice CITY and provide a written request to CITY to commence the one (1) year warranty period. All necessary releases and affidavits and approval of final payments shall be processed before the warranty period begins. All payments shall be governed by the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, as set forth in Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

#### 4.2 **Method of Billing and Payment.**

4.2.1 The CITY shall within thirty (30) days, from the date the of approval of the Application for payment by the CITY's Environmental Services Director or his/her designee, pay the CONTRACTOR the amount approved by the CITY's Environmental Services Director or his/her designee.

4.2.2 Payment will be made to CONTRACTOR at:

**USSI, LLC.  
725 Commerce Drive, Suite #15  
Venice, FL 34292**

### **ARTICLE 5 WAIVER OF LIENS**

5.1 Prior to final payment of the contract sum, a final waiver of lien shall be submitted by all suppliers, subcontractors, and/or contractors who worked on the project that is the subject of this Agreement. Payment of the invoice and acceptance of such payment by CONTRACTOR shall release CITY from all claims of liability by CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 6 WARRANTY**

6.1 CONTRACTOR warrants the work against defect for a period of one (1) year from the date of completion of work. In the event that defect occurs during this time, CONTRACTOR shall perform such steps as required to remedy the defects. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any damages caused by defect to affected area or to interior structure. The one (1) year warranty period does not commence until substantial completion of the entire project, and the subsequent release of any performance or payment bonds, which may be required by the original bid document.



## **ARTICLE 7**

### **CHANGES IN SCOPE OF WORK**

7.1 CITY or CONTRACTOR may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services, as described in **Exhibit "A"**, to be provided under this Agreement as described in Article 2 herein. These changes may affect the monthly compensation accordingly. Such changes or additional services 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.

7.2 In no event will the CONTRACTOR be compensated for any work which has not been described either herein or in a separate written agreement executed by the Parties hereto.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **PAYMENT & PERFORMANCE BOND**

8.1 Within fifteen (15) calendar days after Notice of Award and in any event prior to commencing work, the Contractor shall execute and furnish to City a payment and performance bond, each written by a corporate surety, having a resident agent in the State of Florida and having been in business with a record of successful continuous operation for at least five (5) years. The surety shall hold a current certificate of authority from the Secretary of Treasury of the United States as an acceptable surety on federal bonds in accordance with United States Department of Treasury Circular No. 570. If the amount of the Bond exceeds the underwriting limitation set forth in the circular, in order to qualify, the net retention of the surety company shall not exceed the underwriting limitation in the circular and the excess risks must be protected by coinsurance, reinsurance, or other methods, in accordance with Treasury Circular 297, revised September 1, 1978 (31DFR, Section 223.10, Section 223.11). Further, the surety company shall provide City with evidence satisfactory to City, that such excess risk has been protected in an acceptable manner. The surety company shall have at least the following minimum qualification in accordance with the latest edition of A.M. Best's Insurance Guide, published by Alfred M. Best Company, Inc., Ambest Road, Oldwick, New Jersey 08858:

B+ to A+

8.2 Two (2) separate bonds are required and both must be approved by the City. **The penal sum stated in each bond shall be 100% of the contract value.** The performance bond shall be conditioned that the Contractor performs the contract in the time and manner prescribed in the contract. The payment bond shall be conditioned that the Contractor promptly make payments to all persons who supply the Contractor with labor, materials and supplies used directly or indirectly by the Contractor in the prosecution of the work provided for in the Contract and shall provide that the surety shall pay the same in the amount not exceeding the sum provided in such bonds, together with interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; and that they shall indemnify and save harmless the City to the extent of any and all payments in connection with the carrying out of said Contract which the City may be required to make under the law.



Pursuant to the requirements of Section 255.05(1)(a), Florida Statutes, it shall be the duty of the Contractor to record the aforesaid payment and performance bonds in the public records of Broward County, with the Contractor to pay all recording costs.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

9.1 Pursuant to 725.06, Florida Statutes, the Parties agree that one hundred percent (100%) of the total compensation paid to CONTRACTOR for the work under this Agreement shall constitute specific consideration to CONTRACTOR for the indemnification to be provided under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY, its trustees, elected and appointed officers, agents, servants, assigns, employees, consultants, separate contractors, any of their subcontractors, sub-subcontractors, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever, and the resulting losses, damages, costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, including paralegal expenses, liabilities, damages, orders, judgments, or decrees, sustained by the CITY arising out of or resulting from performance of the work or the failure of the CONTRACTOR to take out and maintain insurance as required under this Agreement.

9.2 Upon completion of all services, obligations and duties provided for in this Agreement, or in the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, the terms and conditions of this Article shall survive indefinitely.

9.3 CITY reserves the right to select its own legal counsel to conduct any defense in any such proceeding and all costs and fees associated therewith shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR.

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

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **INSURANCE**

10.1 The CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the CITY and its officers, employees, agents and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorneys' fees and costs of defense, which the CITY or its officers, employees, agents or instrumentalities may incur as a result of any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of actions or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to or resulting from the performance of this Agreement by the CONTRACTOR or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals or subcontractors. The CONTRACTOR 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 attorney's fees which may issue thereon. The CONTRACTOR expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the CONTRACTOR 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.





10.2 CONTRACTOR shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required under this paragraph and such insurance has been approved by the Risk Manager of the CITY nor shall the CONTRACTOR allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until all similar such insurance required of the subcontractor has been obtained and similarly approved.

10.3 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.

10.4 Policies shall be endorsed to provide the CITY thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation or the CONTRACTOR shall obtain written agreement from its Agent to provide the CITY thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation.

10.5 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 of the CITY. In the event the insurance certificate provided indicates that the insurance shall terminate and lapse during the period of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR shall neither commence nor continue to provide any services pursuant to this Agreement unless all required insurance remains in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall be liable to CITY for any lapses in service resulting from a gap in insurance coverage.

#### 10.6 REQUIRED INSURANCE

10.6.1 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
6. Environmental/Pollution Liability - \$1,000,000

Products & Completed Operations Coverage shall be maintained for two (2) years after the final payment under this contract.



**The City of Pembroke Pines must be shown as an additional insured with respect to this coverage. City's Additional Insured status shall extend to any coverage beyond the minimum requirements for limits of liability found herein.**

10.6.2 Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance covering all employees, and/or volunteers of the CONTRACTOR engaged in the performance of the scope of work associated with this Agreement shall be maintained by the CONTRACTOR. In the case any work is sublet, the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR. Coverage for the CONTRACTOR and any 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:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 CONTRACTOR claims to be exempt from this requirement, CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY proof of such exemption along with a written request for CITY to exempt CONTRACTOR, written on CONTRACTOR letterhead.

10.6.3 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

10.6.4 Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions Insurance, when applicable, with a limit of liability no less than \$1,000,000 per wrongful act. This coverage shall be maintained for a period of no less than ten (10) years after final payment of the contract.

## 10.7 REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

10.7.1 The City of Pembroke Pines shall be named as an Additional Insured on each of the General Liability policies required herein

10.7.2 Waiver of all Rights of Subrogation against the CITY

10.7.3 30 Day Notice of Cancellation or Non-Renewal to the CITY

10.7.4 CONTRACTOR's policies shall be Primary & Non-Contributory





10.7.5 All policies shall contain a “severability of interest” or “cross liability” clause without obligation for premium payment of the CITY

10.7.6 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.

10.8 CONTRACTOR shall name the CITY, as an additional insured on each of the General Liability policies required herein and shall hold the CITY, its agents, officers and employees harmless on account of claims for damages to persons, property or premises arising out of the services provided hereunder.

10.9 Any insurance required of the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR and provided proof of such coverage is provided to CITY. The CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors shall maintain such policies during the term of this Agreement.

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

## **ARTICLE 11**

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

11.1 During the performance of the Agreement, neither the CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR 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. CONTRACTOR further agrees that he/she/it will ensure that subcontractors, if any, will be made aware of and will comply with this nondiscrimination clause.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

12.1 This Agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the Parties. It is the intent of the Parties that the CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR shall retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out CONTRACTOR's activities and responsibilities hereunder provided, further that administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONTRACTOR, which policies of CONTRACTOR shall not conflict with CITY, State, H.U.D., or United States policies, rules or regulations relating to the use of CONTRACTOR's funds provided for herein. The CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR and the CITY, and the CITY will not be liable for any obligation incurred by CONTRACTOR, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

### **ARTICLE 13**

### **TERMINATION**

13.1 *Termination for Convenience:* This Agreement may be terminated by the CITY for convenience, upon **seven (7) business days** of written notice by the CITY to the CONTRACTOR for such termination in which event CONTRACTOR shall be paid its compensation for services performed to termination date, including services reasonably related to termination. In the event that CONTRACTOR abandons this Agreement or causes it to be terminated, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify CITY against loss pertaining to this termination.

13.2 *Default by CONTRACTOR:* In addition to all other remedies available to CITY, this Agreement shall be subject to cancellation by CITY for cause, should CONTRACTOR neglect or fail to perform or observe any of the terms, provisions, conditions, or requirements herein contained, if such neglect or failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt by CONTRACTOR of written notice of such neglect or failure.

### **ARTICLE 14**

### **UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES**

14.1 Neither CITY nor CONTRACTOR 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, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, and governmental actions.

14.2 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 15**  
**AGREEMENT SUBJECT TO FUNDING**

15.1 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 16**  
**VENUE**

16.1 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 actions or claims arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be in Broward County, Florida.

**ARTICLE 17**  
**SIGNATORY AUTHORITY**

17.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide CITY with copies of requisite documentation evidencing that the signator for CONTRACTOR has the authority to enter into this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 18**  
**MERGER; AMENDMENT**

18.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between CONTRACTOR and CITY, and negotiations and oral understandings between the Parties are merged herein. This Agreement can be supplemented or amended only by a written document executed by both CONTRACTOR and CITY with the same formality and equal dignity herewith.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**DEFAULT OF CONTRACT & REMEDIES**

19.1.1 **Damages.** CITY reserves the right to recover any ascertainable actual damages incurred as a result of the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, or for losses sustained by CITY resultant from CONTRACTOR's failure to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

19.1.2 **Liquidated Damages.** The Parties recognize that time is of the essence on this Agreement and that the CITY will suffer financial loss if the work is not completed within the time specified herein. The Parties also recognize the delays, expense, and difficulties involved in proving in a legal proceeding the actual loss suffered by the CITY if the work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, the Parties agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty), the CONTRACTOR shall pay the CITY **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** for each calendar day that expires after the time provided for herein for final completion



and full acceptance by the CITY. Furthermore, any and all liquidated damages are cumulative to any other remedy available to the CITY pursuant to applicable law.

**19.1.3 Correction of Work.** If, in the sole discretion of the CITY, work provided by CONTRACTOR does not conform to the requirements of this Agreement, or if the work exhibits poor workmanship, the CITY reserves the right to require that CONTRACTOR correct all deficiencies in the work in order to bring the work 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 workmanship.

**19.2 Default of Contract.** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a default and breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR:

19.2.1. The abandonment of the project that is the subject of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR for a period of more than seven (7) business days.

19.2.2 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 CITY's Environmental Services Director relative thereto.

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

19.2.4. The assignment and/or transfer of this Agreement or execution or attachment thereon by CONTRACTOR or any other party in a manner not expressly permitted hereunder.

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

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



CITY may declare a default of the Agreement and notify CONTRACTOR of such declaration of default and terminate the Agreement.

19.3.1. Upon such declaration of default, all payments remaining due CONTRACTOR 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 CITY.

19.3.2. CITY may complete the Agreement, or any part thereof, either by day labor or re-letting a contract for the same, and procure the equipment and the facilities necessary for the completion of the Agreement, and charge the cost of same to CONTRACTOR and/or the surety together with the costs incident thereto to such default.

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

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

## **ARTICLE 20** **BANKRUPTCY**

20.1 It is agreed that if CONTRACTOR 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 21** **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

21.1 **Arbitration.** In addition to any other remedy provided hereunder, CITY, at its option, may use arbitration to resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement if arbitration is elected by CITY. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or breach thereof, may be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered into by any court having jurisdiction thereof. In the event arbitration is elected by CITY, such controversy or claim shall be submitted to one arbitrator selected from the National Panel of The American Arbitration Association.

### **21.2 Operations During Dispute.**

21.2.1 In the event that a dispute, if any, arises between CITY and CONTRACTOR relating to this Agreement, performance or compensation hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall continue to render



service in full compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement as interpreted by CITY regardless of such dispute.

21.2.2 CONTRACTOR expressly recognizes the paramount right and duty of CITY to provide adequate maintenance of CITY's Property, and further 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.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **PUBLIC RECORDS**

22.1 The City of Pembroke Pines is public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law. Specifically, the CONTRACTOR shall:

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

22.1.2 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, Fla. Stat., or as otherwise provided by law;

22.1.3 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, CONTRACTOR shall destroy all copies of such confidential and exempt records remaining in its possession after the CONTRACTOR transfers the records in its possession to the CITY; and

22.1.4 Upon completion of the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall transfer to the CITY, at no cost to the CITY, all public records in CONTRACTOR's possession. All records stored electronically by the CONTRACTOR 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.

22.2 The failure of CONTRACTOR to comply with the provisions set forth in this Article shall constitute a Default and Breach of this Agreement and the CITY shall enforce the Default in accordance with the provisions set forth in **Article 18**.

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





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

**CITY CLERK  
601 CITY CENTER WAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR  
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33025  
(954) 450-1050  
[mgraham@ppines.com](mailto:mgraham@ppines.com)**

**ARTICLE 23  
MISCELLANEOUS**

23.1 **Ownership of Documents.** Reports, surveys, 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.

23.2 **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.

23.3 **Records.** CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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.

23.4 **Assignments; Amendments.** This Agreement, and any interests herein, shall not be assigned, transferred or otherwise encumbered, under any circumstances, by CONTRACTOR without the prior written consent of CITY. For purposes of this Agreement, any change of ownership of CONTRACTOR shall constitute an assignment which requires CITY approval. However, this Agreement shall run to the benefit of CITY and its successors and assigns.

23.5 **No Contingent Fees.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONTRACTOR 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 CONTRACTOR 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.



23.6 **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, CONTRACTOR and CITY designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

CITY                      Charles F. Dodge, City Manager  
City of Pembroke Pines  
601 City Center Way  
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

CONTRACTOR          USSI, LLC  
Dion Vlasak, Sales Representative  
752 Commerce Drive, Suite #15  
Venice, FL 34292  
Telephone No:            888-645-9570

23.7 **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.

23.8 **Headings.** Headings herein are for the convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.

23.9 **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.

23.10 **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.



23.11 **Extent of Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between CITY and CONTRACTOR and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

23.12 **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 constructed 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.

23.13 **Attorney's 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.

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

23.15 **Counterparts and Execution.** This Agreement may be executed 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.

23.16 **Compliance with Statutes:** It shall be the CONTRACTOR'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.

23.17 **Scrutinized Companies.** CONTRACTOR, 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 the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, or is engaged in business operations with Syria. In accordance with Florida Statute 287.135, 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 if:

23.16.1 Any amount of, 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 s. 215.4725 or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; or

23.16.2 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:

23.16.2.1 Is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List, created pursuant to s. 215.473; or

23.16.2.2 Is engaged in business operations in Syria.



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

ATTEST:

MARLENE D. GRAHAM, CITY CLERK

By: CHARLES F. DODGE, CITY MANAGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

CONTRACTOR:

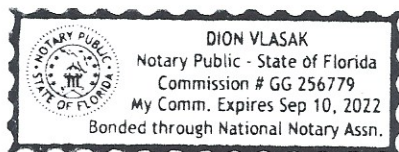
USSI, LLC.

By: Eric McRoberts
Name: Eric McRoberts
Title: Business Development

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Sarasota

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared Eric McRoberts as Business Development of USSI, LLC., a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, and acknowledged execution of the foregoing Agreement as the proper official of USSI, LLC. for the use and purposes mentioned in it and affixed the official seal of the corporation, and that the instrument is the act and deed of that corporation.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, I have set my hand and official seal at in the State and County aforesaid on this 26 day of July, 2019.



Dion Vlasak
NOTARY PUBLIC

Dion Vlasak
(Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped)