CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT

By and Between

CITY OF BELL

and

Lance, Soll & Lunghard LLP
Certified Public Accountants
AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELL AND
LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD LLP

THIS AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT SERVICES (herein “Agreement”) is made and entered into this 23rd day of April, 2014 (“Effective Date”) by and between the City of Bell, a charter city (“City”) and Lance, Soll & Lunghard LLP, Certified Public Accountants (“Contractor”). City and Contractor are sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as “Party” and hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”). (The term Contractor includes professionals performing in a consulting capacity.)

RECITALS

A. City has sought, by issuance of a Request for Proposals or Invitation for Bids, the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement.

B. Contractor, following submission of a proposal or bid for the performance of the services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement, was selected by the City to perform those services.

C. Pursuant to the City of Bell’s Municipal Code, City has authority to enter into and execute this Agreement.

D. The Parties desire to formalize the selection of Contractor for performance of those services defined and described particularly in Article 1 of this Agreement and desire that the terms of that performance be as particularly defined and described herein.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants made by the Parties and contained herein and other consideration, the value and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SERVICES OF CONTRACTOR

1.1 Scope of Services.

In compliance with all terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide those services specified in the “Scope of Services” attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference, which services may be referred to herein as the “services” or “work” hereunder. As a material inducement to the City entering into this Agreement, Contractor represents and warrants that it has the qualifications, experience, and facilities necessary to properly perform the services required under this Agreement in a thorough, competent, and professional manner, and is experienced in performing the work and services contemplated herein. Contractor shall at all times faithfully, competently and to the best of its ability, experience and talent, perform all services described herein. Contractor covenants that it shall follow the highest professional standards in performing the work and services required hereunder and that all materials will be of good quality, fit for the purpose intended. For
purposes of this Agreement, the phrase “highest professional standards” shall mean those standards of practice recognized by one or more first-class firms performing similar work under similar circumstances.

1.2 Contractor’s Proposal.

The Scope of Service shall include the Contractor’s scope of work or bid which shall be incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of such proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

1.3 Compliance with Law.

Contractor shall keep itself informed concerning, and shall render all services hereunder in accordance with all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, and regulations of the City and any Federal, State or local governmental entity having jurisdiction in effect at the time service is rendered.

1.4 Licenses, Permits, Fees and Assessments.

Contractor shall obtain at its sole cost and expense such licenses, permits and approvals as may be required by law for the performance of the services required by this Agreement. Contractor shall have the sole obligation to pay for any fees, assessments and taxes, plus applicable penalties and interest, which may be imposed by law and arise from or are necessary for the Contractor’s performance of the services required by this Agreement, and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, its officers, employees or agents of City, against any such fees, assessments, taxes penalties or interest levied, assessed or imposed against City hereunder.

1.5 Familiarity with Work.

By executing this Agreement, Contractor warrants that Contractor (i) has thoroughly investigated and considered the scope of services to be performed, (ii) has carefully considered how the services should be performed, and (iii) fully understands the facilities, difficulties and restrictions attending performance of the services under this Agreement. If the services involve work upon any site, Contractor warrants that Contractor has or will investigate the site and is or will be fully acquainted with the conditions there existing, prior to commencement of services hereunder. Should the Contractor discover any latent or unknown conditions, which will materially affect the performance of the services hereunder, Contractor shall immediately inform the City of such fact and shall not proceed except at City’s risk until written instructions are received from the Contract Officer.

1.6 Care of Work.

The Contractor shall adopt reasonable methods during the life of the Agreement to furnish continuous protection to the work, and the equipment, materials, papers, documents, plans, studies and/or other components thereof to prevent losses or damages, and shall be responsible for all such damages, to persons or property, until acceptance of the work by City, except such losses or damages as may be caused by City’s own negligence.
1.7 Warranty.

Contractor warrants all Work under the Agreement (which for purposes of this Section shall be deemed to include unauthorized work which has not been removed and any non-conforming materials incorporated into the Work) to be of good quality and free from any defective or faulty material and workmanship. Contractor agrees that for a period of one year (or the period of time specified elsewhere in the Agreement or in any guarantee or warranty provided by any manufacturer or supplier of equipment or materials incorporated into the Work, whichever is later) after the date of final acceptance, Contractor shall within ten (10) days after being notified in writing by the City of any defect in the Work or non-conformance of the Work to the Agreement, commence and prosecute with due diligence all Work necessary to fulfill the terms of the warranty at his sole cost and expense. Contractor shall act sooner as requested by the City in response to an emergency. In addition, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, repair and replace any portions of the Work (or work of other contractors) damaged by its defective Work or which becomes damaged in the course of repairing or replacing defective Work. For any Work so corrected, Contractor's obligation hereunder to correct defective Work shall be reinstated for an additional one year period, commencing with the date of acceptance of such corrected Work. Contractor shall perform such tests as the City may require to verify that any corrective actions, including, without limitation, redesign, repairs, and replacements comply with the requirements of the Agreement. All costs associated with such corrective actions and testing, including the removal, replacement, and reinstallation of equipment and materials necessary to gain access, shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. All warranties and guarantees of subcontractors, suppliers and manufacturers with respect to any portion of the Work, whether express or implied, are deemed to be obtained by Contractor for the benefit of the City, regardless of whether or not such warranties and guarantees have been transferred or assigned to the City by separate agreement and Contractor agrees to enforce such warranties and guarantees, if necessary, on behalf of the City. In the event that Contractor fails to perform its obligations under this Section, or under any other warranty or guaranty under this Agreement, to the reasonable satisfaction of the City, the City shall have the right to correct and replace any defective or non-conforming Work and any work damaged by such work or the replacement or correction thereof at Contractor's sole expense. Contractor shall be obligated to fully reimburse the City for any expenses incurred hereunder upon demand. This provision may be waived in Exhibit "B" if the services hereunder do not include construction of any improvements or the supplying of equipment or materials.

1.8 Prevailing Wages.

Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1600, et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "Public Works" and "Maintenance" projects. If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "Public Works" or "Maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is $1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. City shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its elected officials,
officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

1.9 Further Responsibilities of Parties.

Both parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement. Both parties agree to act in good faith to execute all instruments, prepare all documents and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Unless hereafter specified, neither party shall be responsible for the service of the other.

1.10 Additional Services.

City shall have the right at any time during the performance of the services, without invalidating this Agreement, to order extra work beyond that specified in the Scope of Services or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from said work. No such extra work may be undertaken unless a written order is first given by the Contract Officer to the Contractor, incorporating therein any adjustment in (i) the Contract Sum for actual costs of the extra work, and/or (ii) the time to perform this Agreement, which said adjustments are subject to the written approval of the Contractor. Any increase in compensation of up to ten percent (10%) of the Contract Sum or $25,000, whichever is less; or in the time to perform of up to one hundred eighty (180) days may be approved by the Contract Officer. Any greater increases, taken either separately or cumulatively must be approved by the City Council. It is expressly understood by Contractor that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to services specifically set forth in the Scope of Services or reasonably contemplated therein. Contractor hereby acknowledges that it accepts the risk that the services to be provided pursuant to the Scope of Services may be more costly or time consuming than Contractor anticipates and that Contractor shall not be entitled to additional compensation therefor. City may in its sole and absolute discretion have similar work done by other contractors.

1.11 Special Requirements.

Additional terms and conditions of this Agreement, if any, which are made a part hereof are set forth in the “Special Requirements” attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and incorporated herein by this reference. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of Exhibit “B” and any other provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of Exhibit “B” shall govern.

ARTICLE 2. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.

2.1 Contract Sum.

Subject to any limitations set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay Contractor the amounts specified in the “Schedule of Compensation” attached hereto as Exhibit “C” and incorporated herein by this reference. The total compensation, including reimbursement for actual expenses, shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($249,200) (the “Contract Sum”), unless additional compensation is approved pursuant to Section 1.10.
2.2 **Method of Compensation.**

The method of compensation may include: (i) a lump sum payment upon completion, (ii) payment in accordance with specified tasks or the percentage of completion of the services, (iii) payment for time and materials based upon the Contractor’s rates as specified in the Schedule of Compensation, provided that time estimates are provided for the performance of sub tasks, but not exceeding the Contract Sum or (iv) such other methods as may be specified in the Schedule of Compensation.

2.3 **Reimbursable Expenses.**

Compensation may include reimbursement for actual and necessary expenditures for reproduction costs, telephone expenses, and travel expenses approved by the Contract Officer in advance, or actual subcontractor expenses if an approved subcontractor pursuant to Section 4.5, and only if specified in the Schedule of Compensation. The Contract Sum shall include the attendance of Contractor at all project meetings reasonably deemed necessary by the City. Coordination of the performance of the work with City is a critical component of the services. If Contractor is required to attend additional meetings to facilitate such coordination, Contractor shall not be entitled to any additional compensation for attending said meetings.

2.4 **Invoices.**

Each month Contractor shall furnish to City an original invoice for all work performed and expenses incurred during the preceding month in a form approved by City’s Director of Finance. The invoice shall detail charges for all necessary and actual expenses by the following categories: labor (by sub-category), travel, materials, equipment, supplies, and sub-contractor contracts. Sub-contractor charges shall also be detailed by such categories.

City shall independently review each invoice submitted by the Contractor to determine whether the work performed and expenses incurred are in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. Except as to any charges for work performed or expenses incurred by Contractor which are disputed by City, or as provided in Section 7.3. City will use its best efforts to cause Contractor to be paid within forty-five (45) days of receipt of Contractor’s correct and undisputed invoice. In the event any charges or expenses are disputed by City, the original invoice shall be returned by City to Contractor for correction and resubmission.

2.5 **Waiver.**

Payment to Contractor for work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed to waive any defects in work performed by Contractor.

**ARTICLE 3. PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

3.1 **Time of Essence.**

Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.
3.2 **Schedule of Performance.**

Contractor shall commence the services pursuant to this Agreement upon receipt of a written notice to proceed and shall perform all services within the time period(s) established in the “Schedule of Performance” attached hereto as Exhibit “D” and incorporated herein by this reference. When requested by the Contractor, extensions to the time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance may be approved in writing by the Contract Officer but not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days cumulatively.

3.3 **Force Majeure.**

The time period(s) specified in the Schedule of Performance for performance of the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be extended because of any delays due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including, but not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, unusually severe weather, fires, earthquakes, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, riots, strikes, freight embargoes, wars, litigation, and/or acts of any governmental agency, including the City, if the Contractor shall within ten (10) days of the commencement of such delay notify the Contract Officer in writing of the causes of the delay. The Contract Officer shall ascertain the facts and the extent of delay, and extend the time for performing the services for the period of the enforced delay when and if in the judgment of the Contract Officer such delay is justified. The Contract Officer’s determination shall be final and conclusive upon the parties to this Agreement. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to recover damages against the City for any delay in the performance of this Agreement, however caused, Contractor’s sole remedy being extension of the Agreement pursuant to this Section.

3.4 **Inspection and Final Acceptance.**

City may inspect and accept or reject any of Contractor’s work under this Agreement, either during performance or when completed. City shall reject or finally accept Contractor’s work within forth five (45) days after submitted to City. City shall accept work by a timely written acceptance, otherwise work shall be deemed to have been rejected. City’s acceptance shall be conclusive as to such work except with respect to latent defects, fraud and such gross mistakes as amount to fraud. Acceptance of any work by City shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement including, but not limited to, Articles 1 and 5, pertaining to warranty, and indemnification and insurance, respectively.

3.5 **Term.**

Unless earlier terminated in accordance with Article 7 of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until completion of the services but not exceeding one (1) years from the date hereof, except as otherwise provided in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit “D”).

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ARTICLE 4. COORDINATION OF WORK

4.1 Representatives and Personnel of Contractor.

The following principals of Contractor (Principals) are hereby designated as being the principals and representatives of Contractor authorized to act in its behalf with respect to the work specified herein and make all decisions in connection therewith:

Deborah Harper, CPA                       Partner
(Name)                                      (Title)

Richard Kikuchi, CPA                       Partner
(Name)                                      (Title)

It is expressly understood that the experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of the foregoing principals were a substantial inducement for City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, the foregoing principals shall be responsible during the term of this Agreement for directing all activities of Contractor and devoting sufficient time to personally supervise the services hereunder. All personnel of Contractor, and any authorized agents, shall at all times be under the exclusive direction and control of the Principals. For purposes of this Agreement, the foregoing Principals may not be replaced nor may their responsibilities be substantially reduced by Contractor without the express written approval of City. Additionally, Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to maintain the stability and continuity of Contractor’s staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement. Contractor shall notify City of any changes in Contractor’s staff and subcontractors, if any, assigned to perform the services required under this Agreement, prior to and during any such performance.

4.2 Status of Contractor.

Contractor shall have no authority to bind City in any manner, or to incur any obligation, debt or liability of any kind on behalf of or against City, whether by contract or otherwise, unless such authority is expressly conferred under this Agreement or is otherwise expressly conferred in writing by City. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that Contractor or any of Contractor’s officers, employees, or agents are in any manner officials, officers, employees or agents of City. Neither Contractor, nor any of Contractor’s officers, employees or agents, shall obtain any rights to retirement, health care or any other benefits which may otherwise accrue to City’s employees. Contractor expressly waives any claim Contractor may have to any such rights.

4.3 Contract Officer.

The Contract Officer shall be such person as may be designated by the City Manager. It shall be the Contractor’s responsibility to assure that the Contract Officer is kept informed of the progress of the performance of the services and the Contractor shall refer any decisions which must be made by City to the Contract Officer. Unless otherwise specified herein, any approval of
City required hereunder shall mean the approval of the Contract Officer. The Contract Officer shall have authority, if specified in writing by the City Manager, to sign all documents on behalf of the City required hereunder to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

4.4 Independent Contractor.

Neither the City nor any of its employees shall have any control over the manner, mode or means by which Contractor, its agents or employees, perform the services required herein, except as otherwise set forth herein. City shall have no voice in the selection, discharge, supervision or control of Contractor's employees, servants, representatives or agents, or in fixing their number, compensation or hours of service. Contractor shall perform all services required herein as an independent contractor of City and shall remain at all times as to City a wholly independent contractor with only such obligations as are consistent with that role. Contractor shall not at any time or in any manner represent that it or any of its agents or employees are agents or employees of City. City shall not in any way or for any purpose become or be deemed to be a partner of Contractor in its business or otherwise or a joint venturer or a member of any joint enterprise with Contractor.

4.5 Prohibition Against Subcontracting or Assignment.

The experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of Contractor, its principals and employees were a substantial inducement for the City to enter into this Agreement. Therefore, Contractor shall not contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereunder without the express written approval of the City. In addition, neither this Agreement nor any interest herein may be transferred, assigned, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered voluntarily or by operation of law, whether for the benefit of creditors or otherwise, without the prior written approval of City. Transfers restricted hereunder shall include the transfer to any person or group of persons acting in concert of more than twenty five percent (25%) of the present ownership and/or control of Contractor, taking all transfers into account on a cumulative basis. In the event of any such unapproved transfer, including any bankruptcy proceeding, this Agreement shall be void. No approved transfer shall release the Contractor or any surety of Contractor of any liability hereunder without the express consent of City.

ARTICLE 5. INSURANCE, INDEMNIFICATION AND BONDS

5.1 Insurance Coverages.

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, in a form and content satisfactory to City, during the entire term of this Agreement including any extension thereof, the following policies of insurance which shall cover all elected and appointed officers, employees and agents of City:

(a) Comprehensive General Liability Insurance (Occurrence Form CG0001 or equivalent). A policy of comprehensive general liability insurance written on a per occurrence basis for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. The policy of insurance shall be in an amount not less than $1,000,000.00 per occurrence or if a general aggregate limit is used, then the general aggregate limit shall be twice the occurrence limit.
(b) **Worker’s Compensation Insurance.** A policy of worker’s compensation insurance in such amount as will fully comply with the laws of the State of California and which shall indemnify, insure and provide legal defense for both the Contractor and the City against any loss, claim or damage arising from any injuries or occupational diseases occurring to any worker employed by or any persons retained by the Contractor in the course of carrying out the work or services contemplated in this Agreement.

(c) **Automotive Insurance (Form CA 0001 (Ed 1/87) including “any auto” and endorsement CA 0025 or equivalent).** A policy of comprehensive automobile liability insurance written on a per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage in an amount not less than $1,000,000. Said policy shall include coverage for owned, non-owned, leased and hired cars.

(d) **Professional Liability.** Professional liability insurance appropriate to the Contractor’s profession. This coverage may be written on a “claims made” basis, and must include coverage for contractual liability. The professional liability insurance required by this Agreement must be endorsed to be applicable to claims based upon, arising out of or related to services performed under this Agreement. The insurance must be maintained for at least 5 consecutive years following the completion of Contractor’s services or the termination of this Agreement. During this additional 5-year period, Contractor shall annually and upon request of the City submit written evidence of this continuous coverage.

(e) **Additional Insurance.** Policies of such other insurance, as may be required in the Special Requirements.

5.2 **General Insurance Requirements.**

All of the above policies of insurance shall be primary insurance and shall name the City, its elected and appointed officers, employees and agents as additional insureds and any insurance maintained by City or its officers, employees or agents shall apply in excess of, and not contribute with Contractor’s insurance. The insurer is deemed hereof to waive all rights of subrogation and contribution it may have against the City, its officers, employees and agents and their respective insurers. Moreover, the insurance policy must specify that where the primary insurer does not satisfy the self-insured retention, any additional insured may satisfy the self-insured retention. All of said policies of insurance shall provide that said insurance may not be amended or cancelled by the insurer or any party hereto without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail return receipt requested to the City. In the event any of said policies of insurance are cancelled, the Contractor shall, prior to the cancellation date, submit new evidence of insurance in conformance with Section 5.1 to the Contract Officer. No work or services under this Agreement shall commence until the Contractor has provided the City with Certificates of Insurance or appropriate insurance binders evidencing the above insurance coverages and said Certificates of Insurance or binders are approved by the City. City reserves the right to inspect complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies at any time. Any failure to comply with the reporting or other provisions of the policies including breaches or warranties shall not affect coverage provided to City.

All certificates shall name the City as additional insured (providing the appropriate endorsement) and shall conform to the following “cancellation” notice:

CANCELLATION:
SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATED THEREOF, THE ISSUING COMPANY SHALL MAIL THIRTY (30)-DAY ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTICE TO CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED HEREIN.

[to be initialed]  
Contractor Initials

City, its respective elected and appointed officers, directors, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds as respects: liability arising out of activities Contractor performs; products and completed operations of Contractor; premises owned, occupied or used by Contractor; or automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by Contractor. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, and their respective elected and appointed officers, officials, employees or volunteers. Contractor's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by City. At the option of City, either the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects City or its respective elected or appointed officers, officials, employees and volunteers or the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, defense expenses and claims. The Contractor agrees that the requirement to provide insurance shall not be construed as limiting in any way the extent to which the Contractor may be held responsible for the payment of damages to any persons or property resulting from the Contractor's activities or the activities of any person or persons for which the Contractor is otherwise responsible nor shall it limit the Contractor's indemnification liabilities as provided in Section 5.3.

In the event the Contractor subcontracts any portion of the work in compliance with Section 4.5 of this Agreement, the contract between the Contractor and such subcontractor shall require the subcontractor to maintain the same policies of insurance that the Contractor is required to maintain pursuant to Section 5.1, and such certificates and endorsements shall be provided to City.

5.3 Indemnification.

To the full extent permitted by law, Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents ("Indemnified Parties") against, and will hold and save them and each of them harmless from, any and all actions, either judicial, administrative, arbitration or regulatory claims, damages to persons or property, losses, costs, penalties, obligations, errors, omissions or liabilities whether actual or threatened (herein "claims or liabilities") that may be asserted or claimed by any person, firm or entity arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of the work, operations or activities provided herein of Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or invitees, or any individual or entity for which Contractor is legally liable ("indemnors"), or arising from Contractor's reckless or willful misconduct, or arising from Contractor's or indemnors' negligent performance of or failure to perform any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement, and in connection therewith:
(a) Contractor will defend any action or actions filed in connection with any of said claims or liabilities and will pay all costs and expenses, including legal costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection therewith;

(b) Contractor will promptly pay any judgment rendered against the City, its officers, agents or employees for any such claims or liabilities arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform such work, operations or activities of Contractor hereunder; and Contractor agrees to save and hold the City, its officers, agents, and employees harmless therefrom;

(c) In the event the City, its officers, agents or employees is made a party to any action or proceeding filed or prosecuted against Contractor for such damages or other claims arising out of or in connection with the negligent performance of or failure to perform the work, operation or activities of Contractor hereunder, Contractor agrees to pay to the City, its officers, agents or employees, any and all costs and expenses incurred by the City, its officers, agents or employees in such action or proceeding, including but not limited to, legal costs and attorneys' fees.

Contractor shall incorporate similar, indemnity agreements with its subcontractors and if it fails to do so Contractor shall be fully responsible to indemnify City hereunder therefore, and failure of City to monitor compliance with these provisions shall not be a waiver hereof. This indemnification includes claims or liabilities arising from any negligent or wrongful act, error or omission, or reckless or willful misconduct of Contractor in the performance of professional services hereunder. The provisions of this Section do not apply to claims or liabilities occurring as a result of City's sole negligence or willful acts or omissions, but, to the fullest extent permitted by law, shall apply to claims and liabilities resulting in part from City's negligence, except that design professionals' indemnity hereunder shall be limited to claims and liabilities arising out of the negligence, recklessness or willful misconduct of the design professional. The indemnity obligation shall be binding on successors and assigns of Contractor and shall survive termination of this Agreement.

5.4 Performance Bond.

Concurrently with execution of this Agreement, and if required in Exhibit "B", Contractor shall deliver to City performance bond in the sum of the amount of this Agreement, in the form provided by the City Clerk, which secures the faithful performance of this Agreement. The bond shall contain the original notarized signature of an authorized officer of the surety and affixed thereto shall be a certified and current copy of his power of attorney. The bond shall be unconditional and remain in force during the entire term of the Agreement and shall be null and void only if the Contractor promptly and faithfully performs all terms and conditions of this Agreement.

5.5 Sufficiency of Insurer or Surety.

Insurance or bonds required by this Agreement shall be satisfactory only if issued by companies qualified to do business in California, rated "A" or better in the most recent edition of Best Rating Guide, The Key Rating Guide or in the Federal Register, and only if they are of a financial category Class VII or better, unless such requirements are waived by the Risk Manager of the City ("Risk Manager") due to unique circumstances. If this Agreement continues for more
than 3 years duration, or in the event the risk manager determines that the work or services to be performed under this Agreement creates an increased or decreased risk of loss to the City, the Contractor agrees that the minimum limits of the insurance policies and the performance bond required by Section 5.4 may be changed accordingly upon receipt of written notice from the Risk Manager; provided that the Contractor shall have the right to appeal a determination of increased coverage by the Risk Manager to the City Council of City within 10 days of receipt of notice from the Risk Manager.

**ARTICLE 6. RECORDS, REPORTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

6.1 **Records.**

Contractor shall keep, and require subcontractors to keep, such ledgers books of accounts, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, reports, studies or other documents relating to the disbursements charged to City and services performed hereunder (the "books and records"), as shall be necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement and enable the Contract Officer to evaluate the performance of such services. Any and all such documents shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be complete and detailed. The Contract Officer shall have full and free access to such books and records at all times during normal business hours of City, including the right to inspect, copy, audit and make records and transcripts from such records. Such records shall be maintained for a period of 3 years following completion of the services hereunder, and the City shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required. In the event of dissolution of Contractor’s business, custody of the books and records may be given to City, and access shall be provided by Contractor’s successor in interest.

6.2 **Reports.**

Contractor shall periodically prepare and submit to the Contract Officer such reports concerning the performance of the services required by this Agreement as the Contract Officer shall require. Contractor hereby acknowledges that the City is greatly concerned about the cost of work and services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement. For this reason, Contractor agrees that if Contractor becomes aware of any facts, circumstances, techniques, or events that may or will materially increase or decrease the cost of the work or services contemplated herein or, if Contractor is providing design services, the cost of the project being designed, Contractor shall promptly notify the Contract Officer of said fact, circumstance, technique or event and the estimated increased or decreased cost related thereto and, if Contractor is providing design services, the estimated increased or decreased cost estimate for the project being designed.

6.3 **Ownership of Documents.**

All drawings, specifications, maps, designs, photographs, studies, surveys, data, notes, computer files, reports, records, documents and other materials (the "documents and materials") prepared by Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents in the performance of this Agreement shall be the property of City and shall be delivered to City upon request of the Contract Officer or upon the termination of this Agreement, and Contractor shall have no claim for further employment or additional compensation as a result of the exercise by City of its full rights of ownership use, reuse, or assignment of the documents and materials hereunder. Any use, reuse or assignment of such completed documents for other projects and/or use of
uncompleted documents without specific written authorization by the Contractor will be at the City’s sole risk and without liability to Contractor, and Contractor’s guarantee and warranties shall not extend to such use, reuse or assignment. Contractor may retain copies of such documents for its own use. Contractor shall have the right to use the concepts embodied therein. All subcontractors shall provide for assignment to City of any documents or materials prepared by them, and in the event Contractor fails to secure such assignment, Contractor shall indemnify City for all damages resulting therefrom.

6.4 Confidentiality and Release of Information.

(a) All information gained or work product produced by Contractor in performance of this Agreement shall be considered confidential, unless such information is in the public domain or already known to Contractor. Contractor shall not release or disclose any such information or work product to persons or entities other than City without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer.

(b) Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors, shall not, without prior written authorization from the Contract Officer or unless requested by the City Attorney, voluntarily provide documents, declarations, letters of support, testimony at depositions, response to interrogatories or other information concerning the work performed under this Agreement. Response to a subpoena or court order shall not be considered "voluntary" provided Contractor gives City notice of such court order or subpoena.

(c) If Contractor, or any officer, employee, agent or subcontractor of Contractor, provides any information or work product in violation of this Agreement, then City shall have the right to reimbursement and indemnity from Contractor for any damages, costs and fees, including attorneys fees, caused by or incurred as a result of Contractor’s conduct.

(d) Contractor shall promptly notify City should Contractor, its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors be served with any summons, complaint, subpoena, notice of deposition, request for documents, interrogatories, request for admissions or other discovery request, court order or subpoena from any party regarding this Agreement and the work performed there under. City retains the right, but has no obligation, to represent Contractor or be present at any deposition, hearing or similar proceeding. Contractor agrees to cooperate fully with City and to provide City with the opportunity to review any response to discovery requests provided by Contractor. However, this right to review any such response does not imply or mean the right by City to control, direct, or rewrite said response.

ARTICLE 7. ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION

7.1 California Law.

This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and governed both as to validity and to performance of the parties in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Legal actions concerning any dispute, claim or matter arising out of or in relation to this Agreement shall be instituted in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, or any other appropriate court in such county, and Contractor covenants and agrees to submit to the personal jurisdiction of such court in the event of such action. In the event of litigation in a U.S. District Court, venue shall lie exclusively in the Central District of California, in Los Angeles.
7.2 Disputes: Default.

In the event that Contractor is in default under the terms of this Agreement, the City shall not have any obligation or duty to continue compensating Contractor for any work performed after the date of default. Instead, the City may give notice to Contractor of the default and the reasons for the default. The notice shall include the timeframe in which Contractor may cure the default. This timeframe is presumptively thirty (30) days, but may be extended, though not reduced, if circumstances warrant. During the period of time that Contractor is in default, the City shall hold all invoices and shall, when the default is cured, proceed with payment on the invoices. In the alternative, the City may, in its sole discretion, elect to pay some or all of the outstanding invoices during the period of default. If Contractor does not cure the default, the City may take necessary steps to terminate this Agreement under this Article. Any failure on the part of the City to give notice of the Contractor’s default shall not be deemed to result in a waiver of the City’s legal rights or any rights arising out of any provision of this Agreement.

7.3 Retention of Funds.

Contractor hereby authorizes City to deduct from any amount payable to Contractor (whether or not arising out of this Agreement) (i) any amounts the payment of which may be in dispute hereunder or which are necessary to compensate City for any losses, costs, liabilities, or damages suffered by City, and (ii) all amounts for which City may be liable to third parties, by reason of Contractor’s acts or omissions in performing or failing to perform Contractor’s obligation under this Agreement. In the event that any claim is made by a third party, the amount or validity of which is disputed by Contractor, or any indebtedness shall exist which shall appear to be the basis for a claim of lien, City may withhold from any payment due, without liability for interest because of such withholding, an amount sufficient to cover such claim. The failure of City to exercise such right to deduct or to withhold shall not, however, affect the obligations of the Contractor to insure, indemnify, and protect City as elsewhere provided herein.

7.4 Waiver.

Waiver by any party to this Agreement of any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other term, condition, or covenant. Waiver by any party of any breach of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision or a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement. Acceptance by City of any work or services by Contractor shall not constitute a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement. No delay or omission in the exercise of any right or remedy by a non-defaulting party on any default shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Any waiver by either party of any default must be in writing and shall not be a waiver of any other default concerning the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

7.5 Rights and Remedies are Cumulative.

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

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

7.7 **Liquidated Damages.**

Since the determination of actual damages for any delay in performance of this Agreement would be extremely difficult or impractical to determine in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the Contractor and its sureties shall be liable for and shall pay to the City the sum of ____________________(_____) as liquidated damages for each working day of delay in the performance of any service required hereunder, as specified in the Schedule of Performance (Exhibit “D”). The City may withhold from any monies payable on account of services performed by the Contractor any accrued liquidated damages. (*See Exhibit “E”*)

7.8 **Termination Prior to Expiration of Term.**

This Section shall govern any termination of this Contract except as specifically provided in the following Section for termination for cause. The City reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days’ written notice to Contractor, except that where termination is due to the fault of the Contractor, the period of notice may be such shorter time as may be determined by the Contract Officer. In addition, the Contractor reserves the right to terminate this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days’ written notice to City, except that where termination is due to the fault of the City, the period of notice may be such shorter time as the Contractor may determine. Upon receipt of any notice of termination, Contractor shall immediately cease all services hereunder except such as may be specifically approved by the Contract Officer. Except where the Contractor has initiated termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all services rendered prior to the effective date of the notice of termination and for any services authorized by the Contract Officer thereafter in accordance with the Schedule of Compensation or such as may be approved by the Contract Officer, except as provided in Section 7.3. In the event the Contractor has initiated termination, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation only for the reasonable value of the work product actually produced hereunder. In the event of termination without cause pursuant to this Section, the terminating party need not provide the non-terminating party with the opportunity to cure pursuant to Section 7.2.

7.9 **Termination for Default of Contractor.**

If termination is due to the failure of the Contractor to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, City may, after compliance with the provisions of Section 7.2, take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable to the extent that the total cost for completion of the services required hereunder exceeds the compensation herein stipulated (provided that the City shall use reasonable efforts to mitigate such damages), and City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of set-off or partial payment of the amounts owed the City as previously stated.
7.10 **Attorneys’ Fees.**

If either party to this Agreement is required to initiate or defend or made a party to any action or proceeding in any way connected with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief which may be granted, whether legal or equitable, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney’s fees. Attorney’s fees shall include attorney’s fees on any appeal, and in addition a party entitled to attorney’s fees shall be entitled to all other reasonable costs for investigating such action, taking depositions and discovery and all other necessary costs the court allows which are incurred in such litigation. All such fees shall be deemed to have accrued on commencement of such action and shall be enforceable whether or not such action is prosecuted to judgment.

**ARTICLE 8. CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

8.1 **Non-liability of City Officers and Employees.**

No officer or employee of the City shall be personally liable to the Contractor, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by the City or for any amount which may become due to the Contractor or to its successor, or for breach of any obligation of the terms of this Agreement.

8.2 **Conflict of Interest.**

Contractor covenants that neither it, nor any officer or principal of its firm, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, which would conflict in any manner with the interests of City or which would in any way hinder Contractor’s performance of services under this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by it as an officer, employee, agent or subcontractor without the express written consent of the Contract Officer. Contractor agrees to at all times avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of any conflicts of interest with the interests of City in the performance of this Agreement.

No officer or employee of the City shall have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement nor shall any such officer or employee participate in any decision relating to the Agreement which effects his financial interest or the financial interest of any corporation, partnership or association in which he is, directly or indirectly, interested, in violation of any State statute or regulation. The Contractor warrants that it has not paid or given and will not pay or give any third party any money or other consideration for obtaining this Agreement.

8.3 **Covenant Against Discrimination.**

Contractor covenants that, by and for itself, its heirs, executors, assigns, and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, or ancestry in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry.

8.4 **Unauthorized Aliens.**
Contractor hereby promises and agrees to comply with all of the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C.A. §§ 1101, et seq., as amended, and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Contractor so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of work and/or services covered by this Agreement, and should the any liability or sanctions be imposed against City for such use of unauthorized aliens, Contractor hereby agrees to and shall reimburse City for the cost of all such liabilities or sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys’ fees, incurred by City.

ARTICLE 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Notices.

Any notice, demand, request, document, consent, approval, or communication either party desires or is required to give to the other party or any other person shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by prepaid, first-class mail, in the case of the City, to the City Manager and to the attention of the Contract Officer, CITY OF BELL, 6330 Pine Avenue, Bell, CA 90201 and in the case of the Contractor, to the person at the address designated on the execution page of this Agreement. Either party may change its address by notifying the other party of the change of address in writing. Notice shall be deemed communicated at the time personally delivered or in seventy-two (72) hours from the time of mailing if mailed as provided in this Section.

9.2 Interpretation.

The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this Agreement or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

9.3 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

9.4 Integration; Amendment.

This Agreement including the attachments hereto is the entire, complete and exclusive expression of the understanding of the parties. It is understood that there are no oral agreements between the parties hereto affecting this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all previous negotiations, arrangements, agreements and understandings, if any, between the parties, and none shall be used to interpret this Agreement. No amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and approved by the Contractor and by the City Council. The parties agree that this requirement for written modifications cannot be waived and that any attempted waiver shall be void.

9.5 Severability.

In the event that any one or more of the phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections contained in this Agreement shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a valid judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, sentences, clauses, paragraphs, or sections of this
Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties hereunder unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either party of the basic benefit of their bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.

9.6 Corporate Authority.

The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that (i) such party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party, (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement, and (iv) the entering into this Agreement does not violate any provision of any other Agreement to which said party is bound. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date and year first-above written.

ATTEST:

Janet Martinez, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ALESHERE & WYNDER, LLP

David J. Aleshire, City Attorney

CITY:

CITY OF BELL, a charter city

Nestor Enrique Valencia 5/13/2014

Violeta Alvarez, Mayor

CONTRACTOR:

LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD LLP

By: Debbie Harper

Name: Deborah Harper, CPA

Title: Partner

By:

Name: Richard Kikuchi, CPA

Title: Concurring Partner

Address: 203 N. Brea Blvd. 203

Brea, Ca 92821

Two signatures are required if a corporation.

NOTE: CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURES SHALL BE DULY NOTARIZED, AND APPROPRIATE ATTESTATIONS SHALL BE INCLUDED AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BYLAWS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTOR'S BUSINESS ENTITY.
CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On [May 1, 2014] before me, [Augustina M. Burrows], Notary Public, personally appeared [Deborah Harper], who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal:

Signature: [Augustina M. Burrows]

[Seal]

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☒ PARTNER(S) ☐ LIMITED
☐ GENERAL
☐ ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
☐ TRUSTEE(S)
☐ GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR
☐ OTHER

DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED DOCUMENT

[Contract Services Agreement]

TITLE OR TYPE OF DOCUMENT

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DATE OF DOCUMENT

SIGNER IS REPRESENTING:
(NAME OF PERSON(S) OR ENTITY(IES))

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Violeta Alvarrez
SIGNER(S) OTHER THAN NAMED ABOVE
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On __________, 2014 before me, ____________________, personally appeared ____________________, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose names(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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EXHIBIT "A"

SCOPE OF SERVICES

I. Contractor will perform the following Services on an annual basis for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2016 as follows:

A. Perform a financial audit of the Basic Financial Statements of the City of Bell ("City Audit"). Contractor will be responsible for preparing this report. The City Audit would express an opinion as to whether the financial statements and related notes in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (2011 revision). In addition, Contractor will apply limited audit procedures to the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and required supplementary information pertaining to the General Fund and each major fund of the City. Contractor will issue an in-relation to opinion on the supporting schedules based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the basic financial statements of the City of Bell. The City Audit will include the following:

1. Opinions on the basic financial statements accompanied by required supplementary information and other information for the City of Bell.

2. Basic Financial Statements, which include the government-wide financials, Major fund level financial statements, related footnotes to the financial statements, required supplementary information, and additional supplementary schedules, such as budgetary schedules and non-major financial statements.

3. Audit Communication Letter during planning and post audit, in accordance with Statement Auditing Standards 114.

4. Report on internal control over financial report and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

5. The City Audit will include a financial audit of the Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency which is presented as a private purpose trust fund in the fiduciary statements. The audit of the Successor Agency will be done in conjunction with the City financial statements presentation, but the cost associated with this audit will be identified as a separate line item of "Successor Agency of the former Redevelopment Agency" for proper support of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS). A separate report does not need to be issued.
B. Perform a Single Audit (if required under OMB Circular A-133) of all federal grants expended by the City of Bell in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, which will include the Independent Audit Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Independent Audit Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133. The Single Audit Report will include the following:

1. Report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

2. Report on compliance for each federal program; Report on internal control over compliance; and report on schedule of expenditures of federal awards required by OMB Circular A-133.


5. Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for current year and prior year.

6. Corrective Action plan, if needed, with City assistance.

7. A Single Audit reporting package with submission and mailing instructions for the federal clearing house, state controller's office, and other pass-through entities.

8. Contractor will prepare and submit the data collection form with the federal clearing house and upload the single audit reporting package prior to City certification.

C. Perform agreed upon procedures (AUP) and issue a report on the calculation of the City's Appropriations Limit (GANN), as required by the California Constitution. The AUP are the procedures performed by the auditor which are agreed to by City.

D. Perform agreed upon procedures (AUP) and issue a report on the treasure's activities and compliance with the City's Investment Policy. The AUP are the procedures performed by the auditor which are agreed to by City.

E. Perform a review and make recommendations for improvements in internal controls, accounting procedures and other significant observations that are considered to be non-reportable conditions. Based on the result of the review,
Contractor will issue a formal "management letter" addressed to the City Manager.

F. Contractor will prepare the Annual State Controller's Reports for the City of Bell.

II. Based on a review of prior year financials, the City's budget and related material, programs, and other management information, Contractor has developed and identified the following major considerations which would be part of the audit approach:

A. **Proposed Segmentation of Engagement:** utilize a customized governmental audit program tailored to the City of Bell's operations. The tailoring is necessary to accommodate specific circumstances regarding the City of Bell and to recognize differences and unique characteristics among other Cities. The audit programs are organized using the financial statement (balance sheet) category approach. This approach along with risk based auditing takes full advantage of Contractor's accumulated experience. The primary benefit is that the risk of omitting important procedures is substantially reduced. Contractor believes this approach tends to be the most effective and efficient for an entity such as the City of Bell. In a customized program, the audit procedures are listed in the most logical sequence, and that improves efficiency. In addition, Contractor will provide a custom prepared by client (PBC) listing in the same sequence. This allows the City to logically prepare their support schedules in the same format. All working papers and reports will be retained at Contractor's sole expense for a minimum of seven (7) years, unless notified by the City of the need to extend this retention period.

B. **Sample Size and Extent of Statistical Sampling:** for the purpose of tests of controls, Contractor may use audit sampling. Tests of controls are procedures directed towards determining the effectiveness of the design or operation of an internal structure policy or procedures. Normally, audit sampling is used for tests of controls that involve inspection of documents and reports indicating performance of the policy or procedures and, in many cases, re-performance of the application of the policy or procedures. These sampling procedures test the operating effectiveness of an internal control structure policy or procedures by determining how the policy or procedure was applied, the consistency with which it was applied during the audit period. To achieve this goal, Contractor assess the risk of fraud, significant audit areas, and internal control weaknesses to direct the needs for sampling of a specific audit area. City's strengths and weaknesses will determine the sample size. Statistical sampling is used during the single audit for testing of internal control over compliance of each major program.

C. **Extent of EDP Software and Information Technology in the Engagement:** Contractor performs paperless audits utilizing Caseware Auditing Software and IDEA Software (for Data Extraction). Contractor extensively uses notebook
computers in the field, with spreadsheet software, for financial statement preparation and analytical procedures. Contractor’s traditional approach is to "audit around" the computer, which means that Contractor verifies output by agreeing it, through audit tests, with corresponding source input transactions. Contractor does not use audit software that runs through the City's computer system. Computer controls and processes are documented in Contractor’s memoranda and questionnaires. Contractor will consider whether specialized skills are needed to consider the effect of computer processing on the audit, to understand the internal control structure policies and procedures or to design and perform audit procedures. Contractor will consider the complexity of the computer system and assess whether Contractor can identify the types of misstatements that might occur.

D. Analytical Procedures: Contractor uses analytical procedures throughout the audit testing. Analytical procedures, such as current year to prior year and budget to actual, allow Contractor to easily identify any unusual items or inconsistencies in City’s financial reporting. Analytical procedures are also used as an overall review of the financial information in the preliminary and final stages of the audit. These procedures are designed to assist in planning the audit and in assessing the propriety of the conclusions reached and in the evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation. The procedures to be utilized consist of determining percentage increases and decreases between significant revenue, expenditure and balance sheet accounts, reading the financial statements and related notes, and Contractor focuses on overall relationships within the financial statements. Once determined, these are reviewed to determine if the changes appear reasonable or require further analysis. For all significant differences, explanations are obtained as to why the situation occurred and additional substantive procedures may be applied and related evidence gathered to resolve concerns and questions.

E. Approach to Understanding City's Internal Control Structure: To gain an understanding of the City's internal control structure, Contractor will perform procedures as required by the Auditing Standards, primarily SAS 104-111. This will include completing forms taken from the Local Government Publication of Practitioners Publishing Company. These forms meet the technical standards of the AICPA and allow us to document the major transaction classes, purpose of funds, and the structure of the City and to quantify materiality. Contractor will review and make recommendations on the internal control structure, which consists of Control Environment, Accounting System and Control Procedures. Contractor will review internal controls in the area of cash; investments; revenues and receivables; expenditures and accounts payable; payroll; inventories; property and equipment; debt and debt service; insurance and claims. In addition, during the performance of the Single Audit, Contractor will review areas of internal controls over federal grants, including general requirements; specific requirements; claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or
used for matching. Based on the result of the review, Contractor will issue a formal internal control report (SAS 115 Letter) that will identify any significant deficiencies and or material weaknesses. This report is required by the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, as well as the Single Audit Act. In addition, Contractor will also issue a separate communication letter directly to the City Council. This letter would communicate any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the internal control system and other matters that Contractor feels should be communicated to the City Council. All internal control issues will initially also be discussed with management of the City of Bell.

F. Approach to Determining Laws and Regulations Subject to Audit: The laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work are determined from the Municipal Code of the City, the California Governmental Code and other laws determined by Contractor from its extensive experience with cities. In addition, Contractor will assess new laws and regulations passed throughout the year and convey those, when material to the City, to the City’s Management. Material compliance requirements of laws and regulations will be reviewed and any deficiencies with those laws and regulations will be reported directly to the City Council.

G. Drawing Audit Samples for Purpose of Test of Compliance: For the purpose of tests of controls and of compliance, Contractor may use audit sampling. Tests of controls are procedures directed towards determining the effectiveness of the design or operation of an internal structure policy or procedures. Normally, audit sampling is used for tests of controls that involve inspection of documents and reports indicating performance of the policy or procedures and, in many cases, re-performance of the application of the policy or procedures. For example, Contractor selects a sample of canceled checks and the related voucher packages, inspect the voucher for the initials of the clerk, check agreement of details of the package and clerical accuracy, and Contractor re-performs the checking and computations. These sampling procedures test the operating effectiveness of an internal control structure policy or procedures by determining how the policy or procedure was applied, the consistency with which it was applied during the audit period, and by whom it was applied. To achieve this goal, Contractor draws samples in the area of disbursements, receipts, and payroll. The populations Contractor uses are the total number of checks issued during the fiscal year for disbursements, the total number of receipts issued during the year for receipts, and the total number of payroll checks issued during the year for payroll. The sample units are individual checks, receipts and payroll checks. They will be selected based on the unique number assigned to those documents. Each document selected will be tested for various attributes that are designed to verify compliance with different aspects of internal controls. In the area of disbursement checks, Contractor obtains the canceled checks and check for agreement of date, amount
and payee to the check register. Contractor obtains the supporting check package for each check selected and test for attributes such as invoice amount and footing, purchase order, approval of invoice, contract and bidding procedures when applicable, as well as proper coding to the correct account and eventual posting to the general ledger. In the area of payroll, for each payroll check selected, Contractor again verifies the date, amount and payee to the payroll register. Contractor pulls each personnel file for those selected employees, and test for attributes such as correct rate of pay, approval of rate of pay, computation of regular and overtime pay, recorded hours agreement with hours paid, signatures on the time input, vacation and sick hours posted correctly, and finally, coding of payroll charges to the correct department or cost center, and the eventual posting of payroll distribution to the general ledger. For receipts, attributes Contractor tests for include timely deposits, intact deposits, computation of receipts, and approval of fees. Finally, each receipt will be tested for coding to the proper revenue accounts and posting to the general ledger.

H. Identification Anticipated Potential Audit Problems: Contractor does not anticipate any audit problems during the course of the audit. Contractor has been made aware the City will be implementing a new software system. Contractor does not anticipate any issues related to this implementation and is presented with the expectation of no delays.

II. As part of the Services, Contractor will prepare and deliver the following tangible work products to the City:

A. City Audit and Related Reports
B. Single Audit and Related Reports
C. GANN Limit Review Report
D. Report on the Treasury's Activities and Compliance with the City's Investment Policy
E. Management Letter to the City Manager regarding Recommendations for Improvement of Internal Controls, Accounting Procedures, and Non-Reportable Significant Conditions
F. Successor Agency Audit and Related Reports
G. Annual State Controller's Report

III. In addition to the requirements of Section 6.2, during performance of the Services, Contractor will keep the City appraised of the status of performance by delivering monthly status reports.
IV. Contractor is a public accounting firm licensed by the State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as a Public Accounting Partnership. All of its partners are Certified Public Accountants licensed by the State of California. As a firm, Contractor is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. All key staff to be assigned to this engagement is or will be licensed by the State of California to practice as Certified Public Accountants. Additionally, Contractor will comply with all local laws relating to the conduct of the audit services.

V. Contractor meets the independence requirements as defined by Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and the U.S. General Accounting Office's Government Auditing Standards (2011 Revision). Contractor is a partnership consisting of ten partners who do not own any other business organization that has in the past, or will in the future, be providing services, supplies, materials or equipment to the City of Bell. Contractor will provide written notice of any professional relationship entered into during the Term of this Agreement.

VI. All work product is subject to review and acceptance by the City, and must be revised by the Contractor without additional charge to the City until found satisfactory and accepted by City.

VII. Contractor will utilize the following personnel to accomplish the Services:

   A. Deborah Harper, CPA
   B. Richard Kikuchi, CPA
   C. J'on Dennis, CPA
   D. Kirk Hamblin
EXHIBIT "B"

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
(Superseding Contract Boilerplate)

- Section 7.7, Liquidated Damages, is hereby deleted in its entirety.
EXHIBIT “C”

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION

I. Contractor shall perform the following tasks at the following rates:

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<td>$81,600</td>
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II. Within the budgeted amounts for each Task, and with the approval of the Contract Officer, funds may be shifted from one Task budget to another so long as the Contract Sum is not exceeded per Section 2.1, unless Additional Services are approved per Section 1.10.

III. City will compensate Contractor after completion of each Task that is completed to the satisfaction of City upon submission of a valid invoice. Each invoice is to include:

   A. Line items for all personnel describing the work performed, the number of hours worked, and the hourly rate.
B. Line items for all materials and equipment properly charged to the Services.

C. Line items for all other approved reimbursable expenses claimed, with supporting documentation.

D. Line items for all approved subcontractor labor, supplies, equipment, materials, and travel properly charged to the Services.

IV. The total compensation for the Services shall not exceed $249,200 as provided in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.

V. The Contractor's billing rates for all personnel are as follows:

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EXHIBIT "D"

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCE

I. The Term of the Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and continue until all Services are completed to satisfaction of City. The Services shall be for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2016. The Agreement may be extended for two additional years at discretion of the City. Contractor shall perform all Services timely in accordance with the schedule to be developed by Contractor and the Contract Officer.

II. Contractor shall deliver the following tangible work products to the City by the following dates.

A. All work products set forth in Section II of Exhibit “A” for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 by December 1, 2014.

B. All work products set forth in Section II of Exhibit “A” for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by December 1, 2015.

C. All work products set forth in Section II of Exhibit “A” for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by December 1, 2016.

III. The Contract Officer may approve extensions for performance of the services in accordance with Section 3.2. However, the extension of Services for the additional two fiscal years, or any period beyond time authorized under 3.2, must be approved by the City Council.