

EXHIBIT

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**CITY OF ROUND ROCK
AGREEMENT FOR TREE TRIMMING
AND REMOVAL SERVICES
WITH
F.A BARTLETT TREE EXPERT COMPANY
(dba BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS)**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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CITY OF ROUND ROCK

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KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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THAT THIS Agreement for purchase of tree trimming and tree removal services at, (referred to herein as the "Agreement"), is made and entered into on this the ____ day of the month of August, 2018, by and between the CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS, a home-rule municipality whose offices are located at 221 East Main Street, Round Rock, Texas 78664 (referred to herein as the "City") and F.A. BARTLETT TREE EXPERT COMPANY (dba Bartlett Tree Experts), whose offices are located at 2403 Howard Lane, Austin, Texas 78728 (referred to herein as the "Vendor").

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, City desires to purchase tree trimming and tree removal services, and City desires to procure same from Vendor; and

WHEREAS, City has issued its "Invitation for Bid" for the provision of said goods and services, and City has selected the Bid submitted by the Vendor; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth in writing their respective rights, duties, and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed between the parties as follows:

1.01 DEFINITIONS

A. **Agreement** means the binding legal contract between City and Vendor whereby City is obligated to buy specified services and Vendor is obligated to provide said services. The Agreement includes the following: (a) City's Invitation for Bid, designated Solicitation Number 18-023, dated May 2018; (b) Vendor's Response to the IFB; (c) contract award; and (d) any exhibits, addenda, and/or amendments thereto. Any inconsistencies or conflicts in the contract

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documents shall be resolved by giving preference in the following order:

- (1) This Agreement;
- (2) Vendor's Response to IFB;
- (3) City's Invitation for Bids, exhibits, and attachments.

B. **City** means the City of Round Rock, Williamson and Travis Counties, Texas.

C. **Effective Date** means the date upon which the binding signatures of both parties to this Agreement are affixed.

D. **Force Majeure** means acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind from the government of the United States or the State of Texas or any civil or military authority, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, storms, floods, restraint of the government and the people, civil disturbances, explosions, or other causes not reasonably within the control of the party claiming such inability.

E. **Goods and services** mean the specified services, supplies, materials, commodities, or equipment.

2.01 EFFECTIVE DATE; TERM

A. This Agreement shall be effective on the date it has been signed by both parties hereto, and shall remain in full force and effect, unless and until it expires by operation of the term stated herein, or until terminated as provided herein.

B. The term of this Agreement is for sixty months (60) months from the effective date hereof. City reserves the right to review the relationship at any time, and may elect to terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, or may elect to continue.

3.01 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS

City selected Vendor to supply the services as outlined in the IFB and Response to IFB submitted by Vendor, all as specified in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The intent of these documents is to formulate an Agreement listing the responsibilities of both parties as outlined in the IFB and as offered by Vendor in its Response to the IFB.

The services which are the subject of this Agreement are described in Exhibit "A" and, together with this Agreement, comprise the total Agreement and they are fully a part of this Agreement as if repeated herein in full.

4.01 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROVIDERS

The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that Vendor shall be considered as one of the two (2) providers for specified goods and services set forth in the Contract Documents and Vendor shall be considered the secondary provider. Vendor specifically further acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is not an exclusive Agreement. City may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, elect to use either Vendor or secondary provider in whatever order it deems to be the “best value” for the City. City is not obligated to use or purchase any estimated annual quantity of goods, and no guarantee is made of any minimum or maximum purchase.

5.01 ITEMS AWARDED; SCOPE OF WORK

A. All bid items listed on “Attachment A – Bid Sheet” in Exhibit “A” are awarded to Vendor.

B. For purposes of this Agreement, City has issued documents delineating the required services (specifically Invitation for Bid Solicitation Number 18-023 dated May 2018). Vendor has issued its response agreeing to provide all such required service in all specified particulars. All such referenced documents are included in Exhibit “A.” When taken together with the appended exhibits, this Agreement shall evidence the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and shall supersede any prior proposals, correspondence or discussions.

C. Vendor shall satisfactorily provide all services described under the attached exhibits within the contract term specified in Section 2.01. Vendor’s undertakings shall be limited to performing services for the City and/or advising City concerning those matters on which Vendor has been specifically engaged. Vendor shall perform its services in accordance with this Agreement, in accordance with the appended exhibits, in accordance with due care, and in accordance with prevailing industry standards for comparable services.

6.01 COSTS

A. Only if, as, and when needed by City, the bid costs listed on Attachment A – Bid Sheet of Exhibit “A,” which are specifically relevant to the referenced bid items, shall be the basis of any charges collected by Vendor.

B. Vendor specifically acknowledges and agrees that City is not obligated to use any estimated quantity of services, and City may not expend in excess of **One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$125,00.00) per year** for Vendor’s services combined with the primary provider’s services for a total not to exceed amount of **Six Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$625,000.00)** for the term of this Agreement.

7.01 INVOICES

All invoices shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. Name and address of Vendor;
- B. Purchase Order Number;
- C. Description and quantity of items received or services provided; and
- C. Delivery or performance dates.

8.01 INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING/PURCHASING

Authority for local governments to contract with one another to perform certain governmental functions and services, including but not limited to purchasing functions, is granted under Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791, Interlocal Cooperation Contracts, Subchapter B and Subchapter C, and Local Government Code, Title 8, Chapter 271, Subchapter F, Section 271.101 and Section 271.102.

Other governmental entities within the State of Texas may be extended the opportunity to purchase off of the City's bid, with the consent and agreement of the successful vendor(s) and the City. Such agreement shall be conclusively inferred for the vendor from lack of exception to this clause in the vendor's response. However, all parties hereby expressly agree that the City is not an agent of, partner to, or representative of those outside agencies or entities and that the City is not obligated or liable for any action or debts that may arise out of such independently-negotiated "piggyback" procurements.

9.01 NON-APPROPRIATION AND FISCAL FUNDING

This Agreement is a commitment of City's current revenues only. It is understood and agreed that City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any City fiscal year if the governing body of City does not appropriate funds sufficient to purchase the services as determined by City's budget for the fiscal year in question. City may effect such termination by giving Vendor a written notice of termination at the end of its then current fiscal year.

10.01 PROMPT PAYMENT POLICY

In accordance with Chapter 2251, V.T.C.A., Texas Government Code, payment to Vendor will be made within thirty (30) days of the day on which City receives the performance, supplies, materials, equipment, and/or deliverables, or within thirty (30) days of the day on which the performance of services was complete, or within thirty (30) days of the day on which City receives a correct invoice for the performance and/or deliverables or services, whichever is later. Vendor may charge interest on an overdue payment at the "rate in effect" on September 1 of the fiscal year in which the payment becomes overdue, in accordance with V.T.C.A., Texas

Government Code, Section 2251.025(b); however, this Policy does not apply to payments made by City in the event:

- A. There is a bona fide dispute between City and Vendor, a contractor, a subcontractor or supplier about the goods delivered or the service performed that cause the payment to be late; or
- B. The terms of a federal contract, grant, regulation, or statute prevent City from making a timely payment with federal funds; or
- C. There is a bona fide dispute between Vendor and a subcontractor or between a subcontractor and its supplier about the goods delivered or the service performed that causes the payment to be late; or
- D. Invoices are not mailed to City in strict accordance with instructions, if any, on the purchase order or the Agreement or other such contractual agreement.

11.01 GRATUITIES AND BRIBES

City may, by written notice to Vendor, cancel this Agreement without liability to Vendor if it is determined by City that gratuities or bribes in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by Vendor or its agents or representatives to any City officer, employee or elected representative with respect to the performance of this Agreement. In addition, Vendor may be subject to penalties stated in Title 8 of the Texas Penal Code.

12.01 TAXES

City is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales Tax; therefore, tax shall not be included in Vendor's charges.

13.01 ORDERS PLACED WITH ALTERNATE VENDORS

If Vendor cannot provide the goods as specified, City reserves the right and option to obtain the products or services from another supplier or suppliers.

14.01 INSURANCE

Vendor shall meet all requirements as stated in the attached IFB, including all attachments and exhibits thereto, and Vendor's bid response.

15.01 CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE

City hereby designates the following representatives authorized to act in its behalf with regard to this Agreement:

Emsud Horozovic
Forestry Manager
301 West Bagdad Avenue, Suite 250
Round Rock, Texas 78664
512-341-3350

16.01 RIGHT TO ASSURANCE

Whenever either party to this Agreement, in good faith, has reason to question the other party's intent to perform hereunder, then demand may be made to the other party for written assurance of the intent to perform. In the event that no written assurance is given within the reasonable time specified when demand is made, then and in that event the demanding party may treat such failure as an anticipatory repudiation of this Agreement.

17.01 DEFAULT

If Vendor abandons or defaults under this Agreement and is a cause of City purchasing the specified goods elsewhere, Vendor agrees that it may be charged the difference in cost, if any, and that it will not be considered in the re-advertisement of the service and that it may not be considered in future bids for the same type of work unless the scope of work is significantly changed.

Vendor shall be declared in default of this Agreement if it does any of the following:

- A. Fails to make any payment in full when due;
- B. Fails to fully, timely and faithfully perform any of its material obligations under this Agreement;
- C. Fails to provide adequate assurance of performance under the "Right to Assurance" section herein; or
- D. Becomes insolvent or seeks relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States.

18.01 TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

A. City has the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience and without cause, at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Vendor.

B. In the event of any default by Vendor, City has the right to terminate this Agreement for cause, upon ten (10) days' written notice to Vendor.

C. Vendor has the right to terminate this Agreement only for cause, that being in the event of a material and substantial breach by City or by mutual agreement to terminate evidenced in writing by and between the parties.

D. In the event City terminates under subsections (A) or (B) of this section, the following shall apply: Upon City's delivery of the referenced notice to Vendor, Vendor shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to cancel promptly all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders and contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. Within thirty (30) days after such notice of termination, Vendor shall submit a statement showing in detail the goods and/or services satisfactorily performed under this Agreement to the date of termination. City shall then pay Vendor that portion of the charges, if undisputed. The parties agree that Vendor is not entitled to compensation for services it would have performed under the remaining term of the Agreement except as provided herein.

19.01 INDEMNIFICATION

Vendor shall defend (at the option of City), indemnify, and hold City, its successors, assigns, officers, employees and elected officials harmless from and against all suits, actions, legal proceedings, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, and any and all other costs or fees arising out of, or incident to, concerning or resulting from the fault of Vendor, or Vendor's agents, employees or subcontractors, in the performance of Vendor's obligations under this Agreement, no matter how, or to whom, such loss may occur. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of City or Vendor (including, but not limited to the right to seek contribution) against any third party who may be liable for an indemnified claim.

20.01 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, CHARTER AND ORDINANCES

A. Vendor, its agents, employees and subcontractors shall use best efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Round Rock, as amended, and with all applicable rules and regulations promulgated by local, state and national boards, bureaus and agencies.

B. Vendor acknowledges and understands that City has adopted a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) and an Illicit Discharge Ordinance, Sections 14-139 through 14-152 of the City's Code of Ordinances, to manage the quality of the discharges from its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and to be in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES). The Vendor agrees to perform all operations on City-owned facilities in compliance with the City's Illicit Discharge Ordinance to minimize the release of pollutants into the MS4. The Vendor agrees to comply with of the City's stormwater control measures, good housekeeping practices and any facility specific stormwater management operating procedures specific to a certain City facility. In addition, the Vendor agrees to comply with any applicable TCEQ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Requirements and/or I-Plan requirements.

C. In accordance with Chapter 2270, Texas Government Code, a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods and services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The signatory executing this Agreement on behalf of

Vendor verifies Vendor does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel at any term of this Agreement.

21.01 ASSIGNMENT AND DELEGATION

The parties each hereby bind themselves, their successors, assigns and legal representatives to each other with respect to the terms of this Agreement. Neither party shall assign, sublet or transfer any interest in this Agreement without prior written authorization of the other party.

22.01 NOTICES

All notices and other communications in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered given as follows:

1. When delivered personally to the recipient's address as stated in this Agreement;
or
2. Three (3) days after being deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid to the recipient's address as stated in this Agreement.

Notice to Vendor:

F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company
2403 Howard Lane
Austin, Texas 78728

Notice to City:

City Manager
221 East Main Street
Round Rock, TX 78664

AND TO:

Stephen L. Sheets, City Attorney
309 East Main Street
Round Rock, TX 78664

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict the transmission of routine communications between representatives of City and Vendor.

23.01 APPLICABLE LAW; ENFORCEMENT AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be enforceable in Round Rock, Texas, and if legal action is necessary by either party with respect to the enforcement of any or all of the terms or conditions herein, exclusive venue for same shall lie in Williamson County, Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas.

24.01 EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

This document, and all appended documents, constitutes the entire Agreement between Vendor and City. This Agreement may only be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing, duly authorized by action of the City Manager or City Council.

25.01 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

City and Vendor hereby expressly agree that no claims or disputes between the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement or a breach thereof shall be decided by any arbitration proceeding, including without limitation, any proceeding under the Federal Arbitration Act (9 USC Section 1-14) or any applicable state arbitration statute.

26.01 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement or the occurrence of any event rendering any portion or provision of this Agreement void shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of this Agreement. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement, and the balance of this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if this Agreement did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void. The parties further agree to amend this Agreement to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision. The provisions of this section shall not prevent this entire Agreement from being void should a provision which is of the essence of this Agreement be determined void.

27.01 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Standard of Care. Vendor represents that it employs trained, experienced and competent persons to perform all of the services, responsibilities and duties specified herein and that such services, responsibilities and duties shall be performed in a manner according to generally accepted industry practices.

Time is of the Essence. Vendor understands and agrees that time is of the essence and that any failure of Vendor to fulfill obligations for each portion of this Agreement within the agreed timeframes will constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Vendor shall be fully responsible for its delays or for failures to use best efforts in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Where damage is caused to City due to Vendor's failure to perform in these circumstances, City may pursue any remedy available without waiver of any of City's additional legal rights or remedies.

Force Majeure. Neither City nor Vendor shall be deemed in violation of this Agreement if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder by reasons for which it is not responsible as defined herein. However, notice of such impediment or delay in performance must be timely given, and all reasonable efforts undertaken to mitigate its effects.

Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, any one of which shall be considered an original of this document; and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, City and Vendor have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

City of Round Rock, Texas

By: _____
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Date Signed: _____

Attest:

By: _____
Sara White, City Clerk

For City, Approved as to Form:

By: _____
Stephan L. Sheets, City Attorney

F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company

By: Matthew Farin
Printed Name: Matthew Farin
Title: Vice President
Date Signed: 7/24/2018