



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR  
GARDENA BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION  
FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
RFP 2026 - 001**

**Revised and  
Released August 29, 2025**

The City of Gardena invites qualified proposals for:

**City of Gardena  
Bid & Construction Management Services  
(Commercial Façade Improvement Program)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City of Gardena invites and shall receive proposals up to the hour of 5:00 PM (PST) on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from qualified firms consulting and construction management services.

In order to qualify for evaluation, prospective proposers shall have a minimum of five (5) engagements in the last five (5) years that are similar in organizational type, size, and complexity to the engagement described in the request for proposal. Proposers shall include client lists and website addresses of previous work for evaluators to review. In addition, proposer shall include plans of action to meet all requirements described in the Scope of Work.

Copies of the proposals and any addendums may be obtained by visiting City of Gardena's online procurement platform, "PlanetBids", which can be accessed via City of Gardena webpage at:

<https://cityofgardena.org/purchasing-rfp/>

Proposals shall only be accepted via PlanetBids and are due by no later than September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 PM (PST).

## **SECTION I**

### **PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE**

Responses to the Revised RFP must be submitted to the City of Gardena as outlined in this section. City of Gardena reserves the right to modify this schedule as needed.

Responses are due no later than  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 AT 5:00 PM (PST)**  
Responses received after this date and time will not be considered.

#### **Proposed RFP Schedule RFP 2026 - 001**

**(Subject to change at City's discretion)**

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| 1. Release of Revised RFP                 | August 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2025                 |
| 2. Written Questions from Consultants due | September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 5:00 p.m. |
| 3. Responses from City Due                | September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 5:00 p.m. |
| 4. Proposals Due (date & time)            | September 26 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.        |
| 5. RFP Evaluation Completed               | October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025                 |
| 6. Consultant Selection and Award         | October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025                |

## **SECTION II**

### **RFP INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **A. Pre-Proposal Meeting**

“Not Applicable”

#### **B. Examination of Proposal Documents**

1. By submitting a proposal, consultants represent that they have thoroughly examined and become familiar with the work required under this RFP and that they are capable of performing quality work to achieve the City's objectives.
2. The City reserves the right to remove from its mailing list for future RFPs, for an undetermined period of time, the name of any consultant for failure to accept a contract, failure to respond to three (3) consecutive RFPs and/or unsatisfactory performance. Please note that submitting a “No Offer” letter is considered a response.

#### **C. Addenda**

Substantive City changes to the requirements will be made by written addendum to this RFP. Any written addenda issued pertaining to this RFP shall be incorporated into the terms and conditions of any resulting Agreement. The City shall not be bound to any modifications to or deviations from the requirements set forth in this RFP as the result of oral instruction.

#### **D. Informed Consultants**

Before submitting proposals, Consultants must fully inform themselves of the conditions, requirements and specifications of the work or materials to be furnished. Failure to do so will be at Consultants' own risk and they cannot secure relief on the plea of error.

#### **E. Clarifications**

##### **1. Examination of Documents**

Should a Consultant require clarifications of this RFP, the Consultant shall notify the City in writing in accordance with Section E.2 below. Should it be found that the point in question is substantive and is not clearly and fully set forth, the City shall issue a written addendum clarifying the matter which shall be sent to all known recipients of this RFP and will be posted on the City of Gardena website PlanetBids.

2. **Submitting Requests**

All questions, clarifications or comments shall be put in writing and must be received by the City no later than September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., and must be emailed to [jchoi@cityofgardena.org](mailto:jchoi@cityofgardena.org). Inquiries received after this date and time indicated will not be accepted.

3. **City Responses**

- a. Responses from the City will be communicated in writing to all known recipients of this RFP, by way of Addendum via e-mail and may be posted on the City's website, no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- b. It is the responsibility of Consultant to make sure they have received all addenda prior to submitting their proposal. The Tentative Schedule may change at any time. Any and all changes to the Tentative Schedule will be made by way of addendum. If an Addendum is issued less than 72 hours before the Proposal Due Date and Time, the Proposal Due date will be extended.

F. **Date and Time**

All proposals are to be submitted by 5:00 p.m PST on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 via Planet Bids.

Proposals received after that date and time will be rejected by the City as non-responsive (NO EXCEPTIONS).

1. **Acceptance of Proposals**

- a. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, or any item or part thereof, or to waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals.
- b. The City reserves the right to withdraw this RFP at any time without prior notice and the City makes no representations that any contract will be awarded to any Consultant responding to this RFP.
- c. The City reserves the right to postpone proposal opening for its own convenience.

G. **Pre-Contractual Expenses**

Pre-contractual expenses are defined as expenses incurred by the consultant in:

1. preparing its proposal in response to this RFP;
2. submitting the proposal to City;
3. negotiating with City any matter related to the proposal; or
4. any other expenses incurred by the consultant prior to date of award, if any, of the Agreement.

The City shall not, in any event, be liable for any pre-contractual expenses incurred by consultant in the preparation of its proposal. Consultant shall not include any such expenses as part of its proposal.

**H. Contract Award**

Issuance of this RFP and receipt of proposals does not commit the City to award an Agreement. The City reserves the right to postpone proposal opening for its own convenience, to accept or reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, to negotiate with other than the selected consultant(s) should negotiations with the selected consultant(s) be terminated, to negotiate with more than one consultant simultaneously, or to cancel all or part of this RFP.

**I. Acceptance of Order**

The successful consultant(s) will be required to accept a Purchase Order and execute a written Agreement (see Section VII, Form of Agreement) in accordance with and including as a part thereof the published notice of Request for Proposals and this Request for Proposals, including all requirements, conditions and specifications contained herein, with no exceptions other than those specifically listed in the written purchase order and/or Agreement.

**J. City of Gardena Business License**

The successful consultant(s) and any sub-consultants are required to obtain a City of Gardena Business License prior to award of Contract, and to maintain the license for the entire term of the Agreement. The Business License is not a prerequisite for submission of a proposal.

**K. Prevailing Wage**

Refer to Section VIII, Form of Agreement, Section 7 for Prevailing Wage requirements.

**L. Public Records**

Responses (proposals) to this Request for Proposal (RFP) and the documents constituting any contract entered into thereafter become the exclusive property of the City of Gardena and shall be subject to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.). The City of Gardena's use and disclosure of its records are governed by this Act.

Those elements in each proposal which proposer considers to be trade secrets, as that term is defined in Civil Code Section 3426.1(d), or otherwise exempt by law

from disclosure, should be prominently marked as “Confidential,” “Proprietary,” or “Trade Secret” by proposer. The City of Gardena will use its best efforts to inform proposer of any request for disclosure of any such document. The City of Gardena, shall not in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation; those so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by an order of the Court.

In the event of litigation concerning disclosure of information the proposer considers exempt from disclosure, the City of Gardena will act as a stakeholder only, holding the information until otherwise ordered by a court or other legal process. If the City of Gardena is required to defend an action arising out of a Public Records Act request for any of the contents of a proposer’s proposal marked “Confidential,” “Proprietary,” or “Trade Secret” proposer shall defend and indemnify the City of Gardena from all liability, damages, costs, and expense, including attorneys’ fees, in any action or proceeding arising under the Public Records Act.

To ensure confidentiality, proposers are instructed to enclose all “Confidential,” “Proprietary,” or “Trade Secret” data in separate sealed envelopes, which are then included with the proposal documents. Because the proposal documents are available for review by any person after award of a contract resulting from an RFP, the City of Gardena shall not in any way be held responsible for disclosure of any “Confidential,” “Proprietary,” or “Trade Secret” documents that are not contained in envelopes and prominently marked.

## **SECTION III.**

### **EVALUATION AND AWARD**

The City is soliciting firms and/or individuals who have established knowledge and expertise in all aspects of the services requested in this RFP. Minimum requirements are as follows:

1. Have a minimum of three (3) similar projects within the last five (5) years providing the same or similar services requested in this RFP.
2. Have sufficient staff and/or sub-consultants available with experience in the disciplines required for this service.
3. Provide reference(s) of agencies you have contracted with, providing the same or similar services.
4. Have no outstanding or pending complaints as determined through the Better Business Bureau, State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.
5. Have the administrative and fiscal capability to provide and manage the proposed services.

#### **A. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

##### **1. Qualifications of Firm - 25%**

- Strength, stability, experience and technical competence of the firm and sub-consultants (if any). The City reserves the right to request specific sub-consultants for certain portions of the project;
- Logic of project organization; and
- Adequacy of labor and resource committed to the project.

##### **2. Qualifications of Personnel - 25%**

- Qualifications, education and experience of project staff; and
- Key personnel's level of involvement in performing related work.

##### **3. Related Experience - 30%**

- Experience in providing services similar to those requested herein;
- Experience working with public agencies; and
- Client references.

##### **4. Completeness and Timeliness of Response - 10%**

- Completeness of response in accordance with RFP instructions;
- Exceptions to or deviations from the RFP requirements; and
- Inclusion of required licenses and certifications of the firm and key personnel performing the project.

##### **5. Reasonableness of Cost and Price - 10%**

- Reasonableness of the individual firm-fixed prices and/or hourly rates, and competitiveness of quoted firm-fixed prices with other proposals received;



- Adequacy of the data in support of figures quoted; and
- Basis on which prices are quoted.

**B. EVALUATION PROCEDURE**

All proposals received as specified will be evaluated by City staff in accordance with the above criteria. During the evaluation period, the City may do any or all of the following:

- Generate a “short list” and conduct interviews with the top candidates;
- Conduct on-site visits and/or tours of the candidates’ places of business;
- or
- Conduct negotiations with the most qualified candidate(s).

Consultants should be aware, however, that award may be made without consultant visits, interviews, or further discussions or negotiations.

**C. AWARD**

Depending on the dollar amounts of the proposals received, City staff will either select consultant(s) best meeting the above-specified criteria or submit a recommendation to City Council for consideration and selection, the proposal(s) evaluated by staff to be the most qualified.

In addition, negotiations may or may not be conducted with consultants; therefore, the proposal submitted should contain your most favorable terms and conditions, since the selection and award may be made without discussion with any consultant.

## **SECTION IV.**

### **Construction Management Consultant for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program**

**INTENT:** The nature of the work is the provision of professional Construction Management Services to the City of Gardena for the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. The consultant shall have knowledge and experience in all aspects of Construction Management.

Consultant to be paid from State Earmark funds received by the City from the State of California.

Grant Amount is up to \$30,000 per applicant.

Improvement Program:

- The funds will be used for the improvement of the exterior of the commercial building. Façade Improvement elements include:
  - **Paint Program:** Colors must include a base color and one accent color for each building. Colors must be selected from the approved color palette, Exhibit A, adopted by the Program Guideline.
  - **Signage Program:** Pre-design will be provided for the blade signage.
  - **Awnings Program:** Pre-design will be provided for the awning.

Community Meeting:

- Participate in up to two (2) community meetings to present information on the program and application process to property owners and business owners.

Property Inspection & Work Specifications:

- Inspect Property
  - Research City of Gardena records for Code/Health/Safety Violations
  - Draft Construction Scope of Work (Work Write Up)
  - Provide Construction Cost Estimates
  - Consultant shall provide follow-up and related services as needed.
  - Send Applicant WWU for review and revise as needed
- Order Lead Inspection Report

Bid and Construction Process:

- City Liaison with program recipient and contractor(s)
- Provide technical support
- Coordination of Bid Process
  - Procure for Construction Services
  - Selection and Award of Contract
  - Verification of License and Insurance Documentation
  - Conduct Mandatory Bid-Walk with Homeowner and Contractors (*single bid-walk*)
  - Review Bids, Prepare BID comparison and follow-up with Contractors

- Attend Pre-construction/Loan & Contract Signing Meeting
- Construction Management
  - Conduct up to three (3) progress inspections
  - Prepare and Submit Progress Payment requests (up to three)
  - Submit Change Order request(s)
  - Assist staff with project close out ie., lien review, lien releases, prepare Notice of Completion
- Assist in Owner/Contractor Mediation, if necessary.

## **SECTION V.**

### **PROPOSAL CONTENT AND FORMS**

#### **A. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

##### **1. Presentation**

Proposals should not include any unnecessarily elaborate or promotional material. Information should be presented in the order in which it is requested. Lengthy narrative is discouraged, and presentations should be brief and concise. Proposals shall contain the following:

- a. identification of Consultant, including name, address and telephone;
- b. proposed working relationship between Consultant and sub-consultants, if applicable;
- c. acknowledgment of receipt of all RFP addenda, if any;
- d. name, title, address and telephone number of contact person during period of proposal evaluation;
- e. a statement to the effect that the proposal shall remain valid for a period of not less than 90 days from the date of submittal; and
- f. signature of a person authorized to bind Consultant to the terms of the proposal.

##### **2. Technical Proposal**

###### **a. Qualifications, Related Experience and References**

This section of the proposal should establish the ability of consultant to satisfactorily perform the required work by reasons of: experience in performing work of a similar nature; demonstrated competence in the services to be provided; educational qualifications; strength and stability of the firm; staffing capability; work load; record of meeting schedules on similar projects; and supportive client references.

Consultant shall:

- (1) provide a brief profile of the firm, including the types of services offered; the year founded; form of the organization (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship); number, size and location of offices; number of employees;
- (2) provide a general description of the firm's financial condition; identify any conditions (e.g., bankruptcy, pending litigation, planned office closures, impending merger) that may impede consultant's ability to complete the project;
- (3) describe the firm's experience in performing work of a similar nature to that solicited in this RFP, and highlight the participation in such work by the key personnel proposed for assignment to this project;
- (4) identify sub-consultants by company name, address, contact person, telephone number and project function and describe consultant's experience working with each sub-consultant; and
- (5) provide, at a minimum, three references from the projects cited as related experience; reference shall furnish the name, title, address and telephone number of the person(s) at the client organization who is most knowledgeable about the work performed. Consultant may also supply references from other work not cited in this section as related experience.

b. **Proposed Staffing and Project Organization**

This section of the proposal should establish the qualifications of the proposed project staff.

Consultant shall:

- (1) provide education, experience and applicable professional credentials of proposed project staff;
- (2) furnish brief resumes (not more than two [2] pages each) for the proposed Project Manager and other key personnel;
- (3) indicate adequacy of labor resources, utilizing a table projecting the labor-hour allocation to the project by individual task;
- (4) identify key personnel proposed to perform the work in the specified tasks and include major areas of sub-consultant

- work;
- (5) include a project organization chart which clearly delineates communication/reporting relationships among the project staff; and
  - (6) include a statement that key personnel will be available to the extent proposed for the duration of the project acknowledging that no person designated as “key” to the project shall be removed or replaced without the prior written concurrence of the City.

c. **Work Plan**

Consultant shall provide a narrative which addresses the Scope of Work and shows consultant's understanding of the City's needs and requirements.

Consultant shall:

- (1) describe the approach to completing the tasks specified in the Scope of Work;
- (2) outline sequentially the activities that would be undertaken in completing the tasks and specify who would perform them; and
- (3) furnish a schedule for completing the tasks in terms of elapsed weeks from the commencement date.

Consultant may also propose enhancement or procedural or technical innovations to the Scope of Work which do not materially deviate from the objectives or required content of the project.

d. **Exceptions/Deviations**

State any exceptions to or deviations from the requirements of this RFP on the Price form where indicated. Consultants are cautioned that exceptions to or deviations from RFP requirements may cause their proposal to be rejected as non-responsive.

3. **Appendices**

Information considered by consultant to be pertinent to this project and which has not been specifically solicited in any of the aforementioned sections may be placed in a separate appendix section. Consultants are cautioned, however, that this does not constitute an invitation to submit large amounts of extraneous materials; appendices should be relevant and

brief.

**B. LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

By submitting a proposal, consultant warrants that any and all licenses and/or certifications required by law, statute, code or ordinance\* in performing under the scope and specifications of this RFP are currently held by consultant, and are valid and in full force and effect. Copies or legitimate proof of such licensure and/or certification shall be included in consultant's proposal. **Proposals lacking copies and/or proof of said licenses and/or certifications may be deemed non-responsive and may be rejected.**

\*The successful consultant(s) and its sub-consultants are each required to obtain a City of Gardena Business License prior to award of Agreement. The Business License is not required for submission of a proposal.

**C. PRICE FORMS**

Consultant shall complete the Price Form in its entirety including: 1) all items listed and total price; 2) all additional costs associated with performance of specifications; and 3) Consultant's identification information including a binding signature.

Consultant shall state cash discounts offered. Unless discount payment terms are offered, payment terms shall be "Net 45 Days". Payment due dates, including discount period, will be computed from date of City acceptance of the equipment or materials or of a correct and complete invoice, whichever is later, to the date City's check is mailed. Any discounts taken will be taken on full amount of invoice, unless other charges are itemized and discount thereon is disallowed.

All prices shall be quoted F.O.B. destination, Gardena, California. All shipping, handling and freight charges must be shown separately on the Price Form.

Consultant shall include in all monthly invoices the running total of the amount billed to the City and the remaining contract balance.

**D. MODIFICATIONS OF PROPOSALS**

Each Consultant shall submit its Proposal in strict conformity with the requirements of the Contract Documents. Unauthorized additions, modifications, revisions, conditions, limitations, exclusions or provisions attached to a Proposal may render it non-responsive and may cause its rejection. Proposals shall neither delete, modify, nor supplement the printed matter on the Proposal Forms, nor make substitutions thereon. Oral, telephonic and electronic modifications will not be considered.

PARTY SUBMITTING PROPOSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION  
(TO BE EXECUTED BY CONSULTANT AND SUBMITTED WITH PROPOSAL)**

The undersigned declares:

I am the \_\_\_\_\_ [title] of \_\_\_\_\_  
[proposer], the party making the foregoing proposal.

The proposal is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization, or corporation. The proposal is genuine and not collusive or a sham. The proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a false or sham proposal. The proposer has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, plotted, or agreed with any proposer or anyone else to put in a sham proposal, or to refrain from submitting a proposal. The proposer has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the proposal price of the proposer or any other proposer, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the proposal price, or of that of any other proposer. All statements contained in the proposal are true. The proposer has not, directly or indirectly, submitted his or her proposal price, or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, to any corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, proposal depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham proposal, and has not paid, and will not pay, any person or entity for such purpose.

Any person executing this declaration on behalf of a proposer that is a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity, hereby represents that he or she has full power to execute, and does execute, this declaration on behalf of the proposer.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on \_\_\_\_\_ [date],  
at \_\_\_\_\_ [city], \_\_\_\_\_ [state].

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Party Submitting Proposal



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_)

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_,  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF  
THE CITY OF GARDENA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This is to acknowledge that we have read the City of Gardena Professional Services Agreement and will sign the Agreement, as presented, without exception, for the City's RFP. Consultants are cautioned that exceptions to or deviations from RFP requirements may cause their proposal to be rejected as non-responsive.

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(Firm name)

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(Print name and title of person signing for firm)

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(Signature/date)

**SECTION VI.**

**PRICE FORM**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Bid & Construction Management Service (Commercial  
Façade Improvement Program)

CONSULTANT'S NAME/ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME/TELEPHONE NO. OF  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide detailed Firm Fixed Lump Sum Price and any other incidental or additional costs required in the spaces provided below to complete the Scope of Work requirements. Firm Fixed Prices to complete each task shall include the costs of all administration and overhead, project site visits, pre-production costs, telephone usage, mailings, mileage and other administrative costs. NOTE: Price proposals submitted on forms other than those provided herein may cause rejection of the proposal as non-responsive.

Item	Description	U/M*	Qty.	Cost Unit/	hourly wage
	Sub-Total				
001				\$	\$
002				\$	\$
003				\$	\$
004				\$	\$
005				\$	\$
006				\$	\$
007				\$	\$

Total Price, written in numbers: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Price, written in words: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\*U/M = Unit of Measure

Are there any other additional or incidental costs which will be required by your firm in order to meet the requirements of the Technical Specifications? Yes / No (circle one). If you answered "Yes", please provide detail of said additional costs: \_

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Please indicate any elements of the Technical Specifications which cannot be met by your firm.

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Have you included in your proposal all requested informational items and forms? Yes / No (circle one). If you answered "No", please explain: \_

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This offer shall remain firm for 90 days from RFP close date.

Terms and conditions as set forth in this RFP apply to this proposal.

Cash discount allowable \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_days. Unless otherwise stated, payment terms are: Net thirty (45) days.

In signing this proposal, Consultant warrants that all certifications and documents requested herein are attached and properly completed and signed.

From time to time, the City may issue one or more addenda to this RFP. Below, please indicate all Addenda to this RFP received by your firm, and the date said Addenda was/were received. It is the Consultant's responsibility to ensure that all addendums are received. Failure to acknowledge receipt of addenda may cause the City to reject the bid as non-responsive.

Verification of Addenda Received

Addenda No: \_\_\_\_\_ Received \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT SIGNER'S NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME & ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF NOT SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL, PLEASE STATE REASON(S) BELOW:**

**SECTION VII.**  
**Program Guideline**



**CITY OF GARDENA**

**GARDENA BOULEVARD  
REVITALIZATION  
FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**February 2025**

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## SECTION I - OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

### A. Purpose, Goal and Objective of Program

The purpose of the Commercial Façade Improvement Program (“Program”) is to provide financial assistance to property and business owners with the renovation of commercial buildings and structures along Gardena Boulevard between Vermont Avenue and Budlong Avenue (“Target Areas”).

The goal of this program is to facilitate commercial revitalization; stimulate private investment; upgrade the physical image of the City; and generate shopping, tourism, and a pleasant walking environment by improving the visual aesthetics of the Target Areas with enhancements in design, color schemes and building facades through the use of the 2022 State Budget Earmark received by the City of Gardena.

The program objective is to provide financial assistance to property or business owners to make listed facade improvements and correct certain code violations to commercial buildings and to revitalize the Gardena Boulevard.

### B. Source of Funds and Relationship with Grantor

The source of funds for this program is the City through the 2022 State Budget Earmark. As a disbursing agent for these funds, the City will provide administrative services for the Program activities. As such, the City staff, with the assistance of a Program Consultant, will be marketing the Program by utilizing the City website, social media, and City’s seasonal brochure. Flyers and informational pamphlets will be distributed to potential program applicants. Additionally, a Program Consultant will be processing and packaging all improvement grants for the Program, performing on-site inspections, and acting as a quality control agent relative to Program activity. The City has established policies and procedures to conform with Federal, State, and local rules and regulations.

### C. Types of Assistance Available

Assistance shall be available to eligible property owners, within the eligible areas, in the form of a grant. The City’s staff will review each application to ensure that the Improvement work proposed will accomplish the goals set by the City. All grants will require majority approval by the City staff to obtain assistance.

Grant assistance shall be available to eligible commercial property and/or business owners who meet the requirements of Section II and III. Grants shall be provided as follows:

If the City provides all the project funding without a match from the applicant, the maximum grant shall be up to \$30,000.

- Grant – This grant provides the amount up to Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) for commercial building façade improvements with no match requirement. Projects must be completed within 6 months of Building Permit issuance.



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Additional grant funds may be awarded on a case-by-case basis, if needed to comply with the required compliance (i.e., ADA requirements) and approved by the Director of Community Development.

Program funds may also be used to pay for architectural services, City planning entitlement processing, and building plan check and permit fees associated with the Improvement work proposed under the Program. If the applicant withdraws their application for assistance or fails to implement the Improvement within 90 days after funds are used for payment of architectural services, and/or City application fees, the applicant shall be required to reimburse the City for all funds paid to the architect and/or City.

## **SECTION II - APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Property Ownership**

The applicant(s) must be either the current commercial property owner(s) or the current business owner(s) (tenant) to be eligible for Program assistance. Individuals, partnerships, corporations, nonprofit corporations and other legal entities may apply for assistance. The existing grant deed must list all current owners of the property. Property owner(s) shall be construed to be any person(s) or legal entity that holds title to the subject property. In the case of multiple ownership, the signature of each titleholder is required on all appropriate documents. The City will verify property ownership and require all persons currently on title to give written consent to all work proposed to be performed on the property prior to initiating such work.

If both the property owner and business owner (tenant) apply for participation in the Commercial Façade Improvement Program, the owner of the property will have priority over the business owner.

### **B. Utilization**

As a result of participating in this Improvement program, it must be adequately demonstrated that the subject property will continue to be utilized for commercial purposes as provided by the City's adopted Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance.

### **C. Program Exclusions**

The following businesses are not eligible to receive Program assistance: residential rental buildings (apartments), unless connected to mixed use building, home-based businesses, structures not facing the public right-of-way, and banks.

## **SECTION III - PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Eligible Area under the Program**

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To be eligible for the Program, the property to be rehabilitated must be located within the City limits of the City of Gardena.

**B. Minimum Property Improvement Standards**

All work performed under the provisions of this Program shall meet all applicable standards contained in the City's adopted zoning ordinance, local building and safety codes, and the Uniform Building Code and such other codes as designated by the Planning Department and Building and Safety Department. The City's Municipal and Zoning Ordinance can be viewed on the City's web site at <https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Gardena/>.

**C. Eligible Structures**

Buildings or structures eligible for Improvement under this Program must be commercially zoned and developed for uses permitted by the local regulations. Non-conforming commercial buildings and uses may be assisted if the City finds that such assistance will be in the public's interest and consistent with local regulations and ordinances.

To be eligible for the Program assistance, the property to be rehabilitated must be located in Gardena and meet the following requirements:

- Commercial building must be dilapidated or blighted
- Storefront must be visible from the street

**D. Improvement Program**

The funds will be used for the improvement of the exterior of the commercial building. Façade Improvement elements include:

- Paint Program: Colors must include a base color and one accent color for each building. Colors must be selected from the approved color palette, Exhibit A, adopted by the Program Guideline.
- Signage Program: Pre-design will be provided for the blade signage.
- Awnings Program: Pre-design will be provided for the awning.

Program assistance may, at the discretion of the City, be used for Building Code violations and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements as identified by the City. ADA compliance must be met prior to project completion.

All improvements must be physically attached to the property and permanent in nature. City staff will recommend specific improvements based on site analysis or architectural design recommendations. Applicants must incorporate two or more eligible improvement elements. Only improvements made to the street-facing portion of the building are eligible.

Additionally, to participate in the Program, all non-permitted signage on the property to be rehabilitated, whether on the building or a pole/free standing sign, must be brought up to compliance with the City's Municipal Code and maintained in conformance with the Sign

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Ordinance of the City.

**E. Permit and Entitlement Fees**

In addition to the eligible direct construction costs, grant funds may be used to pay Building Department plan check and building permit fees; Planning entitlement fees; and any other fee(s) determined by the City to be necessary and directly associated with the commercial Improvement work being performed under this program (see Section I).

**Section IV – Program Procedures**

**A. Applicant Intake and Eligibility Determination**

1. Application. Property owners and business owners may apply for program assistance by downloading an application form available online at [www.cityofgardena.org](http://www.cityofgardena.org) or completing an application available at City Hall and submitting such materials to the City of Gardena's Community Development Department. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. The City will maintain a waiting list for all prospective participants.
2. Verification and Eligibility Determination. The City shall verify all information as necessary. Applicants will be notified in writing regarding eligibility status.
3. Improvement Feasibility Determination. Once an applicant has been determined to meet eligibility requirements, an initial inspection of the property will be made by the City to determine the extent of any code violations as well as any health and safety issues that need to be corrected pursuant to the provisions of this assistance program.
4. Processing. As a goal, processing time from the date the City determines that the applicant is eligible for assistance under the Program until a grant is approved or denied shall be ninety (90) days.
5. Approval and Notifications. Applications shall be reviewed by the City staff to ensure that the information provided is complete and accurate. Once the applicant's application has been deemed complete, the City staff will meet with the applicant to determine the Improvement work that is proposed for the building. The determination will include the site improvements that will be required by the applicant as part of the grant acceptance requirements.

In order to obtain a grant, applicants must meet all property and eligibility guidelines in effect at the time of approval. Applicants will be provided with written notification of approval or denial. The applicant will be required to enter into a Participation Agreement with the City and a separate Construction Agreement with the contractor performing the work.

6. Grant Agreement: The Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Agreement is an agreement between the City and the Property Owner that links the grant documents to the completion

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of the Façade Improvement Project by the Owner. It is a contract between the City and the applicant setting forth the terms and conditions of the grant of Program funds, specifically:

- Source of funding.
- Applicable funding source requirements.
- Conditions of program eligibility.
- Amount granted.
- Basic use of the funds.

Property owner and/or business owner must be aware that Program funds will not be committed or approved by the City until the designated Program representative signs the Grant Agreement.

7. Owners Indemnity: To the furthest extent allowed by law, Property Owner shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend City and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants and volunteers from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage) incurred by City, Property Owner or any other person, and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including attorney's fees and litigation expenses), arising or alleged to have arisen directly or indirectly out of participation in the Commercial Façade Improvement Program ("Program"). Property Owner's obligations under the preceding sentence shall apply regardless of whether City or any of its officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants or volunteers are negligent, but shall not apply to any loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs or damages caused solely by the gross negligence, or caused by the willful misconduct, of City or any of its officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants or volunteers.

If Property Owner should contract all or any portion of the work to be performed under this Program, Property Owner shall require each consultant and/or contractor to indemnify, hold harmless and defend City and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph.

This section shall survive termination or expiration of Property Owner's participation in the Program.

8. Insurance: During Property Owner's participation in the Commercial Façade Improvement Program ("Program") and specifically during the course of construction, Property Owner shall pay for and maintain in full force and effect all policies of insurance required hereunder with an insurance company(ies) either (i) admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and rated not less than "A- VII" in Best's Insurance Rating Guide, or (ii) as may be authorized in writing by Director of Community Development or his/her designee at any time and in his/her sole discretion. The following policy of insurance is required:

- A. PROPERTY INSURANCE covering the Project premises against all risks of loss at full replacement cost with no coinsurance penalty provision.

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Property Owner shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles contained in any insurance policies required hereunder and Property owner shall also be responsible for payment of any self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved by, the Director of Community Development or his/her designee. At no time shall City be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions.

All policies of insurance required hereunder shall be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be cancelled, non-renewed, reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 calendar day written notice has been given to City. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agent of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, Property Owner shall furnish City with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies). In the event any policy is due to expire during the Property Owner's participation in the Program, Property Owner shall provide a new certificate, and applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than 15 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

The Property insurance policies shall name the City as a loss payee to the extent of the monetary value of the Grant.

Property Owner shall furnish City with all certificate(s) and applicable endorsements effecting coverage required hereunder. **All certificates and applicable endorsements are to be received and approved by Director of Community Development or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion prior to City's issuance of the Grant.** Upon request of City, Property Owner shall immediately furnish City with a complete copy of any insurance policy required hereunder, including all endorsements, with said copy certified by the underwriter to be a true and correct copy of the original policy. This requirement shall survive expiration or termination of Property Owner's participation in the Program.

Any failure to maintain the required insurance shall be sufficient cause for City to terminate Property Owner's participation in the Program.

## **B. Procurement and Contractor Selection**

1. Pre-Bid Meeting. The City shall prepare a bid package including instructions to bidders, work description, and plans. The City shall also schedule an on-site mandatory pre-bid meeting for all projects to review site conditions and provide clarification of proposed scope of work.
2. Procurement. The City shall maintain a list of qualified contractors and subcontractors who have expressed interest in bidding on Improvement work and have been cleared by the State Contractors License Board and are not listed on the debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors list as per 24 CFR part 5. The City will coordinate with the property owner or business owner to obtain at least three (3) estimates from qualified contractors for each Improvement project. The property owner(s) or business owners shall be responsible for obtaining estimates for improvements. Estimates shall be submitted to the City in the prescribed form.

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3. Selection. The applicant will make the final contractor selection from among three (3) qualified contractors who submit construction estimates. In case where the applicant desires to award the construction contract to an approved contractor other than the lowest responsible bidder, the City may set the amount of the award equal to the amount of the bid of the lowest responsible bidder. The applicant shall be responsible for any difference in the cost of construction.
4. Contractor Insurance/License File. The City shall maintain a file for each contractor performing work pursuant to the terms and conditions of this program. The applicant shall obtain these documents and as part of the file shall include the following information:
- A. Contractor's social security number or federal tax ID number;
  - B. Completed W-9 form
  - C. Copies of the contractor's current liability and workers compensation insurance policies in addition to others noted under "Insurance for Contractor" below;
  - D. Copies of the contractor's current California Contractor's License;
  - E. Contractor's certification regarding equal employment opportunity;
  - F. All required Davis-Bacon information and certifications;
  - G. Copy of contractor's City Business License; and
  - H. A list of project sub-contractors (including State Contractors License number) to be used by the General Contractor.

Any contractor with lapsed General Liability and/or Workers Compensation insurance or a valid state contractor's license shall be removed from the job until they are able to provide proof of current insurance and/or license. All contractors shall be required to obtain a City Business License prior to the issuance of a building permit.

5. Indemnity for Contractor. The following will be included in all contractor and subcontractor agreements and required of all contractors under the Commercial Façade Improvement Program:

To the furthest extent allowed by law, Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Property Owner, City and each of City's officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants and volunteers from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage) incurred by Property Owner, City, Contractor or any other person, and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including attorney's fees and litigation expenses), arising or alleged to have arisen directly or indirectly out of the participation in and performance of work under the Commercial Façade Improvement Program (Program"). Contractor's obligations under the preceding sentence shall apply regardless of whether Property Owner, City or any of City's officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants or volunteers are negligent, but shall not apply to any loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs or damages caused solely by the gross negligence, or caused by the willful misconduct, of Property Owner, City or any of City's officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants or volunteers.

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If Contractor should subcontract all or any portion of the work to be performed under this Program, Contractor shall require each subcontractor to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Property Owner, City and each of City's officers, officials, employees, agents, consultants and volunteers in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph.

This section shall survive termination or expiration of Contractor's participation in and performance of work under this Program.

6. Insurance for Contractor. The following will be included in all contractor agreements and required of all contractors under the Commercial Façade Improvement Program:

Throughout Contractor's participation in and performance of work under the Commercial Façade Improvement Program ("Program"), Contractor shall pay for and maintain in full force and effect all policies of insurance required hereunder with an insurance company(ies) either (i) admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and rated not less than "A- VII" in Best's Insurance Rating Guide, or (ii) as may be authorized in writing by Director of Community Development or his/her designee at any time and in his/her sole discretion. The following policies of insurance are required:

- A. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY insurance which shall be at least as broad as the most current version of Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage Form CG 00 01 and include insurance for "bodily injury," "property damage" and "personal and advertising injury" with coverage for premises and operations (including the use of owned and non-owned equipment), products and completed operations, and contractual liability (including, without limitation, indemnity obligations under the Agreement) with limits of liability of not less than the following:

\$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage  
\$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal and advertising injury  
\$2,000,000 aggregate for products and completed operations  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

- B. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY insurance which shall be at least as broad as the most current version of Insurance Service Office (ISO) Business Auto Coverage Form CA 00 01, and include coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles or other licensed vehicles (Code 1 - Any Auto) with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

- C. WORKERS' COMPENSATION insurance as required under the California Labor Code.

- D. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY insurance with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident, \$1,000,000 disease policy limit and \$1,000,000 disease each employee.

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In the event Contractor purchases an Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) to meet the minimum limits of insurance set forth above, this insurance policy(ies) shall "follow form" and afford no less coverage than the primary insurance policy(ies).

Contractor shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles contained in any insurance policies required hereunder and Contractor shall also be responsible for payment of any self-insured retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to, and approved by, the Director of Community Development or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion. At the option of the City Manager or his/her designee, either (i) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects City, its officers, officials, employees and agents; or (ii) Contractor shall provide a financial guarantee, satisfactory to the Director of Community Development or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion, guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses. At no time shall City be responsible for the payment of any deductibles or self-insured retentions.

All policies of insurance required hereunder shall be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be cancelled, non-renewed, reduced in coverage or in limits except after 30 calendar day written notice has been given to City. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agent of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, Contractor shall furnish City with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies). In the event any policy is due to expire during the work to be performed for City, Contractor shall provide a new certificate, and applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than 15 calendar days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

The General Liability (including ongoing operations and products-completed operations), and Automobile Liability insurance policies shall be written on an occurrence form, and name the Property Owner, City, and City's officers, officials, employees, agents, and consultants as an additional insured as follows:

*"The City, its elected or appointed officers, officials, employees and volunteers are covered as additional insureds."*

All such policies of insurance shall be endorsed so Contractor's insurance shall be primary, and no contribution shall be required of Property Owner, City or City's officers, officials, employees, agents, and consultants. Any Workers' Compensation insurance policy shall contain a waiver of subrogation as to Property Owner, City, and City's officers, officials, employees, agents, and consultants. The coverage(s) shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to Property Owner, City and City's officers, officials, employees, agents, and consultants. Should Contractor maintain insurance with broader coverage and/or limits of liability greater than those shown above, Property Owner and City require and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits of liability maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to Property Owner and City.

Contractor shall furnish City with all certificate(s) and applicable endorsements effecting



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coverage required hereunder. **All certificates and applicable endorsements are to be received and approved by Property Owner and Director of Community Development, or his/her designee in his/her sole discretion, prior to Property Owner's execution of the contract and before work commences.** Upon request of Property Owner or City, Contractor shall immediately furnish Property Owner and City with a complete copy of any insurance policy required under this Agreement, including all endorsements, with said copy certified by the underwriter to be a true and correct copy of the original policy. This requirement shall survive expiration or termination of Contractor's participation in and performance of work under this Program.

If at any time during Contractor's participation in and performance of work under this Program, Contractor or any of its subcontractors fail to maintain any required insurance in full force and effect, all work under shall be discontinued immediately, until notice is received by City that the required insurance has been restored to full force and effect and that the premiums therefore have been paid for a period satisfactory to City. Any failure to maintain the required insurance shall be sufficient cause for City to terminate Contractor's participation in and performance of work under this Program.

The fact that insurance is obtained by Contractor shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of Contractor, including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this Program. The duty to indemnify Property Owner and City shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by Contractor. Approval or purchase of any insurance policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of Contractor, its principals, officers, agents, employees, persons under the supervision of Contractor, vendors, suppliers, invitees, consultants, sub-consultants, subcontractors, or anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them.

If Contractor should subcontract all or any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement, Contractor shall require each subcontractor to provide insurance protection in favor of Property Owner, City and City's officers, officials, employees, agents, and consultants in accordance with the terms of each of the preceding paragraphs, except that the subcontractors' certificates and endorsements shall be on file with Contractor, Property Owner and City prior to the commencement of any work by the subcontractor.

7. Bonds: Upon the City's request, Contractor shall obtain, pay for and deliver or cause to be obtained, paid for and delivered good and sufficient surety bonds from a corporate surety, admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and Treasury-listed, in a form satisfactory to the City and naming the City as Co-Obligee.
  - A. The "Faithful Performance Bond" shall be at least equal to 100% of Contractor's estimated construction costs to guarantee faithful performance of the Project, within the time prescribed, in a manner satisfactory to the City, and that all materials and workmanship will be free from original or developed defects.

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- B. The "Material and Labor Bond" shall be at least equal to 100% of Property Owner's estimated construction costs to satisfy claims of material supplies and of mechanics and laborers employed for this Project. The bond shall be maintained by Contractor in full force and effect until the Project is completed and accepted by the City, and until all claims for materials and labor are paid, and shall otherwise comply with any applicable provisions of Chapter 7, Title 15, Part 4, Division 3 of the California Civil Code.
  - C. The "Bid Bond" shall be at least equal to 10% of the amount set forth in the bid. The bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it is awarded to him/her in conformity with the contract documents and shall provide the evidence of insurance and furnish the necessary bonds as specified in the contract documents, within 15 calendar days after written notice of the award.
8. Ineligible Contractors. The City and the applicant(s) shall agree not to award any contract for Improvement work, to be paid for in whole or in part with proceeds from a Program grant to any contractor who does not have a valid state contractors license, who cannot produce sufficient evidence of current Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance coverage.

All owner/builders, or any member of the applicant's family, are considered ineligible, regardless of credentials or license. Any ineligible contractor found working at the job site will be removed immediately, without compensation.

9. Award of Contract

- a. Notification. The City shall notify the selected contractor of the award of bid and shall establish a date, time and place for the pre-construction conference. The City shall notify, in writing, the non-selected contractors.
- b. Improvement Construction Agreement. The contract, for the approved Improvement work shall be prepared by the City and shall be entered into between the property owner and the selected contractor. The City may require the inclusion of certain contractual terms in accordance with federal requirements. In the event of any dispute arising under this program, the injured party shall notify the injuring party in writing of its intentions as specified in the agreement between the property owner and the contractor.
- c. Private Arrangements. The City cautions the property owner/business owner and the contractor not to enter into "side deals" for additional work or deviations from the approved scope of work.

**C. Pre-construction Meeting**

Prior to construction, the City will arrange a preconstruction meeting which shall be attended by the contractor, subcontractor(s), if applicable, the property/business owner(s), and representative City staff. The purpose of this meeting is to explain all applicable requirements

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including Labor Standard Requirements), explain all Program requirements and procedures, coordinate and schedule the work start date, and answer questions related to contract documents.

**D. Start of Construction**

No work shall commence until a **“Notice to Proceed”** has been issued to the contractor, signed by the property owner(s) and the City. In addition, no work shall commence until all required permits have been issued by the City’s Building and Safety Department.

**E. Contractor Payments**

1. Inspections. To ensure the integrity of the authorized work, the Program Inspector shall conduct site inspections prior to the issuance of progress payments and prepare detailed inspection reports which identify any deficiencies in a contractor's materials or workmanship. The Program Inspector shall make regular and/or unannounced inspections of work-in-progress to identify the quality of the work and assess owner satisfaction. The building inspector shall conduct inspections to ensure compliance with Local Building Code.
2. Payment Request Packages. The Contractor shall submit payment request packages to the City in the prescribed format. All requests shall be signed by the contractor, property/business owner(s), and the Program Inspector, certifying that the work has been satisfactorily completed. All pertinent invoices, releases, certifications, warranties, list of subcontractors and materialmen, and copies of applicable permits shall be attached to the payment request. Final payment request shall also include the property/business owner's certification of acceptance, Building and Safety Department sign-off, and a Notice of Completion. Payment request packages shall be submitted to the City for approval. Progress payments will be paid for 90% of the job costs. The final payment for the 10% retention shall be paid 30 days after the Notice of Completion has been recorded.

**F. Applicant Complaint Resolution Process**

The City shall maintain a complaint log, documenting the date and nature of any project complaint, and corrective actions taken by City staff to resolve the matter. Complaints concerning the Program should first be made to the Program Administrator. If unresolved to the satisfaction of the applicant, an appeal may be made, in writing, to the Community Development Department.

The City will contact the property/business owner and attempt to resolve the problem. A written response will be made within ten (10) working days. If the problem cannot be resolved, it will be presented to the Director of Community Development for review and consideration. The decision of the Community Development Director shall be final.

**G. Applicant Responsibilities**

1. Property Maintenance. The property/business owner(s) is/are responsible for property maintenance during the Improvement work (contractor is responsible for keeping the property clean of all construction material). The property/business owner(s) is/are

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responsible for ensuring that the Improvement work is not impeded because of their actions or the actions of their tenant(s). The City shall require the contractor and his/her employees to provide adequate pedestrian and property protection at the construction site.

2. Property Tax Bills. Current property tax bills for the subject property must be current. The property owner(s) is/are responsible for ensuring that the property taxes are current. The City will verify that the property taxes for the property are current. If the property's tax statement indicates a delinquency, at the time of the Program application, the City shall not proceed with grant processing until it is supplied with a Certificate of Redemption from the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's Office or other appropriate documentation of proof of payment.
3. Notice of Completion: The property owner(s) is/are responsible for signing a Notice of Completion prepared by the City and the City is responsible for filing the Notice of Completion within 10 days of the completion of the work.

## **SECTION V - MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS**

### **A. Bonus, Commission or Fee**

The applicant shall not pay any bonus, commission or fee, for the purpose of obtaining approval of the grant application, or for any other approval or concurrence as may be required by the City pursuant to the provisions of this Program.

### **B. Conflict of Interest**

No Program assistance will be provided to any member of the governing body of the City or any designee of the City, or the City of Gardena, who exercises any authority or responsibilities in connection with the administration of this program. No member of the aforementioned organizations shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in the proceeds from the Commercial Façade Improvement Program or in any contract entered into by the applicant for the performance of the work, financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of the grant.

### **C. Disclosure of Information**

The City is a public entity and information or records (with the exception of financial information which falls under Government Code section 6250 (c), and section 7460 et seq.) submitted or released to the City by the applicant may be considered public records and subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, Government Code section 6250 et seq.

### **D. Equal Opportunity Policy**

The City shall not discriminate based upon sex, age, race, creed, color, religion, national origin, marital status, ancestry or physical handicap in accepting applications and processing Program applications; or the awarding of a contract for Improvement of property assisted by this Program.

### **E. Fire and Flood Insurance Requirements**

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Applicants are obligated to carry sufficient fire insurance coverage on the subject property to be rehabilitated under the provisions of this Program. Prior to any grant assistance, minimum fire insurance coverage shall be provided in an amount which is equivalent to the value of the subject building or structure including the proposed Improvement improvements. Uninsured applicants must obtain coverage in the required amount prior to receiving grant assistance. Applicants in the "Flood Hazard Area" will be required to purchase flood hazard insurance.

**F. Historic Preservation**

In order to comply with section 106, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and federal guidelines, the City shall prepare a Basic Property Identification Form for all structures to be assisted. Such a form shall be accompanied by photographs and shall be submitted to SHPO for review and clearance.

**G. Environmental Review:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that City funds may not be released until the City has certified that a review of the project activities demonstrates that no significant impact on the human environment is likely to occur or that actions have been initiated that would mitigate any potential impacts to the extent practicable.

As such, environmental forms must be completed and approved prior to releasing funds. A Determination of Categorical Exemption, Statutory Worksheet, and Level of Environmental Review form will generally address anticipated typical commercial rehabilitation activities contemplated under the Program. Staff shall ensure that appropriate documentation is prepared and signed by the City's authorized official prior to the commitment of Program funds. Copies of the environmental review documentation shall be maintained in the project file.

**H. Substitution of Contractor**

In the event that the selected contractor shall fail or refuse to complete the work, in a professional and workman like manner, as set forth in the Improvement Construction Contract, including its General Conditions and Standard Specifications, or fails to use due diligence in performing the required work, the property owner(s) may terminate the Improvement Construction Contract, upon providing proper notice, to such contractor. The City shall assist the property owner(s) in completing the necessary termination document(s) as needed. No further Improvement is to commence until an agreement releasing the original contractor from his/her contractual obligations, is on file with the City, and a new contract is signed between the substitute contractor and the property owner(s).

1. Non-commencement by Original Contractor. The owner shall notify the City by means of a registered letter, indicating that the original selected contractor will not be performing the Improvement work and the reason(s) why a substitution of contractor has been requested. Both the property owner(s) and the original contractor's signatures are required in this document. The property owner shall obtain additional bids from contractors willing to perform the Improvement work. A new Improvement Construction Contract Notice to Proceed, and Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be prepared by the Purchasing Department and appropriately signed.

2. Noncompliance by Original Contractor. The owner shall notify the City by means of a registered letter, indicating that the original selected contractor has not complied with the terms of the agreement and that a substitution of contractor is being requested. Both the property owner(s) and the original contractor's signatures are required in this document. The property owner shall obtain additional bids from contractors willing to complete the Improvement work. A new Improvement Construction Agreement Notice to Proceed, and Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be prepared by the City and appropriately signed. The City shall inspect the job site and compile a list of incomplete or unacceptable items to determine the extent of work to be completed by the substitute contractor.

A meeting shall be held between the City, the property owner(s) and the original contractor to establish an amount and method of payment for any work which has been completed in accordance with the agreement. Funds withheld from the original contractor shall be identified. Lien releases and invoices from the original contractor and subcontractor(s) shall be provided. The City shall prepare a revised work write-up, based upon the City's inspection findings, which shall contain only those items necessary to complete the job. The property owner(s) shall obtain bids from contractors willing to perform such work, and to the extent possible, ensure that the new contract does not exceed available grant funding. A new Improvement Construction Contract Notice to Proceed, and Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be prepared by the City and appropriately signed.

#### **I. Davis-Bacon Requirements**

In accordance with federal or state regulations, Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) requirements apply to the Improvement of all commercial buildings and structures. The applicant will be responsible for ensuring that the requirements are met and that a completed file is available for the City to review and monitor to ensure that all laborers are paid applicable prevailing wages. All cost for conducting the Davis-Bacon requirements can be paid for through the program proceeds.

#### **J. Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Requirements**

A Contractor who fits within the definition of public works contractor is required to register with the DIR. Registration is required only to bid or work on public works projects that are subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the State of California. Federally funded or assisted projects that are controlled or carried out by awarding bodies in California are subject to the state's prevailing wage laws and therefore require registration.

#### **K. Re-Application Requirements**

Properties shall be eligible for a one-time grant under the program, irrelevant of change of ownership. Once provided with a grant, the property will no longer be eligible for a grant under the Commercial Façade Improvement Program. Property owners must maintain the property after a facade project has been completed.

## **SECTION VI - AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Commercial Façade Improvement Program Guidelines may be made from time to time

by the City. Vested authority shall be granted to the Director of Community Development to grant a minor waiver or make minor amendments to these guidelines. All Substantial Amendments to these guidelines shall be approved by the City Council.

**SECTION VIII.**  
**Form of Agreement**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF GARDENA  
AND  

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This contract, hereinafter referred to as Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between THE CITY OF GARDENA ("City") and \_\_\_\_\_, a [state] [type of entity] ("Consultant"). Based on the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties hereto agree, as follows.

1. **Recitals.**

- A. Whereas, City requires the services of a professional to provide design services; and
- B. Whereas, Consultant has represented that it is qualified by virtue of experience, training, education and expertise to provide these services; and
- C. Whereas, City has determined that the public interest, convenience and necessity require the execution of this Agreement.
- D. WHEREAS, no official or employee of City has a financial interest, within the provisions of sections 1090-1092 of the California Government Code, in the subject matter of this Agreement.

2. **Services.**

A. The services to be performed by Consultant shall consist of the following ("Services"): As specified in **Exhibit "\*"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, unless otherwise instructed by City.

B. The Services shall be performed in accordance with the Project Schedule set forth in **Exhibit \***. Consultant shall not be liable for any failure or delay in furnishing proposed Services resulting from fire, explosion, flood, storm, Act of God, governmental acts, orders or regulations, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, labor difficulties, difficulty in obtaining parts, supplies, or shipping facilities, inability to obtain or delays in obtaining suitable material or facilities required for performance, temporary unavailability of qualified personnel, failure by City to provide appropriate access to equipment or



personnel, or other causes beyond Consultant's reasonable control.

3. Additional Services. If City determines that additional Services are required to be provided by Consultant in addition to the Services set forth above, City shall authorize Consultant to perform such additional Services in writing ("Additional Services"). Such Additional Services shall be specifically described and approved by City in writing prior to the performance thereof. Consultant shall be compensated for such Additional Services in accordance with the amount agreed upon in writing by the Parties. No compensation shall be paid to Consultant for Additional Services which are not specifically approved by City in writing.

4. Consultant's Proposal. This Agreement shall include Consultant's proposal or bid which is incorporated herein as **Exhibit \***. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of the proposal and this Agreement, this Agreement shall govern.

5. Timing of Performance. Time is of the essence with respect to Consultant's performance of the Services required by this Agreement. Consultant shall diligently and timely pursue and complete the performance of the Services required of it by this Agreement as set forth in **Exhibit \***. City, in its sole discretion, may extend the time for performance of any Service.

6. Compensation. Compensation for the Services shall be billed as set forth in **Exhibit \***, attached hereto. The Compensation is inclusive of all costs that may be incurred by Consultant in performance of the Services, including but not limited to such items as travel, copies, delivery charges, phone charges, and facsimile charges, unless otherwise. In no event shall compensation under this Agreement exceed SPELL OUT AMOUNT and 00/00 (\$\*) without the prior written authorization of the City Council.

7. Prevailing Wages. Consultant is aware of the requirements of Chapter 1 (beginning at Section 1720 et seq.) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code, as well as Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations ("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, Consultant and its subconsultants shall fully comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws for their employees and any others to whom such laws are applicable. Consultant and its subconsultants shall also be responsible for any and all violations and fines imposed on them pursuant to the Prevailing Wage Laws. Pursuant to SB 854, which amended the Prevailing Wage Laws, this Agreement would also be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR"). Beginning April 1, 2015, no consultant or subconsultant may be awarded this Agreement unless registered with the DIR pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. The City will report all necessary agreements to the DIR as required by the Prevailing Wage Laws. Consultant 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 Consultant's principal place of business and at the Project site. It is most efficient for the Consultant to obtain a copy of the prevailing wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement from the website of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the DIR located at [www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/). In the alternative, Consultant may obtain a copy of the prevailing wages from the City's Representative. Consultant 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.

8. Term of Agreement/Termination. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for a period of one (1) year, ending on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. This Agreement may be extended by two [2] additional one [1] year periods upon mutual written agreement of both parties.]

A. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of execution by the City and shall remain in effect until all Services are completed or until terminated as provided for herein.

B. City may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing written notice to Consultant not less than ten days prior to an effective termination date. City's only obligation in the event of termination will be payment of fees and allowed expenses incurred up to and including the effective date of termination.

C. Unless for cause, Consultant may not terminate this Agreement. If Consultant is terminating this Agreement for cause, it must provide the City with thirty (30) days written notice.

D. Upon receipt of a termination notice, Consultant shall: (1) promptly discontinue all Services, unless the notice directs otherwise; and (2) within ten (10) days, deliver to City all files, data, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated or prepared to date by Consultant in performing the Services under this Agreement, whether completed or in progress. Consultant shall provide these documents by both hard copy and in electronic format if available. In the event of termination for other than cause attributable to Consultant, Consultant shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for the Services it performs up to the date of termination and shall be deemed released from liability for any work assigned but not completed as of the effective date of termination.

9. Agreement Administrator. For purposes of this Agreement, City designates Stephany Santin, Director Recreation & Human Services, or designee, as the Agreement Administrator who shall monitor Consultant's performance under this Agreement. Consultant shall be notified in writing of any deficiency in the performance of this Agreement in a timely manner by Agreement Administrator. Consultant shall have five (5) business days from receipt of the notification to cure any deficiency to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agreement Administrator. All costs for such corrections shall be borne

by Consultant and shall not increase Consultant's fees due hereunder. Should the Agreement Administrator determine that Consultant has not performed its obligation as stated in this Agreement in a satisfactory manner, City may terminate this Agreement for cause as specified in Section- Term of Agreement/Termination. All notices, invoices or other documents shall be addressed to the Agreement Administrator, as well as all substantive issues relating to this contract. City reserves the right to change this designation upon written notice to Consultant.

10. Invoices and Payments.

A. Payment shall be made upon receipt and approval of invoices for Services rendered. In order for payment to be made, Consultant's invoice must include an itemization as to the services rendered, date(s) of service, direct and/or subcontract costs, and be submitted on an official letterhead or invoice with Consultant's name, address, and telephone number referenced.

B. The Agreement Administrator shall review the invoices to determine whether services performed and documents submitted are consistent with this Agreement. Payment shall be made within forty-five (45) days following receipt of the invoice or the Agreement Administrator shall provide Consultant with a written statement objecting to the charges and stating the reasons therefore.

C. Payment by City under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of defects, even if such defects were known to City at the time of payment.

11. Records/Audit.

A. Consultant shall be responsible for ensuring accuracy and propriety of all billings and shall maintain all supporting documentation for a minimum of three (3) years from the completion date of the Services under this agreement the following records:

1. All accounts and records, including personnel, property and financial, adequate to identify and account for all costs pertaining to this Agreement and assure proper accounting for all funds;

2. Records which establish that Consultant and any subconsultant who renders Services under this Agreement are in full compliance with the requirements of this Agreement and all federal, state and local laws and regulations

3. Any additional records deemed necessary by City to assume verification of full compliance with this Agreement.

B. City shall have the right to audit Consultant's invoices and all supporting documentation for purposes of compliance with this Agreement for a period of three years following the completion of Services under this Agreement.

C. Upon reasonable notice from City or any other governmental agency,

Consultant shall cooperate fully with any audit of its billings conducted by, or of, City and shall permit access to its books, records and accounts as may be necessary to conduct such audits.

12. Successors and Assignment. This Agreement covers professional services of a specific and unique nature. Except as otherwise provided herein, Consultant shall not assign or transfer its interest in this Agreement or subcontract any services to be performed without amending this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

13. Change in Name, Ownership or Control. Consultant shall notify the Agreement Administrator, in writing, of any change in name, ownership or control of Consultant's firm or subconsultant. Change of ownership or control of Consultant's firm may require an amendment to the Agreement.

14. Key Personnel. City has relied upon the professional training and ability of Consultant to perform the Services hereunder as a material inducement to enter into this Agreement. Consultant shall provide properly skilled professional and technical personnel to perform all Services under this Agreement. In the event that City, in its sole discretion, at any time during the Agreement, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by Consultant to perform Services pursuant to this Agreement, Consultant shall remove any such person immediately upon receiving notice from City.

15. Performance By Consultant. Consultant shall maintain or exceed the level of competency presently maintained by other similar practitioners in the State of California, for professional and technical soundness, accuracy and adequacy of all work, advice and material furnished under this Agreement.

16. Use of Materials.

A. City shall make available to Consultant such materials from its files as may be required by Consultant to perform Services under this Agreement. Such materials shall remain the property of City while in Consultant's possession. Upon termination of this Agreement and payment of outstanding invoices of Consultant, or completion of work under this Agreement, Consultant shall return to City any property of City in its possession and any calculations, notes, reports, electronic files, or other materials prepared by Consultant in the course of performance of this Agreement.

B. City may utilize any material prepared or work performed by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, including computer software, in any manner, which City deems proper without additional compensation to Consultant. Consultant shall have no responsibility or liability for any revisions, changes, or corrections made by City, or any use or reuse pursuant to this paragraph unless Consultant accepts such responsibility in writing.

17. Nonuse of Intellectual Property of Third Parties. Consultant shall not use, disclose

or copy any intellectual property of any third parties in connection with work carried out under this Agreement, except for intellectual property for which Consultant has a license. Consultant shall indemnify and hold City harmless against all claims raised against City based upon allegations that Consultant has wrongfully used intellectual property of others in performing work for City, or that City has wrongfully used intellectual property developed by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

18. Ownership of Work Product. All documents or other information created, developed, or received by Consultant shall, for purposes of copyright law, be deemed works made for hire for City by Consultant and shall be the sole property of City. Consultant shall provide City with copies of these items upon demand, and in any event, upon termination of this Agreement.

19. Confidentiality Clause. Consultant acknowledges that some of the material and information that may come into its possession or knowledge in connection with this Agreement or its performance may consist of information that is exempt from disclosure to the public or other unauthorized persons under either state or federal statutes ("Confidential Information"). Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, names, addresses, Social Security numbers, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, financial profiles, credit card information, driver's license numbers, medical data, law enforcement records, agency source code or object code, agency security data, or information identifiable to an individual that relates to any of these types of information. Consultant agrees to hold Confidential Information in strictest confidence and not to make use of Confidential Information for any purpose other than the performance of this Agreement, to release it only to authorized employees or Sub-consultants requiring such information for the purposes of carrying out this Agreement, and not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell, disclose, or otherwise make the information known to any other party without City's express written consent or as provided by law. Consultant agrees to release such information or material only to employees or Sub-consultants who have signed a nondisclosure agreement, the terms of which have been previously approved by City. Consultant agrees to implement physical, electronic, and managerial safeguards to prevent unauthorized access to Confidential Information.

"Personal information" including, but not limited to, "Protected Health Information" (PHI) under Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act (HIPAA), individuals' names, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates, and social security numbers collected, used, or acquired in connection with this Agreement shall be protected against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification or loss.

HIPAA establishes national minimum standards for the use and disclosure of certain health information. The Consultant must comply with all HIPAA requirements and rules when determined applicable by the City. If City determines that (1) City is a "covered entity" under HIPAA, and that (2) Consultant will perform "business associate" services and activities covered under HIPAA, then at City's request, Consultant agrees to execute City's Agreement in compliance with HIPAA.

Consultant shall ensure its directors, officers, employees, Sub-consultants or agents use

personal information solely for the purposes of accomplishing the services set forth herein. Consultant and its Sub-consultants agree not to release, divulge, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons personal information without the express written consent of the City or as otherwise required by law.

Any breach of this provision may result in termination of the Agreement and demand for return of all personal information. Moreover, Consultant will indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all losses and damages resulting from any unauthorized or improper disclosure, dissemination or use of the information as a result, in whole or in part, of Consultant's action or inaction.

## 20. Legal Requirements.

A. Consultant shall secure and maintain all licenses or permits required by law, including a City business license, and shall comply with all ordinances, laws, orders, rules, and regulations pertaining to the work.

B. Consultant warrants that it shall perform the Services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California employment laws, including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless City from and against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, proceedings, and judgments of every nature and description including attorneys' fees and costs, presented, brought, or recovered against City for, or on account of any liability under any of the above-mentioned laws, which may be incurred by reason of Consultant's performance under this Agreement.

C. Consultant covenants that there shall be no discrimination based upon race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, age, handicap, national origin or ancestry, or any other category forbidden by law in performance of this Agreement.

## 21. Conflict of Interest and Reporting.

A. Consultant shall at all times avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in the performance of this Agreement. If required, Consultant shall comply with the City's Conflict of Interest reporting requirements. Consultant understands that pursuant to Gardena Municipal Code sections 2.24.020H and 2.24.025G, it is forbidden to make any contribution to a candidate or committee of a candidate for a municipal office of the City, or to an officeholder, until the completion of Services to be performed under this Agreement.

B. Consultant and its representatives shall refrain from lobbying City of Gardena officials, employees and representatives for the duration of this Agreement.

22. Guarantee and Warranty.

- A. Consultant warrants to City that the material, analysis, data, programs and Services to be delivered or rendered hereunder will be of the kind and quality designated and will be performed by qualified personnel. Without waiver of City's other rights or remedies, City may require Consultant to re-perform any of said Services, which were not performed in accordance with these standards. Consultant shall perform the remedial Services at its sole expense.

23. Insurance.

A. Commencement of Work. Consultant shall not commence work under this Agreement until it has obtained City approved insurance. Before beginning work hereunder, during the entire period of this Agreement, for any extensions hereto, and for periods after the end of this Agreement as may be indicated below, Consultant must have and maintain in place all of the insurance coverage required in this Section. Consultant's insurance shall comply with all items specified by this Agreement. Any subcontractors shall be subject to all of the requirements of this Section and Consultant shall be responsible to obtain evidence of insurance from each subcontractor and provide it to City before the subcontractor commences work. Alternatively, Consultant's insurance may cover all subcontractors.

B. Insurance Company Requirements. All insurance policies used to satisfy the requirements imposed hereunder shall be issued by insurers admitted to do business in the State of California. Insurers shall have a current Best's rating of not less than A-:VII, unless otherwise approved by City.

C. Coverage, Limits and Policy Requirements. Consultant shall maintain the types of coverage and limits indicated below:

1. Commercial General Liability Insurance - a policy for occurrence coverage for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01, with no special limitations affecting City. The limit for all coverage under this policy shall be no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

2. Commercial Auto Liability Insurance - a policy with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CA 0001, including Symbol 1 (any auto) with no special limitations affecting City. The limit for bodily injury and property damage liability shall be no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident.

3. Policy Requirements. The policies set forth above shall comply with the following, as evidenced by the policies or endorsements to the policies:

a. The City, its appointed and elected officers, employees, agents and volunteers shall be added as additional insured to the policy.

b. The insurer shall agree to provide City with thirty (30) days prior written notice, return receipt requested, of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change in coverage.

c. For any claims with respect to the Services covered by this Agreement, Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers shall be excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

4. Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance - a policy which meets all statutory benefit requirements of the Labor Code, or other applicable law, of the State of California. The minimum coverage limits for said insurance shall be no less than one million dollars per claim. The policy shall be issued by an insurance company which is admitted to do business in the State of California and shall contain a clause that the policy may not be canceled without thirty (30) days prior written notice, return receipt requested, is mailed to City.

5. Professional Errors & Omissions - a policy with minimum limits of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and aggregate. This policy shall be issued by an insurance company which is admitted to do business in the State of California and Consultant shall contain a clause that the policy may not be canceled until thirty (30) days written notice, return receipt requested, is mailed to City.

D. Additional Requirements. The procuring of such required policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Consultant's liability hereunder or to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Agreement. There shall be no recourse against City for payment of premiums or other amounts with respect thereto. City shall notify Consultant in writing of changes in the insurance requirements. If Consultant does not deposit copies of acceptable insurance policies or endorsements with City incorporating such changes within sixty (60) days of receipt of such notice, Consultant shall be deemed in default hereunder.

E. Deductibles. Any deductible or self-insured retention over \$25,000 per occurrence must be declared to and approved by City. Any deductible exceeding an amount acceptable to City shall be subject to the following changes: either the insurer shall eliminate or reduce such deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to City, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers (with additional premium, if any, to be paid by Consultant); or Consultant shall provide satisfactory financial guarantee for payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration and defense expenses.

F. Verification of Compliance. Consultant shall furnish City with original policies or certificates and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Agreement.



The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. All endorsements are to be received and approved by City before work commences. Not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration date of any policy of insurance required by this Agreement, Consultant shall deliver to City a binder or certificate of insurance with respect to each renewal policy, bearing a notation evidencing payment of the premium therefore, or accompanied by other proof of payment satisfactory to City. Consultant shall provide full copies of any requested policies to City within three (3) days of any such request by City.

G. Termination for Lack of Required Coverage. If Consultant, for any reason, fails to have in place, at all times during the term of this Agreement, including any extension hereto, all required insurance and coverage, City may immediately obtain such coverage at Consultant's expense and/or terminate this Agreement.

24. Indemnity.

A. Consultant assumes all risk of injury to its employees, agents, and contractors, including loss or damage to property.

B. Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify, hold free and harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers, at Consultant's sole expense, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against the City, its elected officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers arising out of the performance of the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, of the work undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. The defense obligation provided for hereunder shall apply without any advance showing of negligence or wrongdoing by the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, but shall be required whenever any claim, action, complaint, or suit asserts as its basis the negligence, errors, omissions or misconduct of the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, and/or whenever any claim, action, complaint or suit asserts liability against the City, its elected officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers based upon the work performed by the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors under this Agreement, whether or not the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors are specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Consultant shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the City for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City. This provision shall supersede and replace all other indemnity provisions contained either in the City's specifications or Consultant's Proposal, which shall be of no force and effect.

C. No official, employee, agent or volunteer of City shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

25. Independent Contractor. Consultant agrees to furnish consulting services in the capacity of an independent contractor and neither Consultant nor any of its employees shall be considered to be an employee or agent of City.

26. PERS Eligibility Indemnification. In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing Services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

Notwithstanding any other agency, state or federal policy, rule, regulation, law or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing service under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by City, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in PERS as an employee of City and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contribution and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

27. Notices. Any notice or communication given under this Agreement shall be effective when deposited, postage prepaid, with the United States Postal Service and addressed to the contracting parties. Name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the parties are as follows:

City of Gardena:  
1700 West 162nd Street  
Gardena, California 90247-3732  
Attn: Jackie Choi  
Title: Economic Development Manager  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

To Consultant: Name of Consultant Street Address or P.O. Box  
City, State Zip Code  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Either party may change the information to which notice or communication is to be sent by providing advance written notice to the other party.

28. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it legal, valid, and enforceable, and the legality, validity, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

29. Jurisdiction and Venue. This Agreement shall be deemed a contract under the

laws of the State of California and for all purposes shall be interpreted in accordance with such laws. Both parties hereby agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California and that the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be Los Angeles County, California.

30. Waiver. No delay or failure by either Party to exercise or enforce at any time any right or provision of this Agreement shall be considered a waiver thereof or of such Party's right thereafter to exercise or enforce each and every right and provision of this Agreement. To be valid a waiver shall be in writing but need not be supported by consideration. No single waiver shall constitute a continuing or subsequent waiver.

31. Electronic Signatures. The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that electronic records and electronic signatures, as well as facsimile signatures, used in connection with the execution of this Agreement and electronic signatures, facsimile signatures or signatures transmitted by electronic mail in so-called pdf format shall be legal and binding and shall have the same full force and effect as if a paper original of this Agreement had been delivered and had been signed using a handwritten signature. City and Consultant (i) agree that an electronic signature, whether digital or encrypted, of a party to this Agreement is intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as a manual signature, (ii) intend to be bound by the signatures (whether original, faxed or electronic) on any document sent or delivered by facsimile or, electronic mail, or other electronic means, (iii) are aware that the other party will rely on such signatures, and (iv) hereby waive any defenses to the enforcement of the terms of this Agreement based on the foregoing forms of signature. If this Agreement has been executed by electronic signature, all parties executing this document are expressly consenting under the United States Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act of 2000 ("E-SIGN") and California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("UETA")(Cal. Civ. Code § 1633.1, et seq.), that a signature by fax, email or other electronic means shall constitute an Electronic Signature to an Electronic Record under both E-SIGN and UETA with respect to this specific transaction.

32. Joint Drafting. Each party acknowledges that it has had an adequate opportunity to review each and every provision in this Agreement and to submit the same to counsel and other consultants for review and comment and that the parties jointly drafted this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement or any Assignment shall be construed more strictly against one party than the other party by reason that one or the other party proposed, drafted or modified such provision or any other existing or proposed provision.

33. Public Records Act Disclosure. Consultant has been advised and is aware that this Agreement and all reports, documents, information and data, including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subcontractors, pursuant to this Agreement and provided to City may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualify as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California

Government Code section 7924.510, and of which Consultant informs City of such trade secret. The City will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The City shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

34. Authority to Execute. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

35. Attorney's Fees. In the event that legal action is necessary to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, or to declare the rights of the parties hereunder, the parties agree that the prevailing party in the legal action shall be entitled to recover attorney's fees and court costs from the opposing party.

36. Section Headings. The Section headings used in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall have no binding effect.

37. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between City and Consultant. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations or representations not expressly set forth herein are of no force or effect. Subsequent modifications to this Agreement shall be effective only if in writing and signed by both parties. This Agreement may be signed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, including both counterparts that are executed on paper and counterparts that are in the form of electronic signatures. Electronic signatures include facsimile or email electronic signatures. Each executed counterpart shall be deemed an original. All counterparts, taken together, constitute the executed Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their names as of the day and year written below.

**“City”**  
**City of Gardena**

**“Consultant”**  
**Name of Consultant or Consultant Company**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tasha Cerda, Mayor**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and title of individual**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name and title of individual**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mina Semenza, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carmen Vasquez, City Attorney