

**Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: June 25, 2012

Agenda Date Requested: July 5, 2012
Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Supervisors
From: Purchasing and Contracts

Subject Title: For Possible Action: To determine that Contract No. 1213-062 is a contract for professional services and therefore not suitable for public bidding pursuant to NRS 332.115 and to approve Contract No. 1213-062, a request for professional services to be provided by Ritter Consulting Associates, Inc. through May 31, 2013, for a sum not to exceed the cost of \$49,725.00 to be funded from the Professional Services Account in the CMO Fund as provided in FY 2011/2012 and FY 2012/2013. *(Kim Belt)*

Staff Summary: Consultant will provide contract strategic planning and performance management consulting services.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution Ordinance
 Formal Action/Motion Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to determine that Contract No. 1213-062 is a contract for professional services and therefore not suitable for public bidding pursuant to NRS 332.115 and to approve Contract No. 1213-062, a request for professional services to be provided by Ritter Consulting Associates, Inc. through May 31, 2013, for a sum not to exceed the cost of \$49,725.00 to be funded from the Professional Services Account in the CMO Fund as provided in FY 2011/2012 and FY 2012/2013. *(Kim Belt)*

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Through this contract, consultant will provide contract strategic planning and performance management consulting services. The cost of the services to be provided has been identified in an amount not to exceed \$49,725.00. Pursuant to **NRS 332.115 subsection 1 (b)**, staff is requesting the Board of Supervisors declare that this contract is not adapted to award by competitive bidding.

NRS 332.115 Contracts not adapted to award by competitive bidding; purchase of equipment by local law enforcement agency, response agency or other local governmental agency; purchase of goods commonly used by hospital.

1. Contracts which by their nature are not adapted to award by competitive bidding, including contracts for:

(b) Professional services;

are not subject to the requirements of this chapter for competitive bidding, as determined by the governing body or its authorized representative.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1538; A 1987, 296, 1484; 1991, 337, 349, 648, 1934, 1935; 1997, 132; 1999, 889, 1684; 2001, 1317; 2003, 620, 2262; 2005, 226, 2554)

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: NRS 332.115 subsection 1 (b)

Fiscal Impact: \$49,725.00

Explanation of Impact: If approved, the Fund below will be reduced by \$49,725.00

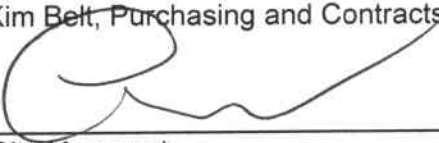
Funding Source: 101-0600-413-0309, CMO Professional Services Fund as provided in FY 2011/2012 and FY 2012-2013.

Alternatives: Not approve Contract No. 1213-062, a request for professional services to be provided by Ritter Consulting Associates, Inc.

Supporting Material: Contract for Services of Independent Contractor

Prepared By: Kim Belt, Purchasing and Contracts Manager

Reviewed By:



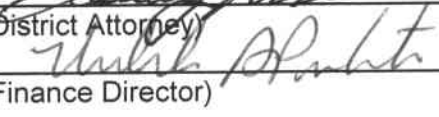
(City Manager)

Date: 6/26/12



(District Attorney)

Date: 6/26/12



(Finance Director)

Date: 6/26/12

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
Contract No. 1213-062

Titled: Carson City's Strategic Plan/Performance Management System

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this 5th day of July, 2012, by and between Carson City, a consolidated municipality, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, hereinafter referred to as the "**CITY**", and Ritter Consulting Associates, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the "**CONTRACTOR**".

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Purchasing and Contracts Manager for Carson City, a consolidated municipality is authorized, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 332 and Carson City Purchasing Resolution #1990-R71, to approve and accept this Contract as set forth in and by the following provisions; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that the services of **CONTRACTOR** for **CONTRACT No. 1213-062 Carson City's Strategic Plan/Performance Management System** are both necessary and in the best interests of **CITY**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the aforesaid premises, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1 **REQUIRED APPROVAL:**

1.1 This Contract shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Carson City Board of Supervisors.

2 **CONTRACT TERM:**

2.1 This Contract shall be effective from June 2, 2012, subject to Carson City Board of Supervisors' approval (anticipated to be July 5, 2012) to May 31, 2013, unless sooner terminated by either party as specified in **Section 7 Contract Termination**.

3 **NOTICE:**

3.1 Unless otherwise specified, termination shall not be effective until thirty (30) calendar days after a party has served written notice of default, or without cause upon the other party. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally in hand, by e-mail with simultaneous regular mail, by telephonic facsimile with simultaneous regular mail, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid on the date posted, and addressed to the other party at the address specified below.

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For P&C Use Only	
CCBL expires	<u>12/31/12</u>
GL expires	_____
AL expires	_____
PL expires	_____
WC expires	_____

3.1.1 Notice to **CONTRACTOR** shall be addressed to:

Linda Ritter
Ritter Consulting Associates, Inc.
4250 Hobart Road
Carson City, NV 89703
775-720-2982/FAX 775-884-4250
linda.ritter@att.net

3.1.2 Notice to **CITY** shall be addressed to:

Carson City Purchasing and Contracts
Kim Belt, Purchasing and Contracts Manager
201 North Carson Street, Suite 3
Carson City, NV 89701
775-283-7137/ FAX 775-887-2107
KBelt@carson.org

4 SCOPE OF WORK:

4.1 **CONTRACTOR** shall provide and perform the following services set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for and on behalf of **CITY** hereinafter referred to as the "**SERVICES**".

4.2 **CONTRACTOR** represents that it is duly licensed by Carson City for the purposes of performing the **SERVICES**.

4.3 **CONTRACTOR** represents that it is duly qualified and licensed in the State of Nevada for the purposes of performing the **SERVICES**.

4.4 **CONTRACTOR** represents that it and/or the persons it may employ possess all skills and training necessary to perform the **SERVICES** described herein and required hereunder. **CONTRACTOR** shall perform the **SERVICES** faithfully, diligently, in a timely and professional manner, to the best of its ability, and in such a manner as is customarily performed by a person who is in the business of providing such services in similar circumstances. **CONTRACTOR** shall be responsible for the professional quality and technical accuracy of all **SERVICES** furnished by **CONTRACTOR** to **CITY**.

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4.5 **CONTRACTOR** represents that neither the execution of this Contract nor the rendering of services by **CONTRACTOR** hereunder will violate the provisions of or constitute a default under any other contract or agreement to which **CONTRACTOR** is a party or by which **CONTRACTOR** is bound, or which would preclude **CONTRACTOR** from performing the **SERVICES** required of **CONTRACTOR** hereunder, or which would impose any liability or obligation upon **CITY** for accepting such **SERVICES**.

4.6 Before commencing with the performance of any work under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall obtain all necessary permits and licenses as may be necessary. Before and during the progress of work under this Contract, **CONTRACTOR** shall give all notice and comply with all the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of every kind and nature now or hereafter in effect promulgated by any Federal, State, County, or other Governmental Authority, relating to the performance of work under this Contract. If **CONTRACTOR** performs any work that is contrary to any such law, ordinance, rule or regulation, he shall bear all the costs arising therefrom.

4.7 **CITY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

4.7.1 **CITY** shall make available to **CONTRACTOR** all technical data that is in **CITY'S** possession, reasonable required by **CONTRACTOR** relating to the **SERVICES**.

4.7.2 **CITY** shall provide access to and make all provisions for **CONTRACTOR** to enter public and private lands, to the fullest extent permitted by law, as reasonably required for **CONTRACTOR** to perform the **SERVICES**.

4.7.3 **CITY** shall examine all reports, correspondence, and other documents presented by **CONTRACTOR** upon request of **CITY**, and render, in writing, decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the work of **CONTRACTOR**.

4.7.4 It is expressly understood and agreed that all work done by **CONTRACTOR** shall be subject to inspection and acceptance by **CITY** and approval of work shall not forfeit the right of **CITY** to require correction, and nothing contained herein shall relieve **CONTRACTOR** of the responsibility of the work required under the terms of this Contract until all work has been completed.

5 **CONSIDERATION:**

5.1 The parties agree that **CONTRACTOR** will provide the **SERVICES** specified in **Exhibit A** and **CITY** agrees to pay **CONTRACTOR** the **CONTRACT SUM** based upon time & materials and the attached fee schedule for a not to exceed maximum amount of Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$49,725.00).

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5.2 **CONTRACT SUM** represents full and adequate compensation for the completed **WORK**, and includes the furnishing of all materials; all labor, equipment, tools, and appliances; and all expenses, direct or indirect, connected with the proper execution of the **WORK**.

5.3 **CITY** has provided a sample invoice and **CONTRACTOR** shall submit its request for payment using said sample invoice.

5.4 Payment by **CITY** for the **SERVICES** rendered by **CONTRACTOR** shall be due within thirty (30) calendar days from the date **CITY** acknowledges that the performance meets the requirements of this Contract or from the date the correct, complete, and descriptive invoice is received by **CITY** employee designated on the sample invoice, whichever is the latter date.

5.5 **CITY** does not agree to reimburse **CONTRACTOR** for expenses unless otherwise specified.

5.6 The continuation of this Contract beyond December 31, 2012 is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available by the Carson City Board of Supervisors.

6 TIMELINESS OF BILLING SUBMISSION:

6.1 The parties agree that timeliness of billing is of the essence to this Contract and recognize that **CITY** is on a fiscal year which is defined as the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year. All billings for dates of service prior to July 1 must be submitted to **CITY** no later than the first Friday in August of the same year. A billing submitted after the first Friday in August will subject **CONTRACTOR** to an administrative fee not to exceed \$100.00. The parties hereby agree this is a reasonable estimate of the additional costs to **CITY** of processing the billing as a stale claim and that this amount will be deducted from the stale claim payment due to **CONTRACTOR**.

7 CONTRACT TERMINATION:

7.1 **Termination Without Cause:**

7.1.1 Any discretionary or vested right of renewal notwithstanding, this Contract may be terminated upon written notice by mutual consent of both parties or unilaterally by either party without cause.

7.2 **Termination for Nonappropriation:**

7.2.1 The continuation of this Contract beyond June 30, 2011, is subject to and contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available by the Carson City Board of Supervisors. **CITY** may terminate this Contract, and **CONTRACTOR** waives any and all claim(s) for damages, effective immediately upon receipt of written notice

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(or any date specified therein) if for any reason the funding is not appropriated or is withdrawn, limited, or impaired.

7.3 Cause Termination for Default or Breach:

7.3.1 A default or breach may be declared with or without termination.

7.3.2 This Contract may be terminated by either party upon written notice of default or breach to the other party as follows:

7.3.2.1 If **CONTRACTOR** fails to provide or satisfactorily perform any of the conditions, work, deliverables, goods, or services called for by this Contract within the time requirements specified in this Contract or within any granted extension of those time requirements; or

7.3.2.2 If any state, county, city or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by **CONTRACTOR** to provide the goods or services required by this Contract is for any reason denied, revoked, debarred, excluded, terminated, suspended, lapsed, or not renewed; or

7.3.2.3 If **CONTRACTOR** becomes insolvent, subject to receivership, or becomes voluntarily or involuntarily subject to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court; or

7.3.2.4 If **CITY** materially breaches any material duty under this Contract and any such breach impairs **CONTRACTOR'S** ability to perform; or

7.3.2.5 If it is found by **CITY** that any quid pro quo or gratuities in the form of money, services, entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by **CONTRACTOR**, or any agent or representative of **CONTRACTOR**, to any officer or employee of **CITY** with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to awarding, extending, amending, or making any determination with respect to the performing of such contract; or

7.3.2.6 If it is found by **CITY** that **CONTRACTOR** has failed to disclose any material conflict of interest relative to the performance of this Contract.

7.4 Time to Correct:

7.4.1 Termination upon a declared default or breach may be exercised only after service of formal written notice as specified in **Section 3 Notice**, and the subsequent failure of the defaulting party within fifteen (15) calendar days of that notice to provide evidence, satisfactory to the aggrieved party, showing that the declared default or breach has been corrected.

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7.5 Winding Up Affairs Upon Termination:

7.5.1 In the event of termination of this Contract for any reason, the parties agree that the provisions of this paragraph survive termination:

7.5.1.1 The parties shall account for and properly present to each other all claims for fees and expenses and pay those which are undisputed and otherwise not subject to set off under this Contract. Neither party may withhold performance of winding up provisions solely based on nonpayment of fees or expenses accrued up to the time of termination;

7.5.1.2 **CONTRACTOR** shall satisfactorily complete work in progress at the agreed rate (or a pro rata basis if necessary) if so requested by **CITY**;

7.5.1.3 **CONTRACTOR** shall execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate an assignment of this Contract if so requested by **CITY**;

7.5.1.4 **CONTRACTOR** shall preserve, protect, and promptly deliver into **CITY** possession all proprietary information in accordance with **Section 23 City Ownership of Proprietary Information**.

8 REMEDIES:

8.1 Except as otherwise provided for by law or this Contract, the rights and remedies of the parties shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or equity, including, without limitation, actual damages, and to a prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The parties agree that, in the event a lawsuit is filed and a party is awarded attorney's fees by the court, for any reason, the amount of recoverable attorney's fees shall not exceed the rate of \$125 per hour. **CITY** may set off consideration against any unpaid obligation of **CONTRACTOR** to **CITY**.

9 LIMITED LIABILITY:

9.1 **CITY** will not waive and intends to assert available Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 41 liability limitations in all cases. Contract liability of both parties shall not be subject to punitive damages. Liquidated damages shall not apply unless otherwise specified in the incorporated attachments. Damages for any **CITY** breach shall never exceed the amount of funds appropriated for payment under this Contract, but not yet paid to **CONTRACTOR**, for the fiscal year budget in existence at the time of the breach. **CONTRACTOR'S** tort liability shall not be limited.

10 FORCE MAJEURE:

10.1 Neither party shall be deemed to be in violation of this Contract if it is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder due to strikes, failure of public transportation, civil

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or military authority, act of public enemy, accidents, fires, explosions, or acts of God, including, without limitation, earthquakes, floods, winds, or storms. In such an event the intervening cause must not be through the fault of the party asserting such an excuse, and the excused party is obligated to promptly perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract after the intervening cause ceases.

11 **INDEMNIFICATION:**

11.1 To the extent permitted by law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 41, each party shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend, not excluding the other's right to participate, the other party from and against all liability, claims, actions, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, arising out of any alleged negligent or willful acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its officers, employees and agents. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge, or otherwise reduce any other right or obligation of the indemnity which would otherwise exist as to any party or person described in this paragraph.

11.2 Except as otherwise provided in Subsection 11.4 below, the indemnifying party shall not be obligated to provide a legal defense to the indemnified party, nor reimburse the indemnified party for the same, for any period occurring before the indemnified party provides written notice of the pending claim(s) or cause(s) of action to the indemnifying party, along with:

11.2.1 a written request for a legal defense for such pending claim(s) or cause(s) of action; and

11.2.2 a detailed explanation of the basis upon which the indemnified party believes that the claim or cause of action asserted against the indemnified party implicates the culpable conduct of the indemnifying party, its officers, employees, and/or agents.

11.3 After the indemnifying party has begun to provide a legal defense for the indemnified party, the indemnifying party shall not be obligated to fund or reimburse any fees or costs provided by any additional counsel for the indemnified party, including counsel through which the indemnified party might voluntarily choose to participate in its defense of the same matter.

11.4 After the indemnifying party has begun to provide a legal defense for the indemnified party, the indemnifying party shall be obligated to reimburse the reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the indemnified party during the initial thirty (30) day period of the claim or cause of action, if any, incurred by separate counsel.

12 **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:**

12.1 An independent contractor is a natural person, firm or corporation who agrees to perform services for a fixed price according to his or its own methods and without subjection to

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the supervision or control of the other contracting party, except as to the results of the work, and not as to the means by which the services are accomplished.

12.2 It is mutually agreed that **CONTRACTOR** is associated with **CITY** only for the purposes and to the extent specified in this Contract, and in respect to performance of the contracted services pursuant to this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** is and shall be an independent contractor and, subject only to the terms of this Contract, shall have the sole right to supervise, manage, operate, control, and direct performance of the details incident to its duties under this Contract.

12.3 Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed or construed to create a partnership or joint venture, to create relationships of an employer-employee or principal-agent, or to otherwise create any liability for **CITY** whatsoever with respect to the indebtedness, liabilities, and obligations of **CONTRACTOR** or any other party.

12.4 **CONTRACTOR** shall indemnify and hold **CITY** harmless from, and defend **CITY** against, any and all losses, damages, claims, costs, penalties, liabilities, expenses arising out of or incurred in any way because of, but not limited to, **CONTRACTOR'S** obligations or legal duties regarding any taxes, fees, assessments, benefits, entitlements, notice of benefits, employee's eligibility to work, to any third party, subcontractor, employee, state, local or federal governmental entity.

12.5 Neither **CONTRACTOR** nor its employees, agents, or representatives shall be considered employees, agents, or representatives of **CITY**.

13 **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

13.1 **CONTRACTOR**, as an independent contractor and not an employee of **CITY**, must carry policies of insurance in amounts specified and pay all taxes and fees incident hereunto. **CITY** shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract.

13.2 **CONTRACTOR** shall not commence work before: (1) **CONTRACTOR** has provided the required evidence of insurance to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts, and (2) **CITY** has approved the insurance policies provided by **CONTRACTOR**.

13.3 Prior approval of the insurance policies by **CITY** shall be a condition precedent to any payment of consideration under this Contract and **CITY'S** approval of any changes to insurance coverage during the course of performance shall constitute an ongoing condition subsequent this Contract. Any failure of **CITY** to timely approve shall not constitute a waiver of the condition.

13.4 **Insurance Coverage:**

13.4.1 **CONTRACTOR** shall, at **CONTRACTOR'S** sole expense, procure, maintain and keep in force for the duration of this Contract the following insurance conforming to the

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minimum requirements specified below. Unless specifically specified herein or otherwise agreed to by **CITY**, the required insurance shall be in effect prior to the commencement of work by **CONTRACTOR** and shall continue in force as appropriate until the latter of:

13.4.1.1 Final acceptance by **CITY** of the completion of this Contract; or

13.4.1.2 Such time as the insurance is no longer required by **CITY** under the terms of this Contract.

13.4.2 Any insurance or self-insurance available to **CITY** shall be in excess of and non-contributing with any insurance required from **CONTRACTOR**. **CONTRACTOR'S** insurance policies shall apply on a primary basis. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required by **CITY**, **CONTRACTOR** shall provide **CITY** with renewal or replacement evidence of insurance no less than thirty (30) calendar days before the expiration or replacement of the required insurance. If at any time during the period when insurance is required by this Contract, an insurer or surety shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Contract, as soon as **CONTRACTOR** has knowledge of any such failure, **CONTRACTOR** shall immediately notify **CITY** and immediately replace such insurance or bond with an insurer meeting the requirements.

13.5 General Requirements:

13.5.1 **Certificate Holder:** Each liability insurance policy shall list Carson City c/o Carson City Purchasing and Contracts, 201 N. Carson Street Suite 3, Carson City, NV 89701 as a certificate holder.

13.5.2 **Additional Insured:** By endorsement to the general liability insurance policy evidenced by **CONTRACTOR**, The City and County of Carson City, Nevada, its officers, employees and immune contractors shall be named as additional insureds for all liability arising from this Contract.

13.5.3 **Waiver of Subrogation:** Each liability insurance policy shall provide for a waiver of subrogation as to additional insureds.

13.5.4 **Cross-Liability:** All required liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be achieved under the standard ISO separation of insureds clause.

13.5.5 **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions:** Insurance maintained by **CONTRACTOR** shall apply on a first dollar basis without application of a deductible or self-insured retention unless otherwise specifically agreed to by **CITY**. Such approval shall not relieve **CONTRACTOR** from the obligation to pay any deductible or self-insured retention. Any deductible or self-insured retention shall not exceed \$5,000 per occurrence, unless otherwise approved by **CITY**.

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13.5.6 **Policy Cancellation:** Except for ten (10) calendar days notice for non-payment of premium, each insurance policy shall be endorsed to state that; without thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts, the policy shall not be canceled, non-renewed or coverage and /or limits reduced or materially altered, and shall provide that notices required by this paragraph shall be sent by certified mail to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts, 201 N. Carson Street Suite 3, Carson City, NV 89701.

13.5.7 **Approved Insurer:** Each insurance policy shall be issued by insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Nevada or eligible surplus lines insurers acceptable to the State and having agents in Nevada upon whom service of process may be made, and currently rated by A.M. Best as "A-VII" or better.

13.5.8 **Evidence of Insurance:** Prior to commencement of work, **CONTRACTOR** must provide the following documents to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts, 201 North Carson Street Suite 3, Carson City, NV 89701:

13.5.8.1 **Certificate of Insurance:** The Acord 25 Certificate of Insurance form or a form substantially similar must be submitted to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts to evidence the insurance policies and coverages required of **CONTRACTOR**.

13.5.8.2 **Additional Insured Endorsement:** An Additional Insured Endorsement (CG20 10 or C20 26), signed by an authorized insurance company representative, must be submitted to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts to evidence the endorsement of **CITY** as an additional insured per Subsection 13.5.2.

13.5.8.3 **Schedule of Underlying Insurance Policies:** If Umbrella or Excess policy is evidenced to comply with minimum limits, a copy of the Underlyer Schedule from the Umbrella or Excess insurance policy may be required.

13.5.9 **Review and Approval:** Documents specified above must be submitted for review and approval by Carson City Purchasing and Contracts prior to the commencement of work by **CONTRACTOR**. Neither approval by **CITY** nor failure to disapprove the insurance furnished by **CONTRACTOR** shall relieve **CONTRACTOR** of **CONTRACTOR'S** full responsibility to provide the insurance required by this Contract. Compliance with the insurance requirements of this Contract shall not limit the liability of **CONTRACTOR** or its sub-contractors, employees or agents to **CITY** or others, and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedy available to **CITY** under this Contract or otherwise. **CITY** reserves the right to request and review a copy of any required insurance policy or endorsement to assure compliance with these requirements.

14 COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:

14.1 Minimum Limits required:

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14.1.1 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) - General Aggregate

14.1.2 One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) - Each Occurrence

14.2 Coverage shall be on an occurrence basis and shall be at least as broad as ISO 1996 form CG 00 01 (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage); and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, completed operations, personal injury, products, civil lawsuits, Title VII actions and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

15 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:

15.1 Minimum Limit required: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)

15.2 Retroactive date: Prior to commencement of the performance of this Contract

15.3 Discovery period: Three (3) years after termination date of this Contract.

15.4 A certified copy of this policy may be required.

16 WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY INSURANCE:

16.1 **CONTRACTOR** shall provide workers' compensation insurance as required by Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A through 616D inclusive and Employer's Liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$500,000 each employee per accident for bodily injury by accident or disease.

16.2 **CONTRACTOR** may, in lieu of furnishing a certificate of an insurer, provide an affidavit indicating that **CONTRACTOR** is a sole proprietor; that **CONTRACTOR** will not use the services of any employees in the performance of this Contract; that **CONTRACTOR** has elected to not be included in the terms, conditions, and provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A-616D, inclusive; and that **CONTRACTOR** is otherwise in compliance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 616A-616D, inclusive.

17 BUSINESS LICENSE:

17.1 **CONTRACTOR** shall not commence work before **CONTRACTOR** has provided a copy of his Carson City business license to Carson City Purchasing and Contracts.

17.2 The Carson City business license shall continue in force until the latter of: (1) final acceptance by **CITY** of the completion of this Contract; or (2) such time as the Carson City business license is no longer required by **CITY** under the terms of this Contract.

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18 COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL OBLIGATIONS:

18.1 **CONTRACTOR** shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by **CONTRACTOR** to provide the goods or services of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** will be responsible to pay all government obligations, including, but not limited to, all taxes, assessments, fees, fines, judgments, premiums, permits, and licenses required or imposed by law or a court. Real property and personal property taxes are the responsibility of **CONTRACTOR** in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 361.157 and 361.159. **CONTRACTOR** agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Contract. **CITY** may set-off against consideration due any delinquent government obligation.

19 WAIVER OF BREACH:

19.1 Failure to declare a breach or the actual waiver of any particular breach of this Contract or its material or nonmaterial terms by either party shall not operate as a waiver by such party of any of its rights or remedies as to any other breach.

20 SEVERABILITY:

20.1 If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the nonenforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.

21 ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION:

21.1 To the extent that any assignment of any right under this Contract changes the duty of either party, increases the burden or risk involved, impairs the chances of obtaining the performance of this Contract, attempts to operate as a novation, or includes a waiver or abrogation of any defense to payment by **CITY**, such offending portion of the assignment shall be void, and shall be a breach of this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** shall neither assign, transfer nor delegate any rights, obligations or duties under this Contract without the prior written approval of **CITY**.

22 CITY OWNERSHIP OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION:

22.1 Any files, reports, histories, studies, tests, manuals, instructions, photographs, negatives, blue prints, plans, maps, data, system designs, computer programs, computer codes, and computer records (which are intended to be consideration under this Contract), or any other documents or drawings, prepared or in the course of preparation by **CONTRACTOR** (or its subcontractors) in performance of its obligations under this Contract shall be the

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exclusive property of CITY and all such materials shall be delivered into CITY possession by CONTRACTOR upon completion, termination, or cancellation of this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall not use, willingly allow, or cause to have such materials used for any purpose other than performance of CONTRACTOR'S obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of CITY. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CITY shall have no proprietary interest in any materials licensed for use by CITY that are subject to patent, trademark or copyright protection.

22.2 CITY shall be permitted to retain copies, including reproducible copies, of CONTRACTOR'S drawings, specifications, and other documents for information and reference in connection with this Contract.

22.3 CONTRACTOR'S drawings, specifications and other documents shall not be used by CITY or others without expressed permission of CONTRACTOR.

23 PUBLIC RECORDS:

23.1 Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 239.010, information or documents received from CONTRACTOR may be open to public inspection and copying. CITY will have the duty to disclose unless a particular record is made confidential by law or a common law balancing of interests. CONTRACTOR may clearly label specific parts of an individual document as a "trade secret" or "confidential" in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 332.061, provided that CONTRACTOR thereby agrees to indemnify and defend CITY for honoring such a designation. The failure to so label any document that is released by CITY shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by any release of the records.

24 CONFIDENTIALITY:

24.1 CONTRACTOR shall keep confidential all information, in whatever form, produced, prepared, observed or received by CONTRACTOR to the extent that such information is confidential by law or otherwise required by this Contract.

25 FEDERAL FUNDING:

25.1 In the event federal funds are used for payment of all or part of this Contract:

25.1.1 CONTRACTOR certifies, by signing this Contract, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 28 C.F.R. pt. 67, § 67.510, as published as pt. VII of the May 26, 1988, Federal Register (pp. 19160-19211), and any relevant program-specific regulations. This