

CONTRACT NO. 11410

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

CLARITY PARTNERS, LLC

AND

THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

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AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter, "Agreement") is entered into as of the 3rd day of February 2014 by and between the **CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY** (the "CHA"), a municipal corporation organized under the Illinois Housing Authority Act 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., with offices at 60 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, Illinois and **CLARITY PARTNERS, LLC** (the "Contractor"), an Illinois limited liability company with offices at 227 W. Monroe St., Suite 3950, Chicago, IL 60606.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the CHA is engaged in the development and operation of safe, decent and sanitary housing throughout the City of Chicago for low income families in accordance with the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437 et seq.; regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and the Illinois Housing Authorities Act. 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., as amended, and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the CHA released Request for Proposals No. 13-01181 ("RFP") on or about July 30, 2013 to procure the services of a consultant to provide website development and implementation services to implement the new CHA website; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor submitted its Proposal on or about August 21, 2013, and thereafter provided its best and final offer relating to such proposal, to the CHA indicating it is ready, willing and able to provide the Services as set forth in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the CHA and the Contractor desire to enter into the Agreement for the provision of website development, implementation, and hosting services as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the CHA and the Contractor agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

Section 1.01 Incorporation of Recitals

The recitals set forth above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 1.02 Definitions

"Contract" means the contract entered into between the CHA and the Contractor. It includes the Agreement, the General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5370-C), the Certifications and Representations of Offerors - Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5369-C), the Contractor's Affidavit and any other exhibits which have been specifically incorporated by reference in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 2. CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 2.01 Services to be Performed

A. Scope of Work

The services that the Contractor shall provide during the term of the Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, website design, development, implementation, hosting and maintenance and support services (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Services").

B. Statement of Work

The Services to be performed by the Contractor during the term of the Agreement are more fully described in the Statement of Work set forth in Exhibit I, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

C. Deliverables

In performing the Services, the Contractor shall prepare and/or provide the above deliverables along with any other required work product that may consist of documents, data, studies, reports, findings or information in any form prepared or assembled either in hard copy or on diskette (hereinafter, collectively, "Deliverables"). The CHA reserves the right to reject Deliverables which in the reasonable judgment of the CHA do not adequately represent the intended level of completion or standard levels of performance, do not include relevant information or data, or do not include all documents specified in this Agreement, or reasonably necessary for the purposes for which the CHA made this Agreement with the Contractor as described herein. The CHA will notify the Contractor in writing of any deficiencies the CHA may identify involving a Deliverable.

Partial or incomplete Deliverables may be accepted for review only when required for a specific purpose and when consented to in advance by the CHA. Such Deliverables may not be considered as satisfying the requirements of this Agreement and partial or incomplete Deliverables shall in no way relieve the Contractor of its commitments hereunder.

Section 2.02 Performance Standards

The Contractor shall perform all Services required under this Agreement with the degree of skill, care and diligence normally shown by an entity performing services of a scope, purpose and magnitude comparable with the nature of the Services to be provided under this Agreement. Furthermore, the Contractor shall perform or cause to be performed all Services required by the Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with any federal, state and local laws, statutes, applicable to this Agreement, and to the satisfaction of the CHA. The Contractor must at all times act in the interests of the CHA consistent with the professional and fiduciary obligations assumed by it in entering into this Agreement and will assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of its Services, including but not limited to Deliverables. Specifically, all services shall be performed in accordance with the due professional care standards required by and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The Contractor must assure that all Services which require the exercise of professional skills or judgment must be accomplished by professionals qualified and competent in the applicable discipline and appropriately licensed, if required by law. The Contractor covenants with the CHA to furnish commercially reasonable professional expertise and judgment in furthering the CHA's interests. The Contractor shall at all times use commercially reasonable efforts to assure quality, timeliness, efficiency and creativity in rendering and completing the Services. The Contractor agrees that performance of the Services in a satisfactory manner shall include quick response to the CHA's needs. Accordingly, the Contractor shall return all telephone calls and respond to all electronic mail on a timely basis within one (1) business day.

Section 2.03 Key Personnel

Rodney Zech, Managing Member, shall be responsible for supervising Contractor's personnel and directing the Services to be performed during the term of the Agreement. The Contractor retains the right to substitute key personnel with reasonable cause by giving written notice to the CHA, provided that the CHA shall have the right to approve such staff changes and said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 2.04 Non-Discrimination

Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local non-discrimination laws, rules, regulations and ordinances including, but not limited to, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. sec. 2000 et seq. (1989), as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereto. Contractor shall particularly remain in compliance at all times with: Exec. Order No. 11,246, 30 Fed. Reg. 12,319 (1965), reprinted in 42 U.S.C. 2000 (e) note, as amended by Exec. Order No. 11,375, 32 Fed. Reg. 14,303 (1967) and by Exec. Order No. 12,086, 43 Fed. Reg. 46,501 (1978); Age Discrimination Act, 42 U.S.C. sec. 6101-6106 (1989); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. sec. 793-794 (1988); Fair Housing Amendments Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 3601 et seq., (1988); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60 et seq., (1990). Illinois Human Rights Act, 775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq., as amended, and regulations promulgated in accordance therewith, including but not limited to the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause, I11. Admin. Code Tit. 44 section 750 Appendix A, which is attached hereto as Exhibit II and incorporated by reference herein; Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 ILCS 10/0.01 et seq., as amended. Chicago Human Rights ordinance, s2-160-010 et seq., of the Municipal Code of Chicago, as amended; and the Chicago Fair Housing Regulations, s5-8-010 et seq., of the Municipal Code of Chicago, as amended. In addition, Contractor must furnish such reports and information as requested by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Section 2.05 Section 3 and MBE/WBE/DBE Participation and Requirements

- A. **Section 3 – Compliance:** The CHA has determined that the contract awarded under this solicitation is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, (Section 3), and Title 24 of Subchapter B, Part 135 – Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons, 24 CFR 135.3. Section 3 Compliance requires that any contract or subcontract entered into for the benefit of public housing residents shall require that, to the greatest extent feasible, economic opportunity in the form of training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities arising from the expenditure of public housing

assistance for housing rehabilitation and housing construction be directed to low- and very low-income persons.

1. Section 3 - Clause

- i. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
- ii. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the Part 135 regulations.
- iii. The Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
- iv. The Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135. The Contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.
- v. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.
- vi. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

2. Section 3 Compliance Goals

- i. Contractors and their subcontractors may demonstrate compliance by committing to employ section 3 residents and by subcontracting with section 3 business concerns in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 135.

A Section 3 Business concern is a business concern under HUD Regulations:

- (a) 51 percent or more owned by section 3 residents; or
 - (b) Whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently section 3 residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business concern were section 3 residents; or
 - (c) That provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25 percent of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to business concerns that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of "section 3 business concern."
- ii. Contractor and sub-contractors may demonstrate compliance with the requirements for contracting with Section 3 Business Concerns by committing to award to Section 3 Business Concerns at least 10 percent of the total dollar amount of the contract awarded to the contractor for building trades work for maintenance, repair modernization or development of public housing, or for building trades work arising in connection with housing rehabilitation, housing construction and other public construction and at least 3 percent of the total dollar amount of all other Section 3 covered contracts.
- iii. In evaluating compliance with 24 CFR Part 135, contractors and their subcontractors have the burden of demonstrating to the greatest extent feasible their ability or inability to meet the goals set forth in 24 CFR Part 135 for providing training, employment and contracting opportunities to section 3 residents and section 3 business concerns.
- iv. Contractors and their subcontractors are also encouraged to provide other economic opportunities to train and employ section 3 residents including, but not limited to, use of "upward mobility", "bridge" and trainee positions to fill vacancies, and hiring section 3 residents in part-time positions (24 CFR 135.40).

3. Documenting and Reporting

- i. Contractor agrees to comply with the above Section 3 requirements in accordance with the Contractor's Section 3 Utilization Plan, which shall be prepared by the Contractor and agreed to by CHA. CHA shall not be required to agree to the Contractor's Utilization Plan until the Contractor meets its burden to establish that it will comply with 24 CFR Part 135 and otherwise comply with CHA's Section 3 requirements as may be required. Contractor's

Section 3 Utilization Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit III and is incorporated by reference herein.

- iii. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide all required compliance data with respect to Contractor's Section 3 requirements to the CHA via CHA's electronic system available at <https://cha.diversitycompliance.com/>. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for responding to any requests for data or information by the noted response due dates, and shall check the electronic system on a regular basis to manage contact information and contract records. The Contractor shall also be responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors have completed all requested items with complete and accurate information and that their contact information is current.

4. This Section 3 Contract Provision shall flow down to each subcontract at every tier.

- B. **MBE/WBE/DBE Compliance.** Contractor agrees to comply with the CHA's Minority and Women Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("MBE/WBE/DBE") requirements in accordance with the Contractor's MBE/WBE/DBE Utilization Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit IV and incorporated by reference herein, and otherwise comply with the CHA's MBE/WBE Policy (see http://www.thecha.org/pages/mbe_wbe_dbe/36.php or the copy included in the RFP),.

Documenting and Reporting. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall provide all required compliance data with respect to Contractor's MBE/WBE/DBE to the CHA via CHA's electronic system available at <https://cha.diversitycompliance.com/>. The Contractor and its subcontractors shall be responsible for responding to any requests for data or information by the noted response due dates, and shall check the electronic system on a regular basis to manage contact information and contract records. The Contractor shall also be responsible for ensuring that all subcontractors have completed all requested items with complete and accurate information and that their contact information is current.

Section 2.06 HUD's General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts

HUD's General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts (HUD form 5370-C (10/2006)) ("General Conditions"), are attached hereto as Exhibit V and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. The Contractor agrees to fully comply with the General Conditions. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the General Conditions and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall control.

Section 2.07 Ownership of Work Product, Documents, Records and Reports

- A. With the exception of Contractor pre-existing materials and previously identified Contractor intellectual property, Contractor acknowledges that all Deliverables in any form including but not limited to, work papers, reports, spreadsheets, data, data-bases, documentation, training materials, drawings, photographs, film and all negatives, software, tapes and the masters thereof, prototypes, and other material, or other work product generated and assembled either in hard copy or on diskette, pursuant to the work

contracted for by the CHA (hereinafter, "Work Product") will belong solely to the CHA and the Contractor will retain no rights therein. The Work Product is conclusively deemed by the parties as "works made for hire" within the meaning and purview of Section 101 of the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (hereinafter, "the Act"), and the CHA will be the copyright owner thereof and of all aspects, elements and components thereof in which copyright can subsist.

To the extent the Work Product does not qualify as "work made for hire," Contractor hereby irrevocably grants, conveys, bargains, sells, assigns, transfers and delivers to the CHA, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to the copyrights and all U.S. and foreign copyright registrations, copyright applications and copyright renewals therefore, and other intangible, intellectual property embodied in or pertaining to the Work contracted for under this Agreement, free and clear of any liens, claims or other encumbrances, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Contractor will execute assignments in the forms attached if requested by the CHA, without additional compensation. Contractor will document all work performed for the CHA and will turn such documentation over to the CHA on completion of the Contractor's services hereunder or earlier, if requested by the CHA. Contractor will make no use of the Work Product generated during the course of its work for the CHA during or after the term of this Agreement except to perform the work requested by the CHA.

To the extent the CHA is unable to effectively or economically use the Work Product without also using rights which are the subject of patent applications, patents, copyrights or other statutory protection owned by Contractor, Contractor grants to the CHA, a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, nonexclusive license to make, have made, sell, use, reproduce, disclose, and publish such rights as necessary to fully utilize the Work Product.

In addition, Contractor agrees that it will not do anything contrary to the CHA's ownership in the Work Product or which might impair the value of such ownership. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the CHA in executing all documentation requested by the CHA to enable the CHA to perfect its right in and to the Work Product.

- B. All Work Product and CHA Documents provided to, or prepared or assembled by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the Contractor's Services under this Agreement shall be the property of the CHA. The Contractor shall establish precautions against the destruction of all such CHA Documents and shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the CHA Documents while in the Contractor's possession or use and the Contractor shall be responsible for restoring such CHA Documents at its sole expense. Except as provided above, if any CHA Documents destroyed while in the Contractor's possession are not restorable, the Contractor shall be responsible for any loss suffered by the CHA on account of such loss or damage.
- C. The Contractor shall deliver or cause to be delivered all Work Product and/or CHA Documents, including, but not limited to, all Deliverables prepared for the CHA under the Agreement, to the CHA promptly in accordance with the time limits prescribed in the Agreement, or if no time limit is specified, then upon reasonable demand thereof or upon termination or completion of the Contractor's Services or expiration of the Agreement hereunder. In the event of the failure by Contractor to make such delivery, then and in that event, the Contractor shall pay to the CHA any damages the CHA may sustain by

reason thereof. The Contractor shall maintain all CHA Documents not previously delivered to the CHA for a period of three (3) years after final payment made in connection with the Agreement.

- D. The Contractor shall maintain its books, records, documents, and other materials related to the performance of the Agreement for a period of three (3) years following the expiration or termination of the Agreement and after final payment has been made and all other pending matters are closed, and adopt accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred or anticipated to be incurred for or in connection with the performance of the Contractor's Services under the Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain its accounting system, books and records in a manner that complies with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), consistently applied throughout.
- E. The provisions of Section 2.08 shall survive the expiration or termination of the Agreement.
- F. The Contractor shall flow down the provisions of this Section 2.07 titled "Ownership of Work Product, Documents, Records and Reports" to its subcontractors at every tier.

Section 2.08 Audit Requirement

The CHA retains an irrevocable right to independently or, through a third party, audit the Contractor's books and records pertaining to this Agreement and disallow any inappropriate billings upon written notice to the Contractor. In the event of a disallowance, the Contractor shall refund the amount disallowed to the CHA.

Section 2.09 Confidentiality

The Contractor agrees that all Deliverables, reports, documents or other information prepared or assembled by, or received or encountered by the Contractor, its employees, agents and subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement are to remain confidential ("Confidential Information"). Further, the Contractor agrees that such Confidential Information shall not be made available to any individual or organization other than the CHA, HUD or courts of competent jurisdiction or administrative agencies pursuant to a subpoena without the prior written approval of the CHA. The foregoing limitations on Confidential Information shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict the hosting and publication of website content developed, provided and approved by the CHA in association with this Agreement for public display or access, which represent the intended Deliverables of this engagement. In the event the Contractor is presented with a *subpoena* regarding such Confidential Information, which may be in the Contractor's possession by reason of this Agreement, the Contractor must immediately give notice to the CHA's Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel with the understanding that the CHA will have the opportunity to contest such process by any means available to it before the Confidential Information is submitted to a court or other third party. The Contractor, however, is not obligated to withhold the delivery of such Confidential Information beyond the time ordered by the court or administrative agency, unless the subpoena or request is quashed or the time to produce is otherwise extended.

Section 2.10 Subcontracts and Assignments

Unless otherwise provided for herein, the Contractor shall not subcontract, assign otherwise delegate or otherwise transfer all or any part of its obligations under this Agreement or any part hereof without the prior written approval of the CHA. The absence of such prior written approval shall void the attempted subcontracting, assignment, delegation or transfer and shall have no legal effect on the Services or this Agreement.

The Contractor shall not transfer or assign, in whole or in part, any funds or claims due or which may become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the CHA. Any attempted transfer or assignments of any contract funds, either in whole or in part, or any interest therein, which shall be due or to become due to the Contractor, without the prior written approval of CHA shall be void and of no legal effect. With the exception of Contractor pre-existing materials and other previously identified Contractor intellectual property, the CHA expressly reserves the right to assign or otherwise transfer all or any part of its rights or interests hereunder.

Section 2.11 Patents and Copyrights

The CHA reserves an exclusive, perpetual and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use for CHA or HUD purposes, including, but not limited to, commercial exploitation: (a) the copyright or patent in any work developed or discovered in the performance of the Services under this Agreement, and (b) any rights of copyright or patent of which the Contractor purchases ownership with funds awarded pursuant to this Agreement for the purpose of meeting the objectives of this Agreement.

Section 2.12 Religious Activities

In connection with the Services to be provided under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees:

A. That it shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of religion and shall not limit employment or give preference in employment to persons on the basis of religion; and

B. That it shall not discriminate when rendering the Services hereunder against any person on the basis of religion and shall not limit such Services or give preference to persons on the basis of religion.

Section 2.13 Drug-Free Workplace

The Contractor shall establish procedures and policies to promote a "Drug-Free Workplace." Further, the Contractor shall notify all employees of its policy for maintaining a "Drug-Free Workplace," and the penalties that may be imposed for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace. Further, the Contractor shall notify the CHA if any of its employees are convicted of a criminal drug offense in the workplace no later than ten (10) days after such conviction.

Section 2.14 Force Majeure

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Contractor shall not be liable or held responsible for any failure to perform or for delays in performing its obligation under the Agreement, including but not limited to, the scope of services set forth hereunder which result from circumstance or causes beyond Contractor's reasonable control, including without limitation, fire or casualty, acts of God, strikes or labor disputes, war or violence, or any lay, order or requirement of any government agency or authority.

Section 2.15 CHA Inspector General

It is the duty of the Contractor and its subcontractors to cooperate with the CHA Inspector General in any investigation or hearing undertaken. All of the Contractor's subcontracts must inform subcontractors of this provision and require agreement and compliance with the same.

ARTICLE 3. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 3.01 Term of Agreement

The initial term ("Base Term") of this Agreement is for the period of February 3, 2014 through February 2, 2015 or until the Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, whichever occurs first.

Section 3.02 Contract Extension Options

The CHA, at its sole discretion, upon the expiration of the Base Term may extend this Agreement for one (1) additional one year option period for the purposes of continuing the maintenance, support and hosting services. Any extension shall be under the same general terms and conditions as this original Agreement, except to the extent of any effective change(s) in compensation structure applicable to the Option Term as set forth in the Proposal and Exhibit I. The Agreement shall be modified to reflect the time extension in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.03 of this Agreement.

Section 3.03 Timeliness of Performance

The Contractor shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Services and Deliverables within the time limits required under this Agreement, or from time to time as otherwise required by the CHA. The Contractor and the CHA acknowledge that deadlines for certain Services provided for in this Agreement may be dictated by the requirements of agencies or events outside the control of the CHA and the Contractor, and the failure by the Contractor to meet deadlines may result in economic or other significant losses to the CHA. Therefore, except to the extent that the Contractor's inability to meet its deadlines is caused by the delay due to the CHA, by acts of God or other events outside the control of the Contractor, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, so that failure to perform in a timely manner shall be considered a material breach of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

Section 4.01 Compensation

The CHA shall pay the Contractor firm fixed-fee compensation for Services rendered during the Base Term of this Agreement in the total amount of One Hundred Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100 Dollars (\$144,230.00), as broken down in Section 4.02 and in accordance with the fee schedule in Exhibit I for the satisfactory performance of the Services. In the event that CHA exercises the option term reserved in Section 3.02, the CHA shall pay the Contractor additional compensation for Services rendered during the option term of this Agreement in the not-to-exceed amount of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,200.00), as set forth in and in accordance with Section 4.02 below and Exhibit I.

The Contractor agrees not to perform, and waives any and all claims for payment of work, materials, expenses, resources or other claims which would result in billings beyond this amount. It is mutually understood and agreed by the parties that the above agreed upon compensation amount, which includes all reimbursable expenses, is the only compensation provided for in this agreement and there will be no additional, costs, fees or other type of profit allowable or paid under this Agreement without an express written amendment to the Agreement authorizing said additional work or expenses. The Contractor acknowledges an affirmative duty to monitor its performance and billings to ensure that the scope of work is completed within the previously agreed compensation amount.

Section 4.02 Payment

The CHA shall pay the compensation set forth in Section 4.01 upon the Contractor's completion and CHA's acceptance of the following phases/deliverables as follows:

Clarity will provide to the CHA the professional services to design, develop, and launch the new CHA website for the firm fixed price of \$134,780.00 in accordance with the milestone payments in the table below in lines 1 through 9. Clarity will provide hosting at the rate of \$600.00 per month after go live and maintenance and support services after "go-live" at the rate of \$150.00 per hour. These fees are represented below in lines 10 and 11 and will be billed on a monthly basis.

#	Phase and Deliverables Accepted	Payment Amount
1	Plan and Define <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick Off Materials Project Management Templates Draft Detailed Project Plan 	\$11,000.00
2	Analyze and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs Assessment Benchmarking Analysis 	\$15,000.00
3	Analyze and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Architecture Design Style Guide 	\$15,000.00
4	Analyze and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Website Requirements Document 	\$16,000.00

5	Develop & Configure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed CMS • Page Templates 	\$18,000.00
6	Develop & Configure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beta Website 	\$26,000.00
7	Develop & Configure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration of Content • Revised Website (first round of revisions) 	\$12,000.00
8	Test, Train & Deploy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Plan • User Acceptance Testing Log 	\$6,780.00
9	Test, Train & Deploy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative / Departmental User Training Sessions • Live CHA Website 	\$15,000.00
10	Hosting (7 months at \$600.00/month) – begin billing during go live month	\$4,200.00
11	Maintenance & Support – Commences Post Go Live (Assumed Level of Effort @ 5 hours/month for 7 months at \$150.00/hour). NOTE: The CHA will only be billed for the actual Support & Maintenance utilized per month.	\$5,250.00
TOTAL		\$144,230.00

The Contractor shall submit an invoice within ten (10) business days after each milestone is completed as defined in the Exhibit I. Each invoice shall contain back-up information as reasonably required by the CHA, including but not limited to, a brief description of the services provided during the invoice period. The CHA shall not be required to give approval or make payments pursuant to a submitted invoice unless the information required to be included with the invoice, or that has been specifically requested by the CHA, and all the reporting requirements and Deliverables as set forth in this Agreement, or other reasonable and written requests by CHA for additional information, have been met.

CHA will make commercially reasonable efforts to make payment for services rendered under this Agreement within thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of each invoice submitted. All invoices shall be subject to review and approval by the CHA. If the CHA objects to all or any portion of any invoice, it shall notify the Contractor of its objection in writing and both parties shall make every effort to settle the disputed portion of the invoice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CHA may, at its option, pay the undisputed portion of any invoice without being deemed to have accepted the disputed portion. All disputes regarding invoices shall be handled in accordance with the paragraph no. 7 of the General Conditions.

Section 4.03 Non-Appropriation

Funding for this Agreement is subject to: (1) availability of federal funds from HUD, (2) the approval of funding by the CHA's Board of Commissioners, and (3) the Contractor's

satisfactory performance of this Agreement. Furthermore, in the event that no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted or appropriated funds are rescinded by Congress in any fiscal period of the term of this Agreement for payments to be made under this Agreement, then the CHA may notify the Contractor of such occurrence and this Agreement shall terminate on the earlier of the last day of the fiscal period for which sufficient appropriation was made or whenever the funds appropriated for payment under this Agreement are exhausted.

ARTICLE 5. DISPUTES

Section 5.01 Disputes

In the event of a dispute between the CHA and the Contractor involving this Agreement, both parties will attempt to negotiate a resolution. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, either party shall, unless otherwise set forth herein, submit the dispute in writing to CHA's Director of Procurement and Contracts, who shall, with reasonable promptness, render a decision concerning the dispute submitted. The decision of the Director of Procurement and Contracts shall be final and binding. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, either party may dispute any decision under this clause or in a court of law and either and this clause shall in no way limit either party's legal rights to bring a suit in a court of law.

ARTICLE 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Section 6.01 Insurance

The Contractor agrees to comply with and meet or exceed all of CHA's insurance requirements that are set forth in Exhibit VI, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein.

Section 6.02 Indemnification

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, keep save, and hold the CHA, its officers, officials, employees and agents and contractors free and harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, penalties, damages, settlements, environmental liability, costs, charges, professional fees or other expenses or liabilities of every kind, nature and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, liens, demands, obligations, actions, suits, judgments or settlements, proceedings or causes of action of every kind, nature and character (collectively, "Claims") in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of this Agreement that are substantially due to the acts and omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees, and subcontractors, including but not limited to, the enforcement of this indemnification provision. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such Claims, relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in material or workmanship, actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright or any other tangible or intangible personal or property right, or any actual or alleged violation of any applicable statute, ordinance, order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court, shall be included in the indemnity hereunder. The Contractor further agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for and defend all suits for any and all Claims at its sole expense and agrees to bear all the costs and expenses related thereto, even if the Claims are considered groundless, false or fraudulent.

To the extent permissible by law, Contractor waives any limits on Contractor's liability that it would otherwise have by virtue of the Workers Compensation Act or any other law or judicial decision (specifically Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corporation, 146 Ill.2d 155 (1991)).

The CHA shall have the right, at Contractor's expense, to participate in the defense of any suit, without relieving the Contractor of any of its obligations under this indemnity provision. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that the requirements set forth in this indemnity to protect, defend, indemnify, keep, save and hold the CHA free and harmless are separate from and not limited by the Contractor's responsibility to obtain, procure and maintain insurance pursuant to any other section of this Agreement. Further, the indemnities contained in this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7. EVENTS OF DEFAULT, REMEDIES, TERMINATION, RIGHT TO OFFSET, SUSPENSION

Section 7.01 Events of Default Defined

Each of the following shall constitute an event of default:

- A. Any material misrepresentation, whether negligent or willful and whether in the inducement or in the performance, made by Contractor to the CHA.
- B. The Contractor's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Failure to perform the Services with sufficient personnel or with sufficient material to ensure the performance of the Services or due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's control;
 - 2. Failure to meet any of the performance standards set forth in this Agreement;
 - 3. Failure to perform the Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the CHA, or inability to perform the Services satisfactorily as a result of insolvency, filing for bankruptcy or assignment for the benefit of creditors;
 - 4. Failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time Services or Deliverables that were rejected as erroneous or unsatisfactory;
 - 5. Discontinuance of the Services for reasons or circumstances not beyond the Contractor's control;
 - 6. Failure to comply with a material term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the provisions concerning compliance with HUD regulations, insurance and nondiscrimination; and

7. Any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Agreement as constituting an event of default.
- C. Any change in majority ownership or majority control of the Contractor without the prior written approval of the CHA, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- D. The Contractor's default under any other agreement it may presently have or may enter into with the CHA during this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that in the event of a default under this Agreement the CHA may also declare a default under any such other agreements.

Section 7.02 Remedies

The occurrence of any event of default which the Contractor fails to cure within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice given in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and specifying the event of default or, if such event of default cannot be reasonably cured within thirty (30) calendar days after notice, or if the Contractor has failed to commence and continue diligent efforts to cure such default within thirty (30) days, the CHA may, at its sole option, declare the Contractor in default. Whether to declare the Contractor in default is within the sole discretion of the CHA and neither that decision nor the factual basis for it is subject to review or challenge under the disputes provision of this Agreement. Written notification of the default, and any intention of the CHA to terminate the Agreement, shall be provided to the Contractor and such decision shall be final and effective upon the Contractor's receipt of such notice pursuant to Article 10. Upon the giving of such notice, the CHA may invoke any or all of the following remedies:

- A. The right to terminate this Agreement as to any or all of the Services yet to be performed effective at a time specified by the CHA.
- B. The right to pursue any and all remedies, legal and/or equitable, available to the CHA.
- C. The right to withhold all or any part of Contractor's compensation hereunder with respect to Services not completed in accordance with the terms hereof prior to the termination of this Agreement.
- D. The right to deem Contractor non-responsible in future contracts to be awarded by the CHA.

If the CHA considers it to be in its best interests, it may elect not to declare default or to terminate the Agreement hereunder. The parties acknowledge that this provision is solely for the benefit of the CHA and that if the CHA permits Contractor to continue to provide the Services despite one or more events of default, the Contractor shall in no way be relieved of any of its responsibilities, duties or obligations under this Agreement nor shall the CHA waive or relinquish any of its rights.

The remedies under the terms of this Agreement are not intended to be exclusive of any other remedies provided, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedies, existing now or hereafter, at law, in equity or by statute. No delay

or failure to exercise any right or power accruing upon any event of default or acquiescence therein, and every such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

Section 7.03 Termination for Convenience

The CHA may terminate this Agreement, or all or any portion of the Services to be performed under it, at any time by written notice from the CHA to Contractor when the Agreement may be deemed to be no longer in the best interests of the CHA. If the CHA elects to terminate the Agreement in full, all Services to be performed hereunder shall cease effective ten (10) calendar days after the date written notice has been provided. The Contractor shall continue to render the services until the effective date of termination. No cost incurred by the Contractor after the effective date of termination shall be allowed. Subject to performance within the requisite performance standards and audits of invoices as set forth above, the CHA shall pay to Contractor on a pro-rata basis, costs incurred for Services rendered through the date of termination. This Section 7.03 is not subject to Article 5 of this Agreement.

The Contractor shall flow down the provisions of Section 7.03 in all of its contracts with its subcontractors, if any.

Section 7.04 Suspension

The CHA may at any time request that the Contractor suspend its Services, or any part thereof, by giving ten (10) days prior written notice to the Contractor or upon no notice in the event of an emergency. No costs incurred after the effective date of such suspension shall be allowed. The Contractor shall promptly resume its performance of such Services under the same terms and conditions as stated herein upon written notice by the CHA (Director of Procurement and Contracts).

Section 7.05 No Damages for Delay

The Contractor agrees that it shall make no claims against the CHA for damages, charges, interest, additional costs or fees incurred by reason of delays or suspension of work caused by the CHA in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy for delays or suspension of work caused by the CHA is an extension of time equal to the duration of delay or suspension to allow the Contractor to perform its obligation under this Agreement.

Section 7.06 Right to Offset

To the extent permitted by applicable law:

- A. In connection with performance under the Agreement, the CHA may offset any incremental costs and other damages the CHA incurs in any and all of the following circumstances:
 - i. If the CHA terminates the Agreement for default or any other reason resulting from the Contractor's performance or non-performance;

- ii. If the CHA exercises any of its remedies under Section 7.02 of the Agreement;
- iii. If the CHA has any credits due or has made any overpayments under the Agreement.

The CHA may offset these incremental costs and any other damages by use of any payment due for Services completed before the CHA terminated the Agreement or before the CHA exercised any remedies. If the amount offset is insufficient to cover those incremental costs and other damages, the Contractor shall be liable for and must promptly remit to the CHA the balance upon written demand for it. The right to offset is in addition to and not a limitation of any other remedies available to the CHA.

- B. Without breaching this Agreement, the CHA may set off a portion of the compensation due under this Agreement in an amount equal to the amount of any liquidated or unliquidated damages or claims that the CHA has against the Contractor arising out of any other agreements between the CHA and the Contractor or otherwise unrelated to this Agreement. If and when the CHA's claims against the Contractor are finally adjudicated in a court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise resolved, the CHA will reimburse the Contractor to the extent of the amount the CHA has offset against this Agreement inconsistently with the determination or resolution.

ARTICLE 8. WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Section 8.01 Warranties, Representations and Covenants

In connection with the execution of this Agreement, the Contractor warrants and represents to CHA:

- A. That it is financially solvent; and that it and each of its employees or agents of any tier are competent to perform the Services required under this Agreement; and that Contractor is legally authorized to execute and perform or cause to be performed this Agreement under the terms and conditions stated herein.
- B. That no officer, agent or employee of the CHA is employed by the Contractor or has a financial interest directly or indirectly in this Agreement or the compensation to be paid hereunder, except as may be permitted in writing by the CHA and HUD, and that no payment, gratuity or offer of employment shall be made in connection with this Agreement by or on behalf of the Contractor to any employee of the CHA; and the Contractor further acknowledges that any agreement entered into, negotiated or performed in violation of any of the provisions set forth herein shall be voidable as to the CHA.
- C. That Contractor and its subcontractors, if any, are not in default at the time of the execution of this Agreement, or deemed by the CHA's Director of Procurement and Contracts to have, within the last five (5) years, been found to be in default on any contract awarded by the CHA.

- D That, except only for those representations, statements, or promises expressly contained in this Agreement, and any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, or of any kind whatsoever, by the CHA, its officials, officers, agents, or employees, has induced the Contractor to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by the Contractor.
- E That the Contractor has carefully examined and analyzed the provisions and requirements of this Agreement and that it understands the nature of the Services required;
- F That the Contractor acknowledges that the CHA, in its selection of the Contractor to perform the Services hereunder, materially relied upon the Contractor's Proposal, that the Proposal was accurate at the time it was made and that no material changes in it have been nor will be made without the express consent of the CHA;
- G. That except only for those representations, statements, or promises expressly contained in this Agreement, and any exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, no representation, statement or promise, oral or in writing, or of any kind whatsoever, by the CHA, its officials, officers, agents, or employees, has induced Contractor to enter into this Agreement or has been relied upon by Contractor.
- G. That the Contractor and, to the best of its knowledge, its subcontractors are not in violation of the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 666 (a)(2) and other Federal criminal laws applicable to public contracts funded with federal government funds, the Illinois Criminal Code, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 et seq. (1989), as amended; and the CHA's Ethics Policy, as amended (see http://www.thecha.org/pages/forms_documents/66.php).
- H. That the Contractor has disclosed any and all relevant information to the CHA and the Contractor understands and agrees that any certification, affidavit or acknowledgment made under oath or failure to disclose in connection with this Agreement is made under penalty of perjury and, if false, is also cause for termination of this Agreement.
- I. That the Contractor is a duly organized and validly existing limited liability company under the laws of the State of Illinois and has and will continue to have at all times during the term of this Agreement, all licenses necessary to render the Services required hereunder.
- J. That the Contractor has the power and authority to enter into and perform all of its obligations under this Agreement, and that this Agreement, when executed will constitute the duly authorized, valid and legally binding obligation of the Contractor.

Section 8.02 Joint and Several Liability

In the event that the Contractor, or its successors or assigns, if any, is comprised of more than one legal entity, then and in that event, each and every obligation or undertaking herein stated to be fulfilled or performed by the Contractor shall be the joint and several obligation or undertaking of each other legal entity.

Section 8.03 Business Documents and Contractor's Affidavit

The Contractor shall provide to the CHA evidence of its authority to conduct business in the State of Illinois, including without limitation, registrations of assumed names or limited partnerships and certifications of good standing with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Illinois. The Contractor's Affidavit and Contractor's Certifications and Representations of Offerors – Non-Construction Contracts (HUD Form 5369-C) are attached hereto as Exhibit V and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 8.04 Conflict of Interest

- A. No member of the governing body of the CHA or other units of government and no other officer, employee, or agent of the CHA or other unit of government who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the Services to which this Agreement pertains, shall have any personal interest, direct, or indirect, in this Agreement. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States or the Illinois General Assembly or CHA employee shall be entitled to any share or part of this Agreement or to any financial benefit to arise from it.
- B. The Contractor covenants that it and its employees, or sub-contractors, presently have no interest and shall acquire no interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Services hereunder. The Contractor further covenants that during the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed. Contractor agrees that if the CHA determines that any of Contractor's services for others conflict with the Services that the Contractor is to render for the CHA under this Agreement; Contractor shall terminate such other services immediately upon request of the CHA.
- C. Additionally, pursuant to the conflict of interest requirements in OMB Circular A-102 and 24 C.F.R. §85.36(b)(3), no person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or appointed official of the CHA and who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to HUD assisted activities, or who is in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to HUD activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the activity, or have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds hereunder, either for himself or herself or for those whom he or she has family or business ties, during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter.
- D. Furthermore, the Contractor represents that it currently is and will remain in compliance with federal restrictions on lobbying set forth in Section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal year 1990, 31 U.S.C. Subsection 1352, and related rules and regulations set forth at 54 Fed. Reg. 52,309 ff. (1989), as amended.

Section 8.05 Non-Liability of Public Officials

No official, employee or agent of the CHA shall be personally liable to the Contractor or the Contractor's successor in interest for: (i) any default or breach by the CHA under this Agreement, (ii) any fee due to the Contractor or the Contractor's successor in interest or (iii) any other obligation arising under this Agreement.

Section 8.06 Independent Contractor

The Contractor and the CHA recognize that Contractor is an independent contractor and not an employee, agent, partner, joint venturer, covenantor, or representative of the CHA and that CHA will not incur any liability as the result of Contractor's actions. Contractor and its employees, representatives, and agents shall at all times represent and disclose that they are independent contractors of the CHA and shall not represent to any third party that they are an employee, agent, covenantor, or representative of the CHA. The CHA shall not be obligated to withhold any funds from Contractor for tax or other governmental purposes, with respect to its employees, agents, representative or subcontractors. Contractor and its employees, representatives, and agents shall not be entitled to receive any employment benefits offered to employees of the CHA including workers' compensation insurance coverage.

Section 8.07 Limitation of Liability

Except as set forth herein as applicable to the Contractor's indemnity obligations (Section 6.02) Contractor's liability to the CHA for damages arising out of this Agreement shall be limited to direct damages only. Contractor shall have no liability for special or consequential damages (including lost revenue) of the CHA or any third party, even if Contractor has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Regardless of any language in this Agreement or any other Project Document to the contrary, Contractor's entire liability hereunder is limited to the total sums payable to the Contractor under the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Section 9.01 Entire Agreement

This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and no other warranties, inducements, considerations, covenant, conditions, promises or interpretations shall be implied between the parties that are not set forth herein. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and any Exhibits that have been incorporated by reference, the terms of the Agreement shall control.

Section 9.02 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in several identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and constitute one Agreement binding on the parties hereto.

Section 9.03 Amendments

No changes, amendments, modifications, or discharge of this Agreement, or any part thereof, shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the authorized agent of the Contractor and by the CEO of the CHA or his/her respective designees. The CHA shall incur no liability for additional Services without a written amendment to this Agreement pursuant to this Section.

Whenever in this Agreement the Contractor is required to obtain prior written approval, the effect of any approval which may be granted pursuant to the Contractor's request shall be

prospective only from the later of the date approval was requested or the date on which the action for which the approval was sought is to begin. In no event may approval apply retroactively to a date before the approval was granted.

Section 9.04 Compliance with All Laws and Regulations

- A. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulation and executive orders of the federal, state and local government, now existing or hereinafter in effect, which may in any manner affect the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to HUD regulations, the Uniform Administrative Requirements contained in 24 C.F.R. Section 85.1 et seq., (1993), as amended; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1967 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.); Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20 et seq.); Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259; Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.); Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 et seq.); National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (24 C.F.R. Part 58); Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401/et seq.); Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.), as amended; Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 12086 and 11375; Executive Order 12372; Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. § 874 and 40 U.S.C. § 276); Byrd "Anti-Lobbying" Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352); and Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). Additionally, the Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of OMB Circulars A-133, A-102, A-122, A-110 and A-87, as amended, succeeded or revised; and the Mandatory Standards and Policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan issued in compliance with Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- B. The Contractor shall take such actions as may be necessary to comply promptly with any and all governmental orders imposed by any duly constituted government authority whether imposed by Federal, state, county or municipal authority.

Section 9.05 Deemed Inclusion

Provisions required by law, ordinances, rules, regulations or executive orders to be included in this Agreement are deemed inserted in this Agreement whether or not they appear in the Agreement or, upon application of either party, the Agreement shall be amended to make this insertion; however, in no event shall the failure to insert the required provisions before or after the Agreement is signed prevent its enforcement.

Section 9.06 Severability

If any provisions of this Agreement shall be held or deemed to be or shall in fact be inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or in all cases because it conflicts with any other provision or provisions hereof or of any constitution, statute, ordinance, rule of law or public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained invalid,

inoperative, or unenforceable to any extent whatever. The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections contained in this Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or any part thereof.

Section 9.07 Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed as to performance and interpretation in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. The Contractor hereby irrevocably submits itself to the original jurisdiction of those courts located within the County of Cook, State of Illinois, with regard to any controversy arising out of, relating to, or in any way concerning the execution or performance of this Agreement. The Contractor agrees that service of process on the Contractor may be made, at the option of the CHA, either by registered or certified mail addressed to the applicable office as provided for in this Agreement and to the office actually maintained by the Contractor, or by personal delivery on any managing partner, partners and principals of the Contractor. If the Contractor brings any action against the CHA concerning this Agreement, the action shall only be brought in those courts located within the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

Section 9.08 Interpretation

Any headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the provisions thereof. Words of any gender shall be deemed and construed to include correlative words of the other genders. Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa, unless the context shall otherwise indicate. All references to any exhibit or document shall be deemed to include all supplements and/or amendments to any such exhibits or documents entered into in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof and thereof. All references to any person or entity shall be deemed to include any person or entity succeeding to the rights, duties, and obligations of such persons or entities in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 9.09 Assigns

All of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, transferees and assigns.

Section 9.10 Cooperation

The Contractor agrees at all times to cooperate fully with the CHA and to act in the CHA's interests. If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if it is to expire on its own terms, the Contractor shall make commercially reasonable efforts to assure an orderly transition to another Contractor, the uninterrupted provision of Services during any transition period and shall otherwise comply with the reasonable requests and requirements of the CHA in connection with the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Section 9.11 Waiver

Whenever under this Agreement the CHA, by a proper authority, expressly waives the Contractor's performance in any respect or expressly waives a requirement or condition to either the CHA's or the Contractor's performance, the waiver so granted, shall only apply to the

particular instance and shall not be deemed a waiver forever or for subsequent instances of the performance, requirement or condition. No such waiver shall be construed as a modification of the Agreement regardless of the number of times the CHA may have waived the performance of a requirement or condition.

Section 9.12 Flow - Down Provisions

The Contractor shall flow down the following provisions of the Agreement and General Conditions to its contracts with subcontractors: Section 2.04, Section 2.05, Section 2.06, Section 2.07, Section 2.08, Section 2.09, Section 2.10, Section 2.11, Section 2.12, Section 2.13, Section 2.14, Section 7.03, Section 7.03, Section 7.04, and Section 9.04 of the Agreement and paragraph numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22 of the general Conditions.

ARTICLE 10. COMMUNICATION AND NOTICES

Section 10.01 Communication Between the Parties

All verbal and written communication, including required reports and submissions between the Contractor and the CHA shall be through the CHA's designated project manager, 60 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60605 when required. No verbal communication between the parties shall change any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Nothing stated herein shall be construed as a waiver or modification of the requirements for notice or service of process of litigation, as set forth in the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the local rules of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the local rules governing the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Section 10.02 Notices

Any notices sent to the Contractor shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to:

Clarity Partners, LLC
227 W. Monroe Street, Suite 3950
Chicago, IL 60606
Attention: Rodney S. Zech

Notices sent to the CHA shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid to:

Chicago Housing Authority
60 E. Van Buren St., 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Copy to Chicago Housing Authority
60 E. Van Buren St., 12th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Attention: Chief Legal Officer

ARTICLE 11. AUTHORITY

Section 11.01 CHA's Authority

Execution of this Agreement by the CHA is pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437 et seq.; regulations promulgated by HUD, and the State Housing Authorities Act, 310 ILCS 10/1 et seq., as amended, and other applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.


Section 11.02 Contractor's Authority

The signature of the person signing on behalf of the Contractor has been made with complete and full authority to commit the Contractor to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including each and every representation, certification and warranty contained herein, including without limitation such representations, certifications and warranties collectively attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CHA and the Contractor have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

BY:


~~Linda Riley Mitchell~~ Dionna Brookers
~~Executive Vice-President CFO~~
Senior Director of Procurement and Contracts


CLARITY PARTNERS, LLC

By:


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Chicago Housing Authority
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BY:


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