## **BID WAIVER AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** ("Agreement") is made by and between the City of Delray Beach, a Florida municipal corporation (the "City") whose address is 100 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444 and NFA Solutions Group Inc., a Florida profit corporation (the "Contractor"), whose address is 4788 Holly Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418, is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the City requires environmental site assessment and related services for natural attenuation monitoring (NAM) of groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2021, the City was alerted to a petroleum product contamination at the fuel dispensers at the Public Works Compound; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-780 and Palm Beach County Ordinance 2009-018, the City was required to conduct a formal site assessment and submit the site assessment report to the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Recourses Management (ERM); and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the site assessment report, ERM required additional testing and the installation of monitoring wells; and

**WHEREAS**, ERM and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) require the City to continue quarterly testing to monitor the petroleum product discharge; and

**WHEREAS**, selected through a competitive procurement process, NFA Solutions Group, Inc. (Contractor), has provided the City with site assessment testing and installation of monitoring wells since initially required by ERM; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the City to waive the full open and competitive acquisition process to receive uninterrupted quarterly groundwater sampling as required by FDEP and ERM; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to procure these services from the Contractor in accordance with the City's Bid Waiver policy, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City's Purchasing ordinances, and Florida Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration of which the parties hereto acknowledge, the parties agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. The Contractor shall provide environmental site assessment and related services for natural attenuation monitoring (NAM) of groundwater, in accordance with and pursuant to the Contractor's proposal, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", and the terms and

conditions of this Agreement.

3. The term of this Agreement shall remain in effect for a term of five (5) years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with terms set forth.

4. The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to terminate this Agreement with or without cause immediately upon providing written notice to Contractor. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor shall not incur any additional costs under the Agreement. The City shall be liable only for the reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor prior to the date of the notice of termination. The City shall be the sole judge of "reasonable costs."

5. Whenever either Party desires to give notice to the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or sent by commercial express carrier with acknowledgement of delivery, or by hand delivery with a request for a written receipt of acknowledgement of delivery, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving notice shall remain the same as set forth herein until changed in writing in the manner provided in this section. For the present, the Parties designate the following:

For CITY:

City of Delray Beach 100 N.W. 1st Avenue Delray Beach, Florida 33444 Attn: City Manager

With a copy to:

City of Delray Beach 200 N.W. 1st Avenue Delray Beach, Florida 33444 Attn: City Attorney

For CONTRACTOR:

NFA Solutions Group, Inc. 4788 Holly Drive Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418 Attn: Bradley T. Nowland, Principal

6. Neither this Agreement, nor any right or interest herein, shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the written consent of the other Party.

7. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the City of Delray Beach's Code of Ordinances and the laws of the State of Florida. Any dispute relating to this Agreement shall only be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction in Palm Beach County, Florida, and each of

the parties to this Agreement submits itself to the jurisdiction of such court. It is hereby understood and agreed that in the event any lawsuit in the judicial system, federal or state, is brought to enforce compliance with this contract or interpret same, or if any administrative proceeding is brought for the same purposes, each party shall pay their own attorney's fees and costs, including appellate fees and costs.

8. IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, CITY CLERK, 100 N.W. 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE., DELRAY BEACH FLORIDA. THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE MAY BE CONTACTED BY PHONE AT 561-243-7050 OR VIA EMAIL AT <u>CITYCLERK@MYDELRAYBEACH.COM</u>.

The Contractor shall comply with public records laws, specifically to:

- i. Keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service.
- ii. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Florida Statute or as otherwise provided by law.
- iii. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
- iv. Upon completion of the Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.
- v. If the Contractor does not comply with this section, the City shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract and may unilaterally cancel this Agreement in accordance with state law.

9. Contractor is aware that the Inspector General of Palm Beach County has the authority to investigate and audit matters relating to the negotiation and performance of this contract and may demand and obtain records and testimony from Contractor and its subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors. Contractor understands and agrees that in addition to all other remedies and consequences provided by law, the failure of Contractor or its subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors to fully cooperate with the Inspector General when requested may be deemed by the City to be a material breach of this Agreement justifying its termination.

10. The continuation of this Agreement beyond the end of any fiscal year shall be subject to both the appropriation and the availability of funds in accordance with Florida law.

11. Contractor has fully complied with Florida Statute §787.06(13) by providing an affidavit to the City signed by an officer or representative of Contractor under penalty of perjury stating that Contractor does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in the statute.

12. By entering into this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges its obligation to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility." Contractor affirms and represents it is registered with the E-Verify system, utilizing same, and will continue to utilize same as required by law. Compliance with this section includes, but is not limited to, utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees and requiring all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. Failure to comply with this section will result in the termination of this Agreement, or if your subcontractor knowingly violates the statute, the subcontract must be terminated immediately. Any challenge to termination under this provision must be filed in the Circuit Court no later than 20 calendar days after the date of termination. If terminated for a violation of the statute by Contractor, the Contractor may be prohibited from conducting future business with the City or awarded a solicitation or contract for a period of 1 year after the date of termination. All costs incurred to initiate and sustain the aforementioned programs shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

13. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities from any and all liability, losses or damages, including attorney's fees and costs of defense, which the City or its officer, employees, agents, or instrumentalities may incur as a result of claims, demands, suits, causes of actions, or proceedings of any kind or nature arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the performance of the agreement by the Contractor or its employees, agents, servants, partners, principals, or subcontractors. The Contractor shall pay all claims and losses in connection therewith, and shall investigate and defend all claims, suits, or actions of any kind or nature in the name of the City, where applicable, including appellate proceedings, and shall pay all costs, judgments, and attorney's fees which may be incurred thereon. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the Contractor shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the City or its officers, employees, agents, and instrumentalities as herein provided the obligations of this section shall survive the term of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and Contractor executed this contract as of the day and year first above written.

## ATTEST:

**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH** 

Alexis Givings, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

## NFA SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

Title:

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of  $\Box$  physical presence  $\Box$  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_, by or \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person), as \_\_\_\_\_ (type of authority) for \_\_\_\_\_ (name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed).

Personally known \_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_ Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public – State of \_\_\_\_\_