# **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT** GONZALEZ SAGGIO & HARLAN LLP

This Contract between Milwaukee County, a Wisconsin municipal body corporate (hereinafter called "County") represented by its Personnel Review Board, and Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP (hereafter called "Contractor"), as represented by Gerardo H. Gonzalez, (414) 277-8500, is entered into on January 15, 2015.

## 1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

Contractor shall act as managing outside counsel on behalf of the Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board.

The Contract consists of the following (three) documents listed below in the order of precedence that will be followed in resolving any inconsistencies between the terms of the Contract and the terms of any Exhibits, Schedules, or Attachments thereto:

- a) This Professional Service Contract
- b) Addendum A: Legal Professional Insurance
- c) Equal Employment Opportunity Certificate and Policy

## 2. STAFFING.

Attorney Gerardo H. Gonzalez of Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP shall be compensated at a rate of **\$165.00** per hour for legal services in the form of advice, counsel, and representation upon the request of the Board or its designee and in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys as set forth by the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

It is understood and agreed that the payments for services by Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP are conditioned upon actual performance of those services. The total accumulations of billings are not to exceed the annual amount of funds budgeted, which in 2015 is \$80,000.00. Billings incurred over funds budgeted will not be paid by the County and Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP is not expected to perform services beyond that amount unless otherwise so authorized in writing.

Contractor represents that its employees and subcontractors possess the necessary skill, expertise, and capability, including sufficient personnel with the necessary qualifications, to perform the services required by this Contract. Contractor shall provide, at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be the employees of, or have any other contractual relationship with, the County.

## 3. DATES OF PERFORMANCE.

The term of this Contract shall be from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, or until such time as either party notifies the other of its termination, as provided herein.

# 4. COMPENSATION

Contractor shall be compensated for work performed on an hourly basis at the billing rate listed in section 2 of this Contract. This compensation shall include any and all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Contractor or its employees. The total compensation to Contractor for services performed under the Contract shall not exceed \$\$80,000, unless agreed to by County in writing. State Prompt Pay Law, Section 66.285, does not apply to this Contract. As a matter of practice, the County attempts to pay all invoices in 30 days.

# 5. BILLING.

Contractor shall provide County with monthly billings, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Name of the individual or individuals performing the work, (it is recognized that Gerardo H. Gonzalez will manage and work with other law firm attorneys so as to provide this favorable rate.)
- b. The dates and hours worked.
- c. The hourly billing rate.
- d. The task performed.

# 6. OWNERSHIP OF DATA.

Upon completion of the work or upon termination of the Contract, it is understood that all completed or partially completed data, drawings, records, computations, survey information, and all other material that Contractor has collected or prepared in carrying out this Contract shall be provided to and become the exclusive property of the County. Therefore, any reports, information, and data given to or prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Contract shall not be made available to any individual or organization by Contractor without the prior written approval of County.

No reports or documents produced in whole or in part under this Contract shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Contractor.

# 7. AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS.

Contractor shall permit the authorized representatives of County, after reasonable notice, to inspect and audit all data and records of Contractor related to carrying out this Contract for a period up to three years after completion of the Contract. The prime consultant must obtain prior written Milwaukee County approval for all subconsultants and/or associates to be used in performing its contractual obligations. There must be a written contractual agreement between the prime consultant and its County approved subconsultant and/or associates which binds the subconsultant to the same audit contract terms and conditions as the prime consultant.

## 8. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

The Contractor assures that it will undertake an affirmative action program as required by Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (MCCGO) 56.17(1d), to insure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex, be excluded from participating in any employment activities covered in MCCGO 56.17(1d). The Contractor assures that no person shall be excluded, on these grounds, from participating in or receiving the services or benefits of any program or activity covered by this subpart. The Contractor assures that it will require that its covered organizations provide assurances to the Contractor that they similarly will undertake affirmative action programs and that they will require assurances from their suborganizations, as required by MCCGO 56.17(1d), to the same effect.

# 9. DISADVANGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

- A. Contractor shall comply with all provisions imposed by or pursuant to Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Chapter 42 when and where applicable, and as said Ordinance may be amended. The County shall notify Contractor in the event that new ordinances are issued.
- B. Contractor shall adhere to the approved DBE participation plan contained in this contract, which assures that  $\underline{0}$  percent of the Contract be attributed to a firm certified by the County or an entity whose certification is recognized by the County throughout the term of this Contract. Approval must be obtained from the County prior to making any change(s) to the approved DBE participation plan.
- C. If Contractor fails to achieve and maintain the level of DBE participation stated in this Contract, Contractor shall provide documentation to the County demonstrating that it made good faith efforts in its attempt to meet the stated level of participation. If Contractor fails to reflect a good faith effort to achieve and maintain the level of DBE participation stated herein throughout the term of this Contract, County may consider this as a material breach of the Contract and may terminate the Contract in accordance with Section 17 of this Contract.
- D. Contractor shall submit monthly reports online as required by the County for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with this Section.

# 10. NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS.

In the performance of work under this Contract, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeships. Contractor will post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the County setting forth the provisions of this nondiscriminatory clause. A violation of this provision shall be sufficient cause for the County to terminate the contract without liability for the uncompleted portion or for any materials or services purchased or paid for by the Contractor for use in completing this Contract.

Contractor agrees to strive to implement the principles of equal employment opportunities through an effective Affirmative Action program, and has so indicated on the Equal Employment Opportunity Certificate attached hereto as and made a part of this Contract. The program shall have as its objective to increase the utilization of women, minorities and handicapped persons, and other protected groups, at all levels of employment, in all divisions of Contractor's workforce, where these groups may have been previously under-utilized and under-represented. Contractor also agrees that in the event of any dispute as to compliance with the aforestated requirements, it shall be its responsibility to show that it has met all such requirements.

When a violation of the non-discrimination, equal opportunity, or Affirmative Action provisions of this section has been determined by County, Contractor shall immediately be informed of the violation and directed to take all action necessary to halt the violation, as well as such action as may be necessary to correct, if possible, any injustice to any person adversely affected by the violation, and immediately take steps to prevent further violations.

If, after notice of a violation to Contractor, further violations of the section are committed during the term of the Contract, County may terminate the Contract without liability for the uncompleted portion or any materials or services purchased or paid for by the Contractor for use in completing the Contract, or it may permit Contractor to complete the Contract, but, in either event, Contractor shall be ineligible to bid on any future contracts let by County.

## 11. INDEMNITY.

Contractor agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, County, and its agents, officers, and employees, from and against all loss or expense including costs and attorney's fees by reason of statutory benefits under Workers Compensation Laws, or liability for damages including suits at law or in equity, caused by any wrongful, intentional, or negligent act or omission of Contractor, or its (their) agents which may arise out of or are connected with the activities covered by this Contract.

Contractor shall indemnify and save the County harmless from any award of damages and costs against County for any action based on U.S. patent or copyright infringement regarding computers programs involved in the performance of the tasks and services covered by this Agreement.

#### 12. INSURANCE.

The Contractor understands and agrees that financial responsibility for claims or damages to any person, or to Contractor's employees and agents, shall rest with the Contractor. The Contractor may effect and maintain any insurance coverage, including, but not

limited to, Worker's Compensation, Employers Liability and General Contractual, Profession and Automobile Liability, to support such financial obligations. The indemnification obligation, however, shall not be reduced in any way by existence or non-existence, limitation, amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable under Worker's Compensation laws or other insurance provisions.

The Contractor shall provide evidence of the following coverages and minimum amounts:

Type of Coverage	Minimum Limits
Wisconsin Workers' Compensation or Proof of All States Coverage	Statutory (waiver of subrogation)
Employer's Liability	\$100,000/500,000/100,000
Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability Bodily Injury and Property Damage (incl. Personal Injury, Fire Legal, Contractual & Products/Completed Operations)	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence \$1,000,000 General Aggregate
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence \$1,000,000 Aggregate
Automobile Liability Bodily Injury & Property Damage All Autos-Owned, non-owned and/or hired Uninsured Motorists	\$1,000,000 Per Accident Per Wisconsin Requirements

Milwaukee County will be named as an additional insured for General, Automobile, Garage Keepers Legal and Environmental Impairment Liability, as respects the services provided in this Contract. Disclosure must be made of any non-standard or restrictive additional insured endorsement, and any use of non-standard or restrictive additional insured endorsement will not be acceptable. A certificate indicating the above coverages shall be submitted for review and approval by the County for the duration of this Contract.

Coverages shall be placed with an insurance company approved by the State of Wisconsin and rated "A" per Best's Key Rating Guide. Additional information as to policy form, retroactive date, discovery provisions, and applicable retentions shall be submitted to County, if requested, to obtain approval of insurance requirements. Any deviations, including use of purchasing groups, risk retention groups, etc., or requests for waiver from the above requirements shall be submitted in writing to the County for approval prior to the commencement of activities under this Contract. The insurance requirements contained within this Agreement are subject to periodic review and adjustment by the County Risk Manager.

#### A.1. Compliance with Governmental Requirements.

Contractor shall evidence satisfactory compliance for Unemployment Compensation and Social Security reporting as required by Federal and State Laws.

#### A.2. Professional Liability – Additional Provisions.

Contractor agrees to provide additional information on their professional liability coverages as respects policy type, i.e., errors and omissions for consultants, architects, and/or engineers, etc.; applicable retention levels; coverage form, i.e., claims made, occurrence; discover clause conditions, and effective retroactive and expiration dates, to the County Director of Risk Management and Insurance as may be requested to obtain approval of coverages as respects this section.

It is understood and agreed that coverages which apply to the services inherent in this Contract will be extended for two (2) years after completion of all work contemplated in this project if coverage is written on a claims-made basis.

The Contractor shall certify and make available loss information from any Insurer as to any claims filed or pending against any and all professional liability coverages in effect for the past five (5) years, if requested.

The Contractor shall certify to inform the County of any claims filed for errors and omissions that may be covered under professional coverages pursuant to the work within ten (10) days of notice of the occurrence or claim filing, whichever is sooner.

Deviations and waivers may be requested in writing based on market conditions to the County Director of Risk Management and Insurance. Approval shall be given in writing of any acceptable deviation or waiver to the Contractor prior to the Contractor effecting any change in conditions as contained in this section. Waivers shall not be unduly withheld nor denied without consultation with the Contractor.

It is understood that the Contractor will obtain information on the professional liability coverages of all subcontractors in the same form as specified above for review of the County.

#### 13. PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES.

Contractor is responsible for procuring, maintaining, and paying for all necessary federal, state, and local permits, licenses, fees, and taxes required to carry out the provisions of this Contract.

#### 14. TERMINATION BY CONTRACTOR.

Contractor may, at its option, terminate this Contract upon the failure of the County to pay any amount which may become due hereunder for a period of forty five (45) days following submission of appropriate billing and supporting documentation. Upon said

termination, Contractor shall be paid the compensation due for all services rendered through the date of termination including any retainage.

# 15. TERMINATION BY COUNTY FOR VIOLATIONS BY CONTRACTOR.

If the Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or violates any of its provisions, the County shall there upon have the right to terminate it by giving thirty (30) days written notice of termination of contract, specifying the alleged violations, and effective date of termination. It shall not be terminated if, upon receipt of the notice, Contractor promptly cures the alleged violation prior to the end of the thirty (30) day period. In the event of termination, the County will only be liable for services rendered through the date of termination and not for the uncompleted portion, or for any materials or services purchased or paid for by Contractor for use in completing the Contract.

# 16. UNRESTRICTED RIGHT OF TERMINATION BY COUNTY.

The County further reserves the right to terminate the Contract at any time for any reason by giving Contractor thirty (30) days written notice of such termination. In the event of said termination, the Contractor shall reduce its activities hereunder as mutually agreed to, upon receipt of said notice, and turn over all work product to the County. Upon said termination, Contractor shall be paid for all services rendered through the date of termination. This section also applies should the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors fail to appropriate additional monies required for the completion of the Contract.

## 17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

Nothing contained in this Contract shall constitute or be construed to create a partnership or joint venture between County or its successors or assigns and Contractor or its successors or assigns. In entering into this Contract, and in acting in compliance herewith, Contractor is at all times acting and performing as an independent contractor, duly authorized to perform the acts required of it hereunder.

## 18. SUBCONTRACTS.

Assignment of any portion of the work by subcontract must have the prior written approval of County.

# 19. ASSIGNMENT LIMITATION.

This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their successors and assigns; provided, however, that neither party shall assign its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other.

## 20. PROHIBITED PRACTICES.

A. Contractor during the period of this contract shall not hire, retain, or utilize for compensation any member, officer, or employee of County or any person who, to the knowledge of Contractor, has a conflict of interest.

- B. Contractor hereby attests that it is familiar with Milwaukee County's Code of Ethics which states, in part, "No person shall offer or give to any public official or employee, directly or indirectly, and no public official or employee shall solicit or accept from any person, directly or indirectly, anything of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the public official's or employee's vote, official actions or judgment, or could reasonably be considered as a reward for any official action or inaction or omission by of the public official or employee."
- 21. NOTICES.

All notices with respect to this Contract shall be in writing. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, a notice shall be deemed duly given and received upon delivery, if delivered by hand, or three days after posting via US Mail, to the party addressed as follows:

To Contractor: Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP Attn: Gerardo H. Gonzalez, Esq. 111 East Wisconsin Avenue Suite 1000 Milwaukee, WI 53202

To County: Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board Attn: Rebecca M. Janz Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 212-E 901 North Ninth Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

Either party may designate a new address for purposes of this Contract by written notice to the other party.

## 22. MISCELLANEOUS.

This Contract shall be interpreted and enforced under the laws and jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin. This Contract constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and is not subject to amendment unless agreed upon in writing by both parties hereto. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it will perform its obligations hereunder in compliance with all applicable state, local, or federal law, rules, regulations, and orders.

## 23. AUTHORIZATION.

The County has executed this Contract pursuant to action taken by its Board of Supervisors on February 5, 2015, Resolution File No. 15-83.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract on the day, month and year first above written.

Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gerardo H. Gonzalez

Duly Certified Agent Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP

Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rebecca M. Janz, Administrator

Approved with regards to County Ordinance Chapter 42:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Community Business Development Partners** 

*Reviewed by:* 

Approved for execution:

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

Approved:

*Approved*:

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

Approved as compliant under sec. 59.42(2)(b)5, Stats.:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation Counsel

# ADDENDUM A: LEGAL PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE

The Legal Professional agrees to evidence and maintain proof of financial responsibility to cover costs as may arise from claims of tort, statutes, and benefits under Workers' Compensation law and/or vicarious liability arising from employees. Such evidence shall include insurance coverage for Workers' Compensation claims as required by the State of Wisconsin, including Employer's Liability and insurance covering General Liability, Professional Liability, and Automobile coverage in the following amounts.

Type of Coverage	Minimum Coverage
Wisconsin Workers' Compensation or Proof of All States Coverage	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$100,000/500,000/100,000
Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability	
Bodily Injury & Property Damage (Incl. Personal Injury, Fire Legal Aggregate & Contractual & Product/Completed Operations)	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence \$1,000,000 General
Professional Liability	\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence \$1,000,000 Aggregate
Automobile Liability	
Bodily Injury & Property Damage	\$1,000,000 Per Accident
All Autos-Owned, non-owned and/or hired Uninsured Motorists	Per Wisconsin requirements

Milwaukee County, as its interest may appear, shall be named as an additional insured for General, Automobile, Garage Keepers Legal and Environmental Impairment Liability, and be afforded a thirty (30) day written notice of cancellation or non-renewal. Disclosure must be made of any non-standard or restrictive additional insured endorsement, and any use of non-standard or restrictive additional insured endorsement will not be acceptable. A certificate indicating the above coverage shall be submitted for review and approval by the county for the duration of this Agreement.

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