

CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT ("Agreement"), entered into this May 21, 2026 ("Effective Date"), by and between the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA, a public body corporate and politic (hereinafter referred to as "AHA"), and Aleshire & Wynder, LLP a California Limited Liability Partnership located at 1 Park Plaza, Suite 1000, Irvine, CA 92614 (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant"), is made with reference to the following:

RECITALS:

A. AHA is a Housing Authority duly created, established, and authorized to transact business and exercise its powers, all under and pursuant to the provisions of the Housing Authorities Law which is Part 2 of Division 24 of the California Health and Safety Code commencing with Section 34200 et_ seq.

B. Pursuant to the Housing Authorities Law, AHA is authorized to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to exercise its powers.

C. AHA has determined that it requires professional services for General Counsel services.

D. Consultant is specially trained, experienced, and competent to perform the special services which will be required by this Agreement.

E. Consultant represents that it possesses the skill, experience, ability, background, applicable certification and knowledge to provide the services described in this Agreement on the terms and conditions described herein.

F. AHA and Consultant desire to enter into an agreement to provide the subject services as discussed in more detail below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of performance by the parties of the promises, covenants, and conditions herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **TERM.**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and end on April 30, 2029, unless extended, as discussed herein, or terminated earlier as provided in Paragraph 20 below ("Term"). The parties may choose by mutual agreement to extend the term of this Agreement up to a maximum of 60 months (5 years total) and shall do so by executing a written amendment to the Agreement. All indemnification and hold harmless provisions in this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

2. **SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.**

2.1 Consultant shall provide the following services to AHA, (i) those services outlined and specified in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and

incorporated herein by this reference; and (ii) those services outlined and specified in Consultant's accepted bid proposal attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference, all at the not to exceed fee stated in Paragraph 3 below. In the event of any inconsistencies between Consultant's accepted bid proposal and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern.

2.2 Consultant represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to fully and adequately perform under this Agreement, and AHA relies upon this representation. Consultant shall perform pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and Consultant shall perform the services and duties in conformance to and consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant further represents and warrants to AHA that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature are legally required to practice its profession. Consultant further represents that it shall keep all such licenses and approvals in effect during the Term of this Agreement.

2.3 Consultant affirms that it is fully apprised of all of the work to be performed under this Agreement; and Consultant agrees it can properly perform this work for the fee stated in Paragraph 3. Consultant shall not be liable or obligated to perform Services in excess of the fee stated in Paragraph 3. Consultant shall not perform services or provide products that are not set forth in this Agreement, unless by prior written request of AHA.

2.4 Consultant agrees to perform all services in accord with this Agreement in a manner commensurate with the prevailing standards of like professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area and agrees that all services shall be performed by qualified and experienced personnel who are not employed by the AHA nor have any contractual relationship with AHA.

2.5 Acceptance by AHA of Consultant's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of Consultant's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

2.6 Fidelity Bond: If Consultant, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers, or representatives interact with money or securities in or arising out of the performance of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain a fidelity bond that fulfills the following requirements.

AHA must be designated as the obligee, and Consultant as the principal.

Consultant's fidelity bond must be for a minimum of the sum of the gross potential rental income for two months plus the amount of the security deposits for property management services.

Consultant's fidelity bond must provide blanket coverage that includes Consultant and all its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents, volunteers, or representatives who may have access to money and securities arising out of or in connection with the Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

The bond shall cover losses including, without limitation, those arising from forgery or alteration, computer fraud, funds transfer fraud, counterfeit money and money orders, burglary, robbery, theft, embezzlement, employee dishonesty, and misplacement of money and securities.

The bond shall not contain a condition requiring arrest and conviction.

Prior to the commencement of the work, Consultant shall deliver to AHA an assurance letter, or similar documentation, from the bonding company or agency declaring the type of bond, the obligee (AHA) and principal (Consultant), amount of coverage, coverage period, and the annual cost of the bond.

3. **COMPENSATION TO CONSULTANT.**

3.1 AHA shall pay the Consultant for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred for the Scope of Services defined in Exhibit A, and according to the Fee Schedule set forth in Exhibit B. Maximum payment by AHA to Consultant for the services provided herein shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars(\$250,000), including all expenses("Contracted Amount"). AHA shall not be responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the aforementioned Contracted Amount and AHA shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or products, unless agreed to in writing by AHA pursuant to Paragraph 4 below. Consultant shall invoice AHA for the services performed pursuant to the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A, at the rates, inclusive of all taxes, insurance, benefits, wages, profit, overhead, and every other personnel cost borne by Consultant, set forth in the Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A; provided, however, in no event shall any and all costs paid under this Agreement exceed the Contracted Amount. Consultant shall not be liable or obligated to perform Services in excess of the fee stated in this section.

3.2 CONSULTANT shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to AHA by Consultant. AHA shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) working days from the date of receipt of the invoice. Payment shall be made to Consultant only after services have been rendered. ~~and Consultant's candidate has accepted an offer that has been made by AHA.~~ For this Agreement, invoices can be submitted by email to primary contact (below) with a copy to accountspayable@alamedahsq.org or on the AHA's vendor portal.

Housing Authority of the City of Alameda
701 Atlantic Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501-2161
ATTN: Vanessa Cooper
(510) 747-4320

Email: vcooper@alamedahsg.org

Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; itemization of the description of the work performed, the date of performance, the associated time for completion; and an invoice total.

All contracts over \$5,000 are required to be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)/Automated Clearing House (ACH) disbursements. The required forms can be found on the website or by contacting Finance at 510-747-4315.

4. **ALTERATION OR CHANGES TO THE AGREEMENT.**

No alteration or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto, and no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on any of the parties hereto. No additional services

shall be performed by Consultant without a written amendment to this Agreement.

Consultant understands that AHA's Board of Commissioners, Executive Director, or designee, within their delegated authority, are the only authorized AHA representatives who may at any time, by written order, make any alterations within the general scope of this Agreement.

5. **INSPECTION OF SERVICES.**

All performances under this Agreement shall be subject to inspection by AHA. Consultant shall provide adequate cooperation to AHA representatives to permit him/her to determine Consultant's conformity with the terms of this Agreement.

Consultant shall permit an AHA representative to monitor, assess or evaluate Consultant's performance under this Agreement at any time upon reasonable notice to Consultant.

6. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

Consultant and AHA agree that time is of the essence regarding the performance of this Agreement.

7. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

The Consultant is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of AHA. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Consultant (including its employees, agents and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which AHA's employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, injury leave or unemployment insurance, workers' compensation coverage, vacation, and/or sick leave. Deductions shall not be made for any state or federal taxes, FICA payments, PERS payments, or other purposes normally associated with an employer-employee relationship from any fees due Consultant. Payments of the above items, if required, are the responsibility of Consultant.. No right of employment will be acquired by virtue of Consultant's services. There shall be no employer-employee relationship between the parties; and Consultant shall hold AHA harmless from any and all claims that may be made against AHA based upon any contention by a third party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement.

AHA and Consultant agree that during the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year after termination, the parties shall not solicit for employment, hire, or retain, whether as an employee or independent contractor, any person who is or has been employed by the other without written agreement by the other party.

8. **IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT (IRCA).**

Consultant assumes any and all responsibility for verifying the identity and employment authorization of all of its employees performing work hereunder, pursuant to all applicable IRCA or other federal or state rules and regulations. Consultant shall indemnify and hold AHA harmless from and against any loss, damage, liability, costs or expenses arising from any noncompliance of this provision by Consultant.

9. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.**

Consistent with AHA's policy that harassment and discrimination are unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated, Consultant shall not be discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, sexual orientation, pregnancy, sex, age, gender identity, or marital status in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the

California Fair Employment Practices Act (commencing with Section 1410 of the Labor Code), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. S1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations. Consultant agrees that any and all violations of this provision shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.

10. **INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS.**

10.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, including the cost to defend, the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda, its affiliates Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation and Island City Development, their respective directors, officers, Board of Commissioners, Board of Directors, elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as "Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, claims, losses, damages, or expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, that arise out of, or pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of Consultant, its officers, employees, subcontractors, independent contractors, agents, or representatives in the performance of services under this contract. This indemnity does not apply to liability for damages arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of Indemnitees. This duty to indemnify shall not be waived or modified by contractual agreement or acts of the parties.

10.2 With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by Consultant, Consultant shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of AHA, provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes Consultant's indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein. Consultant's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when Consultant has provided to AHA the appropriate form of dismissal relieving AHA from any liability for the action or claim involved.

10.3 AHA does not, and shall not, waive any rights that it may possess against Consultant because of acceptance by AHA, or the deposit with AHA, of any insurance policy or certificate required pursuant to this Agreement. This hold harmless, indemnification and defense provision shall apply regardless of whether or not any insurance policies are determined to be applicable to the claim, demand, damage, liability, loss, cost, or expense.

10.4 These defense and indemnity obligations shall survive the termination and expiration of this Agreement and are independent of and not in any way limited by the insurance requirements of this Agreement.

11. **INSURANCE.**

Without limiting or diminishing the Consultant's obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold AHA harmless, Consultant shall procure and maintain, or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, insurance coverage in compliance with Exhibit C on or before the commencement of the terms of this Agreement.

12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

No employee, agent, contractor, officer or official of AHA who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to this Agreement or who is in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to it, shall obtain a personal or financial interest in or benefit from any contract, subcontract or agreement with respect thereto, or the proceeds thereunder, either for himself or herself or for those with whom they have family or business ties, during his or her tenure or for one (1) year thereafter. The term "contractor" also includes the employees, officers (including board members), agents and subcontractors of Consultant under this Agreement.

Consultant covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with Consultant's performance under this Agreement. Consultant further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant agrees to inform AHA of all Consultant's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the AHA's interests.

Consultant shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom Consultant is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

Consultant or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to AHA employees.

In order to carry out the purposes of this section, Consultant shall incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, in all contracts and subcontracts relating to activities pursuant to this Agreement, a provision similar to that of this section.

Consultant warrants that it is not a conflict of interest for Consultant to perform the services required by this Agreement. Consultant further understands that it may be required to fill out a Statement of Economic Interests, a form provided by the California Fair Political Practices Commission, if the services provided under this Agreement require Consultant to make certain governmental decisions or serve in a staff capacity as defined in Title 2, Division 6, Section 18700 of the California Code of Regulations.

13. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENTS.

Consultant shall not assign, sublease, hypothecate, or transfer this Agreement or any interest therein directly or indirectly, by operation of law or otherwise without prior written consent of AHA. Any attempt to do so without said consent shall be null and void, and any assignee, sub lessee, hypothecate or transferee shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer. However, claims for money by Consultant from AHA under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company or other financial institution without prior written consent, but written notice of such assignment shall be promptly furnished to AHA by Consultant.

The sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition of any of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Consultant, or of the interest of any general partner or joint venturer or syndicate member or cotenant if Consultant is a partnership or joint venture or syndicate or co tenancy, which shall result in changing the control of Consultant, shall be

construed as an assignment of this Agreement. Control means fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting power of the corporation.

14. **SUBCONTRACTOR APPROVAL.**

Unless prior written consent from AHA is obtained, only those people and subcontractors whose names are attached to this Agreement shall be used in the performance of this Agreement. In the event that Consultant employs subcontractors, such subcontractors shall be required to furnish proof of worker's compensation insurance and shall also be required to carry general, automobile and professional liability insurance in reasonable conformity to the insurance carried by Consultant. In addition, any work or services subcontracted hereunder shall be subject to each provision of this Agreement.

15. **PERMITS AND LICENSES.**

Consultant shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to AHA, including, but not limited to a City of Alameda business license. Consultant warrants that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Alameda, the City of Alameda and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction, and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement relative to the Scope of Services to be performed under Exhibit A, and that service(s) will be performed by properly trained and licensed staff.

16. **REPORTS.**

Each and every report, draft, work product, map, record and other document, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Report" reproduced, prepared or caused to be prepared by Consultant pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be the exclusive property of AHA. Consultant shall not copyright any Report required by this Agreement and shall execute appropriate documents to assign to AHA the copyright to Reports created pursuant to this Agreement. Any Report, information and data acquired or required by this Agreement shall become the property of AHA, and all publication rights are reserved to AHA.

All Reports prepared by Consultant may be used by AHA in execution or implementation of:

- (1) The original Project for which Consultant was hired;
- (2) Completion of the original Project by others;
- (3) Subsequent additions to the original project; and/or
- (4) Other AHA projects as appropriate.

Consultant shall, at such time and in such form as AHA may require, furnish reports concerning the status of services required under this Agreement.

All Reports required to be provided by this Agreement shall be printed on recycled paper. All Reports shall be copied on to both sides of the paper except for one original which shall be single sided.

No Report, information nor other data given to or prepared or assembled by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be made available to any individual or organization by Consultant without prior approval by AHA

17. **RECORDS.**

Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to sales, costs, expenses, receipts, and other such information required by AHA that relate to the performance of services under this Agreement. Consultant shall maintain adequate

records of services provided in sufficient detail to permit an evaluation of services. All such records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and shall be clearly identified and readily accessible. With reasonable notice, Consultant shall provide free access to the representatives of AHA or its designees to such books and records during normal business hours; and gives AHA the right to examine and audit same, and to make transcripts there from as necessary, and to allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings and activities related to the performance of this Agreement. Such records, together with supporting documents, shall be kept separate from other documents and records and shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years after receipt of final payment.

18. **NOTICES.**

All notices, demands, requests or approvals to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing and conclusively shall be deemed served when delivered personally or on the second business day after the deposit thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, addressed as hereinafter provided.

All notices, demands, requests or approvals from Consultant to AHA shall be addressed to AHA at:

Housing Authority of the City of Alameda
701 Atlantic Avenue
ALAMEDA CA 94501-2161
Attention: Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director

All notices, demands, requests, or approvals from AHA to Consultant shall be addressed to Consultant at:

Aleshire & Wynder, LLP
Adrian R. Guerra
1 Park Plaza, Suite 1000
Irvine, CA 92614
aguerra@awattorneys.com
(949) 223-1170

19. **NO SMOKING, DRINKING OR RADIO USE.**

Consultant agrees and acknowledges that smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, and listening to radios is prohibited at any AHA site, including individual units, common areas, and every building and adjoining grounds. Consultant shall ensure that his/her employees and suppliers comply with these prohibitions.

20. **TERMINATION.**

AHA may, by written notice to Consultant, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, without cause, upon seven (7) days advance written notice. Such termination may be for AHA's convenience or because of Consultant's failure to perform its duties and obligations under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the failure of Consultant to timely perform services pursuant to this Agreement, including, but not limited to the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A.

20.1 Discontinuance of Services. Upon termination, Consultant shall, unless otherwise directed by the notice, discontinue all services, and deliver to the AHA all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and other related materials as may have been prepared or accumulated by Consultant in performance of services, whether completed or

in progress.

20.2 Effect of Termination for Convenience. If the termination is to be for the convenience of AHA, then AHA shall compensate Consultant for services provided through the date of termination. Consultant shall provide documentation deemed adequate by AHA to show the services actually completed by Consultant prior to the date of termination, no later than 30 days after the date of termination. This Agreement shall terminate on the date of the written Notice of Termination delivered to Consultant.

20.3 Effect of Termination for Cause. In the event Consultant hereto fails or refuses to perform any of the provisions hereof at the time and in the manner required hereunder, Consultant shall be deemed in default in the performance of this Agreement. If such default is not cured within a period of two (2) days after receipt by Consultant from AHA of written notice of default, specifying the nature of such default and the steps necessary to cure such default, AHA may terminate the Agreement forthwith by giving to the Consultant written notice thereof. If the termination is due to the failure of Consultant to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, Consultant shall be compensated for those services which have been completed in accordance with this Agreement. In such case, AHA may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or otherwise. Prior to discontinuance of services, AHA may arrange for a meeting with Consultant to determine what steps, if any, Consultant can take to adequately fulfill its requirements under this Agreement. In its sole discretion, AHA may propose an adjustment to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, including the contract price. Such contract adjustments, if accepted in writing by the parties, shall become binding on Consultant and shall be performed as part of this Agreement. Termination of this Agreement for cause may be considered by AHA in determining whether to enter into future agreements with Consultant.

20.4 Cumulative Remedies. The rights and remedies of the parties provided in this Paragraph are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law, equity or under this Agreement.

20.5 Removal and Replacement of Consultant Employee.
If Consultant's staff member assigned to perform direct hire placement services for the AHA is: a) determined unsatisfactory by AHA, or b) terminates employment with Consultant while working at AHA, Consultant agrees to notify AHA in writing within four business hours for confirmation of the assignment of another qualified Consultant employee who will report to the job on the next business day as a replacement.

21. **FORCE MAJEURE.**

If either party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as Acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply, provided the other party receives written notice of such force majeure event no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after commencement of such force majeure event.

22. **COMPLIANCES.**

Consultant shall comply with all state and federal laws, including, but not limited to state prevailing wage laws to the extent applicable, all City of Alameda ordinances, and all rules and regulations enacted or issued by AHA. In the event that the Consultant encounters a potential conflict between state, federal or local law, Consultant shall inform AHA and AHA shall direct Consultant on proper course of action.

23. **GOVERNING LAW; SEVERABILITY.**

This Agreement shall be interpreted under and enforced by the laws of the State of California excepting any choice of law rules which may direct the application of laws of another jurisdiction. The Agreement and obligations of the parties are subject to all valid laws, orders, rules, and regulations of the authorities having jurisdiction over this Agreement (or the successors of those authorities.) Any suits brought pursuant to this Agreement shall be filed with the Courts of the County of Alameda, the State of California, and the parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

24. **NONCONFORMING PAYMENTS.**

In the event Consultant receives payment under this Agreement which is later disallowed by AHA for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, AHA may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to Consultant under this Agreement.

25. **NO PARTIAL DELIVERY OF SERVICES.**

Consultant shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

26. **LABOR STANDARDS.**

Consultant shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

27. **SOCIAL MEDIA/ADVERTISEMENT.**

Consultant shall not post, exhibit, display or allow to be posted, exhibited, or displayed any information, signs, advertising, show bills, lithographs, posters or cards of any kind pertaining to the services performed under this Agreement unless prior written approval has been secured from AHA to do otherwise. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, posting any information as to this Agreement and Consultant's relationship with AHA on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Yelp, Instagram and any other social media. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, Consultant may identify AHA as a client and generally describe the nature of the legal services provided (without disclosing any confidential or privileged information) in (a) Consultant's client list on its website and marketing materials; (b) responses to requests for proposals or qualifications for legal services; (c) individual attorney biographies, professional credentials and continuing legal education materials; and (d) any disclosure required by the California Rules of Professional Conduct or applicable law.**

28. **CONFIDENTIALITY.**

28.1. **Definition.** Consultant shall observe all Federal, State and AHA regulations applicable to the Services concerning confidentiality of records. Consultant shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: any information or data obtained by Consultant relating to AHA clients and tenants and any opinions and conclusions based upon such information, unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; AHA information or data which is not subject to public

disclosure; AHA operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement, and any personally identifiable information protected under The Privacy Act of 1974(5 U.S.C. Section 552a), Section 6 of the Housing Act of 1937, The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, Section 208 of The E-Government Act, and HUD Notice PIH 2-15-06 issued on April 23, 2015.

28.2. Nondisclosure and Nonuse Obligation. Consultant agrees to perform all services hereunder in accord with this Agreement and agrees that all services shall be performed by qualified and experienced personnel who are not employed by the AHA nor have any contractual relationship with AHA. Consultant agrees that it will not use, disseminate, or in any way disclose any Confidential Information to any person, firm, or business, except that Consultant may use Confidential Information to the extent necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. Consultant agrees that it shall treat all Confidential Information with the same degree of care as the Consultant accords to its own Confidential Information, but in no case less than reasonable care. Consultant agrees that it shall disclose Confidential Information only to those of its employees who need to know such information, and the Consultant certifies that such employees have previously agreed, as a condition of employment, to be bound by terms and conditions applicable to Consultant under this Agreement. Consultant shall immediately give notice to AHA of any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information. For agreements involving information technology or access to agency data, the consultant shall be expected to use the same degree of care, but no less than a reasonable degree of care, to prevent the unauthorized use, dissemination, or publication of the agency's information, as it uses to protect its own, including standard anti-virus/malware deployment.

28.3. Exclusions from Nondisclosure and Nonuse Obligations. The obligations under 28.2 ("Nondisclosure and Nonuse Obligation") shall not apply to such portion that Consultant can document was i) in the public domain at the time such portion was disclosed or used, or ii) was disclosed in response to a valid court order.

28.4. Ownership and Return of Confidential Information and Other Materials. All Confidential Information shall remain the property of the AHA. At AHA's request and no later than five (5) business days after such request, Consultant shall promptly destroy or deliver to AHA, at AHA's option, i) all materials furnished to Consultant, ii) all tangible media of expression in Consultant's possession or control to the extent that such tangible media incorporate any of the Confidential Information, and iii) written certification of the Consultant's compliance with such obligations under this sentence; provided, however that the Consultant may maintain one copy of any materials Consultant is required to maintain under California's State Bar requirements.

29. WAIVER.

Any waiver by AHA of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of AHA to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing AHA from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

30. CAPTIONS.

The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only, are not a part of the Agreement and in no way affect, limit or amplify the terms or provisions of this Agreement

31. **ADMINISTRATION.**

The AHA Executive Director (or designee) shall administer this Agreement on behalf of AHA and may issue all consents, approvals, directives, and agreements on behalf of AHA called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement.

32. **GENERAL.**

32.1 The Consultant shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. The Consultant will comply with all applicable AHA policies and procedures set forth in this Agreement. In the event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulation that may apply, the Consultant shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

32.2 Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant is registered to do business in the State of California with the California Secretary of State.

32.3 The parties to this Agreement acknowledge and agree that the provisions of this Agreement are for the sole benefit of AHA and Consultant, and not for the benefit, directly or indirectly, of any other person or entity, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

32.4 Consultant acknowledges that AHA may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are the subject of this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to the services contemplated by this Agreement.

32.5 Without limiting Consultant's hold harmless, indemnification and insurance obligations set forth herein, in the event any claim or action is brought against AHA relating to Consultant's performance or services rendered under this Agreement, Consultant shall render any reasonable assistance and cooperation which AHA shall require at the relevant contract rates.

32.6 As used in this Agreement, the term Consultant also includes Consultant's owners, officers, employees, representatives, and agents.

32.7 Limitation of Liability. Circumstances may arise where, because of a default on Consultant's part or other liability, the AHA is entitled to recover damages from Consultant. Regardless of the basis on which the AHA is entitled to claim damages from Consultant (including breach, negligence, misrepresentation, or other contract or tort claim), Consultant's liability, if any, will (in the aggregate for all claims, causes of action or damages) be limited to four times the contract amount of this Agreement.

32.8 Under no circumstances is either party liable to the other for special, incidental or indirect damages or for any consequential damages (including lost profits, business, revenue, goodwill, or anticipated savings), even if informed of the possibility.

32.9 EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, CONSULTANT MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES REGARDING THE SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY WARRANTY OF QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PURPOSE.

33. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Whereas the work or services herein may be subject to applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the regulations pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant program (24 CFR Part 570) and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any exhibit hereto, AHA acknowledges that this Agreement is not a contract for construction or repair services; Consultant, contractors, its sub-contractors, consultants, and sub-consultants shall comply with, and are subject to, the following requirements only to the extent they are applicable, and only to the extent as such federal laws, rules, regulations and Executive Orders may have been modified, amended, supplanted or rescinded:

33.1 Equal Employment Opportunity - Compliance with Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR chapter 60): The Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Consultant shall ensure that all qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Consultant shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and the employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such actions shall include, but are not limited to, the following: employment, up-grading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant shall post in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by AHA setting forth the provisions of this non-discriminating clause.

33.2 Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c): All contracts and subgrants in excess of \$2,000 for construction or repair awarded by recipients and subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD).

33.3 Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7): When required by Federal program legislation, all construction contracts awarded by the recipients and subrecipients of more than \$2000 shall include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to a-7) and as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Governing Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). Under this Davis-Bacon Act, contractors shall be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the minimum wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors shall be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The recipient shall place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation and the award of a contract shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The recipient shall report all suspected or reported violations to HUD.

33.4 Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 through 333): Where applicable, all contracts awarded by recipients in excess of \$2000 for construction contracts and in excess of \$2500 for other contracts that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall include a provision for compliance with Sections 102 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5). Under Section 102 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, each contractor shall be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard workweek of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard workweek is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than 1 1/2 times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the workweek. Section 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act is applicable to construction work and provides that no laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

33.5 Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement: Contracts or agreements for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work shall provide for the rights of the Federal Government and the recipient in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by HUD.

33.6 Rights to Data and Copyrights: Consultants and contractors shall comply with all applicable provisions pertaining to the use of data and copyrights pursuant to 48 CFR Part 27.4, Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

33.7 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended: Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision that requires the recipient to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). Violations shall be reported to HUD and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

33.8 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352): Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

33.9 Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12549 and 12689): No contract shall be made to parties listed on the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs in accordance with E.O.s 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as set forth at 24 CFR part 33. This list contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, and contractors declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than E.O. 12549. Contractors with awards that exceed the small purchase threshold shall

provide the required certification regarding its exclusion status and that of its principal employees.

33.10 Drug-Free Workplace Requirements: The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) requires grantees (including individuals) of federal agencies, as a prior condition of being awarded a grant, to certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. Each potential recipient shall certify that it will comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act and with HUD's rules at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

33.11 Access to Records and Records Retention: Consultant, and any sub.; consultants or sub-contractors, shall allow all duly authorized Federal, State, and/or AHA officials or authorized representatives access to the work area, as well as all books, documents, materials, papers, and records of Consultant, and any sub-consultants or sub-contractors, that are directly pertinent to a specific program for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Consultant, and any sub-consultants or sub-contractors, further agree to maintain and keep such books, documents, materials, papers, and records, on a current basis, recording all transactions pertaining to this Agreement in a form in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles. All such books and records shall be retained for such periods of. time as required by law, provided, however, notwithstanding any shorter periods of retention, all books, records, and supporting detail shall be retained for a period of at least four (4) years after the expiration .of the term of this Agreement.

33.12 Federal Employee Benefit Clause: No member of or delegate to the congress of the United States, and no resident commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise from the same.

33.13 Energy Efficiency: Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94A 163, 89 Stat. 871).

34. **BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA COMPLIANCE**

34.1 Applicable law: Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Pub. L. 117-58, 41 U.S.C. § 8301 note, the Federal Financial Assistance used to fund this infrastructure project is required to apply a domestic content procurement preference (the "Buy America Preference" or "BAP") for all construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure, including buildings and real property, unless application of the BAP has been waived by HUD. Build America, Buy America Act is defined in 2 CFR 184.3 and means division G, title IX, subtitle A, parts I–II, sections 70901 through 70927 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58) Additional details on fulfilling the BABA requirements can be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/general_counsel/build_america_buy_america.

34.2 BABA Compliant/Non-BABA Compliant Proposal Submission Requirements .

Consultant has complied with, and shall continue to comply with, the following requirements in connection with the procurement relating to this Contract (for purposes of this section 34, the term "bidder" means the Consultant):

Consultant submitted both BABA compliant and non-BABA compliant proposals:

The AHA is requiring bidders responding to this solicitation to provide alternative responses depending on whether the bidder responding to the solicitation is successfully able to find the necessary BABA compliant products:

- i. Bidders that are successful in finding needed BABA compliant products shall respond to this solicitation with two responses: one that is BABA compliant and one that is not;
- ii. Bidders that are not successful (or only partially successful) shall respond by submitting a complete response that is not BABA compliant as well as a response that indicates that the bidder was unable to find the necessary BABA compliant products, and submit documentation compliant with the following minimum due diligence search requirements in lieu of a BABA compliant response to the solicitation:
 - (1) For micro purchases as defined by 2 CFR part 200 with procedures described in 2 CFR 200.320):
 - a. Bidder must search for the required product using one of the top five most used Internet search engines or the website of one of the top five home improvement retailers while using one of the following search terms: "made in America" or "made in the USA;"
 - b. If none of the top 10 results of the search indicate that the product is made in America, the bidder is not required to search further;
 - c. If one or more of the search results indicates the product is made in America, the bidder must take the additional step of contacting the maker(s) of the product by email or by phone to confirm that the product meets the BABA requirements for the product. If the product maker either confirms that the product is not BABA compliant or that BABA compliance is uncertain, or if the product maker fails to respond to the inquiry within two business days, the bidder is not required to search further.
 - (2) For small purchases as described in procedures in regulations at 2 CFR 200.320(a)(2):
 - a. Bidder must search for the required product using at least two search attempts either using one of the top five most used Internet search engines or the website of one of the top five home improvement retailers while using one of the following search terms: "made in America" or "made in the USA;"
 - b. If none of the top 20 results of both searches indicate that the product is made in America, bidder is not required to search further;
 - c. If one or more of the search results indicates the product is made in America, bidder is to contact the maker(s) of the product by email or by phone to confirm that the product meets the BABA requirements for the product. If the product makers either confirm that the maker's product is not BABA compliant or that BABA compliance is uncertain, or if the product maker fails to respond to the inquiry within two business days, the bidder is not required to search further.
 - (3) For purchases that meet or exceed the simplified acquisition threshold amount as defined 2 CFR 200.1:
 - a. The bidder must search for the required product using at least three search attempts either using one of the top five most used Internet search engines or the website of one of the top five home improvement retailers while using one of the following search terms: "made in America" or "made in the USA;"
 - b. If none of the top 30 results of both searches indicate that the product is made in America, the bidder is not required to search further;
 - c. If one or more of the search results indicates the product is made in America, the bidder is to contact as many makers as the search results indicate are made in America, up to a maximum of five products, by email or by phone to confirm that the product meets the BABA requirements for the product. If the contacted product makers either confirm that the maker's product is not BABA compliant or that BABA compliance is uncertain, or if the product maker fails to respond to the inquiry within five business days, the bidder is not required to search further.
 - (4) Bidder shall document compliance with the minimum search requirements discussed above including:
 - a. Copies of searches used (e.g. PDF/JPEG copies of web pages showing search terms and results);
 - b. Copies of email correspondence with product makers;
 - c. Records of phone contacts with product makers, including;

- i. Dates and times of phone communications;
 - ii. phone numbers used;
 - iii. Whether the phone communication was successful in making it possible to reach a staff person for the product maker able to respond to questions about BABA compliance, or whether the attempt at communication was unsuccessful (e.g., left a message, phone line was busy, or phone line was disconnected);
 - iv. If the phone communication resulted in reaching someone, the name of the person contacted; and
 - v. Notes describing the substance of the conversation (e.g., manufactured product is assembled in U.S., but the manufacturer is uncertain whether 55% of the value of the materials/components are sourced in the U.S.).
35. **HUD Requirements.** Consultant agrees to comply with all relevant HUD requirements, including those set forth in the General Conditions for Non-Construction Contracts, form HUD-5370-C (11/30/2023), attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and incorporated as if fully set forth herein. In the event of a conflict between the provisions in the body of this Contract and Exhibit "D", the provisions set forth in Exhibit "D" shall prevail.
36. **NONLIABILITY OF AHA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.**
No member, official employee or consultant of AHA shall be personally liable to the Consultant, or any successor in interest, in the event of any default or breach by AHA or for any amount which may become due to the Consultant or to its successor, or on any obligation under the terms of this Agreement.
37. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**
This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
38. **AUTHORITY TO SIGN.**
Consultant hereby represents that the persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Consultant have full authority to do so and to bind Consultant to perform pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
39. **EXHIBITS.** The following exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference:
- i. Exhibit A - Scope of Services
 - ii. Exhibit B - Fee Schedule
 - iii. Exhibit C- Insurance Requirements for Consultants
 - iv. Exhibit D - Form HUD-5370-C

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused the Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

"CONSULTANT"

ALESHIRE & WYNDER, LLP

By: _____

Name: Adrian R. Guerra

Its: Partner

"AHA"

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA, a public body, corporate and politic

By: _____
Vanessa Cooper, Executive Director

By: _____
Carly Grob, Board of Commissioners Chair

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

AHA Standards and Requirements for General Counsel

- **Assignments of work:** Counsel is managed through the Executive Director, unless otherwise delegated. Work is generally assigned on an “as needed” basis apart from routine tasks and meetings. Counsel will perform only work which is authorized by AHA.
- **Billing:** Timely, accurate billing is expected, separated by case/project. Billing should include a statement of any past due amounts. Counsel must be paid through EFT or ACH.
- **Board Meetings:** Counsel shall attend meetings, including the AHA Board of Commissioners and its legal affiliates’ board meetings, as requested remotely or in person, as determined by the Authority.
- **Changes in the law:** Counsel will proactively alert the Authority to changes in the law or regulation that may impact its business.
- **Conflict of interest:** Counsel will not undertake any representation or other relationship that places it in an actual or potential conflict of interest position with any other entity. Counsel shall submit a conflict of interest statement annually in January using the follow link <https://form.alamedahsg.org/Forms/A4Gpo>. Counsel shall also inform AHA of any new conflicts of interest as soon as they occur. Counsel may be removed from specific projects where there is no waiver or letter for joint counsel. Counsel or firm shall be responsible for timely disclosure of all current and known future projects which may cause conflict of interest during the contract. Any consent and/or waiver to the conflict must be obtained in writing and is generally only given with Board approval. Counsel or firm will provide conflict of interest waivers, letters of joint representation etc. for the Board to review for all conflicts within 60 days of the award or amendment and when new conflicts arise.
- **Deadlines:** AHA is a fast-paced and rapidly-growing agency with a wide range of legal needs, some of which are needed at short notice. Work products shall be provided within 2 business days unless a different deadline is agreed between the firm and the Executive Director or designee. Routine communications via phone and/or emails shall be responded to within 24 hours, except for weekends and holidays. Counsel will meet deadlines as agreed and provide routine updates.
- **Fair Housing:** Counsel is required to promote fair housing and comply with the Fair Housing Act and fair housing laws and regulations.
- **Form 700:** General Counsel (and other counsel as necessary) shall submit a California Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interest) within 30 days of the contract being signed and annually thereafter in accordance with state timelines. This shall be submitted through AHA’s online system.
- **Insurance:**-See also insurance requirements via Exhibit E- Attachment C. Counsel shall submit proof of insurance upon contract execution and annually in January and must include AHA and its affiliated entities as additionally insured. Counsel must also have Cyber Liability insurance.
- **Records:** All documents and products created by the General Counsel and any subcontractors exclusively for AHA , shall become the exclusive property of AHA. Counsel shall be required to retain all pertinent records in accordance with AHA’s Records Retention Schedule and for a minimum of the duration of the contract, plus additional years, as indicated by AHA’s Record Retention Schedule.-Counsel has been provided with the Record Retention Schedule.- AHA, HUD, and the Comptroller General of the United States shall at all times have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Counsel which are directly pertinent to the specific contract for the purpose of audit, examination, or for excerpts or transcripts.
- **Replacement Counsel:** Firm shall provide replacement counsel to meet expectations if assigned counsel is unavailable.
- **Response to Auditors:** Counsel will be required to respond timely to requests from the Authority’s outside auditors annually.
- **Staff meetings/reports:** Counsel may be required to attend a weekly or monthly meeting and/or provide a weekly or monthly written report as determined by the Authority.
- **Subcontractors:** Counsel will hire only additional counsel (sub-contractors) with the express written authorization of AHA. All subcontractors are subject to the approval of AHA.

- **Use of AHA's case management system of record:** Counsel is required to utilize and upload legal case documents timely to Authority's assigned software, currently MyCase. A license and training will be provided by AHA.

Work standards: All work to be performed by AHA's Counsel is to be performed in accordance with professional standards, HUD regulations, requirements and criteria and local codes, regulations, ordinances, and statues. All documents produced under contract to AHA must be submitted in a format to which both parties agree.

Evaluation: General Counsel may be evaluated by the Board and Executive Director periodically as needed and especially before any contract renewal or extension. The Evaluation will occur in closed session to the extent permissible by law.

General Counsel Services

Counsel will assist with the following duties and other duties as assigned and mutually agreed upon in writing:

- Confer with and advising the officers, employees, and members of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority on legal matters and issues when requested.
- Provide regular and timely updates to key legislation, policy or regulation changes that impact the activities of AHA and its affiliated entities, including but not limited to State and Federal law changes for government agencies, public officials-and housing and HUD regulations.
- Research, interpret laws, proposed legislation, case law, and other statutory authorities pertaining to Federal, State and local government on the following topical areas: housing, housing programs, affordable housing finance, real estate development, procurement, and contracts.
- Research, interpret, and provide legal guidance on administrative and governance matters, including but not limited to, matters under the Freedom of Information Act and California Public Records Act, the Ralph M. Brown Act, Political Reform Act, and similar laws. Prepare articles of incorporation, partnership agreements, bylaws, resolutions, and similar documents for Authority and its affiliates as needed.
- Provide routine legal guidance and consultation on matters relevant to Authority 's functional areas such as Housing Programs, Real Estate Development, Asset Management, Human Resources, Finance, Administrative Services, and Information Technology, as needed.
- Attend weekly legal "General Counsel (GC) office hours" meeting with the Executive Director and staff at a fixed time and provide guidance on issues discussed.- An advance agenda is provided. Provide timely updates to GC meeting agenda items and issues discussed in the GC meeting.
- Respond to or assist staff in responding to legal notices. Represent the Authority before courts of law and administrative agencies, if requested.
- When litigation commences and General Counsel is appointed as lead counsel, lead preparation of a defense, update the Authority as necessary, act as lead counsel including but not limited to court appearance, pretrial preparation, filing of motions, discovery and negotiations, provide legal research, legal analysis, factual information, investigations. (Note: most litigation is contracted with the insurer's chosen legal provider under a separate contract with the insurance provider).
- Prepare legal opinions, position papers, oral or written reports on any matters outlined above and advise the Board of Commissioners and staff, accordingly. Recommend the retention of specialized legal counsel, when appropriate
- Review all hearing decisions prior to issuance.
- Review of Public Records Act requests, county records, and legal documents, papers, contracts, agreements, upon request and such other legal drafting may be required.
- Provide annual in-person training of staff and Board on Brown Act and Public Records Act.
- Provide, with Staff input, a quarterly written legal update to the Board.
- Conduct conflict of interest reviews in relations to Board members, Staff and Vendors.

General Counsel role relating to Public Meetings and Board business.

- In-person attendance and guidance during any and all Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meetings (regular or special) and all affiliate Board meetings.
- Review all agendas before publication, as to form and consistency between captions and memos. Review the content of memos that relate to compliance with Board, and HUD, matters and on any agenda items where General Counsel are also lead counsel or a review is requested. Provide comments in accordance with the Authority's Board preparation timeline and in the Authority's designated software system.
- Be available for questions and consultation from 12 noon – 2pm on the day of packet publication and from 12 noon -2pm on the day of the Board meeting, **or such other times as may be approved by the Executive Director.**
- The attorney attending the meeting will ensure they have reviewed the Board packet prior to the meeting.

- Attend a monthly pre-board meeting with Board Chair and Executive Director (remote).
- Attend the Board of Commissioner and all affiliate Board meetings in person. Respond to questions and interject in the meeting, if needed, and address any issues of legal, bylaw or Robert's rules compliance.
- Guide closed session discussions during meetings (except Executive Director's evaluation). to ensure Brown Act compliance.
- Review draft minutes and approve final as to form only. Ensure form of minutes and agendas comply with the Bylaws.

EXHIBITS
FEE SCHEDULE

Consultant Name Aleshire & Wynder, LLP	Position	Hourly Fee YEAR 1	Hourly Fee YEAR 2	Hourly Fee YEAR 3	Hourly Fee YEAR 4	Hourly Fee YEAR 5
General Counsel Services	Partners	\$340	\$350	\$360	\$370	\$380
	Senior Associates	\$320	\$330	\$340	\$350	\$360
	Associates	\$300	\$310	\$320	\$330	\$340

Travel time for attorneys will be billed in accordance with the following structure:

Attorney Time for Travel shall be implemented as follows:

- Travel between Attorney offices (Irvine, Los Angeles, Fresno, Bay Area, or San Diego) and the Agency’s office will be limited to a maximum of 2.5 hours each way, billed at a rate of \$250 per hour.
- Travel within Alameda County for attendance at in-person meetings, court appearances, depositions, administrative hearings, or other meetings and appearances will be billed based on actual travel time each way at a rate of \$250 per hour.
- Travel between Attorney offices (Irvine, Los Angeles, Fresno, Bay Area, or San Diego) to other locations on behalf of the Agency, such as Sacramento or Washington, D.C., will be billed based on actual travel time each way at a rate of \$250 per hour.
- Travel expenses, including mileage or other transportation costs, will be billed in accordance with the Housing Authority of the City of Alameda’s Travel Procedures (Attachment F). Mileage reimbursement will be calculated using the current IRS mileage rate, when applicable.

EXHIBIT C
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS

Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors.

MINIMUM SCOPE AND LIMIT OF INSURANCE

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

- **IF APPLICABLE: Tenant Discrimination:** For consultants interacting with the public or with tenants, coverage must include coverage for discrimination, harassment, and fair housing claims under the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) and HUD in Consultant's Commercial General Liability policy, or Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions (E&O) policy, or in a separately maintained Tenant Discrimination insurance policy.
- **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal and advertising injury with limits no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 coverage any auto (Code 1), or if Consultant has no owned autos, hired (Code 8) and non-owned autos (code 9) with limit no less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. This requirement does not apply if no motor vehicles are used in providing services under the Agreement.
- **Workers' Compensation** as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits and Employers' Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. This requirement does not apply to sole proprietors.
- **IF APPLICABLE: Sexual Abuse or Molestation (SAM) Liability:** Consultants that may interact with children or vulnerable adults must retain SAM insurance. If the CGL policy referenced above is not endorsed to include affirmative coverage for sexual abuse or molestation, Consultant shall obtain and maintain a policy covering Sexual Abuse and Molestation with a limit no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim.

- **IF APPLICABLE: Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance appropriate to the Consultant's profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. If coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of the contract work. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of coverage must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work. If coverage is cancelled or non-renewed and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the contract effective date, the Consultant must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after the completion of work.
- **IF APPLICABLE: Cyber Liability Insurance:** Coverage is required if the Consultant is accessing, collecting, storing, or transferring Personally Identifiable Information (PII), Personal Health Information (PHI), Payment Card Information (PCI), or medical information on staff, tenants, applicants etc.
 - Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Vendor in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving security breach, system failure, data recovery, business interruption, cyber extortion, social engineering, infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, and alteration of electronic information.
 - The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs, regulatory fines, and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- **IF APPLICABLE: Technology Professional Liability:** Coverage is required if the vendor/consultant is providing software or a technology service (data storage, website design, etc.).
 - Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Consultant in this agreement and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving media liability and infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, security and privacy liability that include invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security.
 - The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits

sufficient to respond to these obligations. Limits must be no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$4,000,000 in the aggregate.

- If coverage is provided on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date must be shown and must be before the date of the Agreement or the beginning of the contract work; insurance must be maintained, and evidence of coverage must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the Agreement of work. If coverage is cancelled or non-renewed and not replaced with another claims made policy form with a retroactive date prior to the Agreement effective date, the Consultant must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of work.
- The Policy shall include or be endorsed to include property damage liability coverage for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of the electronic data and/or information "property" of the AHA in the care, custody, or control of the Consultant. If not covered under the Consultant's Professional Liability policy, such property coverage of the AHA may be endorsed onto the Consultant's Cyber Liability Policy as follows:
 - Cyber Liability coverage in an amount sufficient to cover the full replacement value of damage to, alteration of, loss of, destruction of electronic data and/or information "property" of the AHA that will be in the Care, custody, or control of Consultant.

If the consultant maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, AHA requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the consultant. The insurance limits required by AHA are not represented as being sufficient to protect Consultant. Consultant is advised to consult Consultant's insurance broker to determine adequate coverage for Consultant.

OTHER INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

- **Additional Insured Status:**

- The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda and its legal affiliates, Alameda Affordable Housing Corporation and Island City Development and its Subsidiaries and legal affiliates, and their departments, their respective directors, officers, Boards of Commissioners, employees, designated volunteers, elected or appointed officials, (Additional Insureds), are to be covered as additional insured on the CGL policy and, if applicable, the Cyber Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Consultant including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations.

- General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Consultant's insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85. If CG 20 10 11 85 is not available, endorsement must be at least as broad as the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37; or CG 20 38 and CG 20 40.
- **Primary Coverage:**
 - For any claims related to this contract, the Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects Additional Insureds.
 - Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Additional Insureds shall be excess of the Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
- **Waiver of Subrogation:**
 - Consultant hereby grants to AHA a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said Consultant may acquire against AHA by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Consultant agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether AHA has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the Insurer.
- **Failure to Secure:**
 - If Consultant, at any time during the term hereof, should fail to secure or maintain the foregoing insurance, AHA shall be permitted to immediately terminate this Agreement.
- **Notice of Cancellation:** Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with 30 days' notice to AHA.
- **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A: VII, unless otherwise acceptable to AHA
- **Verification of Coverage:**
 - Consultant shall furnish AHA with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause, and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements before work begins.
 - Consultant shall furnish AHA with a complete copy of any Excess/Umbrella policies, with all endorsements, maintained by Consultant before work begins.
 - Failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Consultant's obligation to provide them.

- AHA reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
- **Subcontractors:** Consultant shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under the contract.
- **Notification of claims:** The Proposer agrees to notify AHA in writing of any claim by a third party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of the contract as soon as practicable, but no later than three (3) business days after their first knowledge of such claim or event.
- **Special Risk or Circumstance:** AHA reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstance.

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