

AGREEMENT NO.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
RISK CONTROL STRATEGIES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation (“City”), acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners (“Board”), and RISK CONTROL STRATEGIES, a Corporation, 5655 North Lindero Canyon Road, Suite 225, Westlake Village, California 91362 (“Consultant”).

WHEREAS, City requires the analysis of port related counter-terrorism information, raw intelligence data, and the development of security and training needs specifically designed for the Port of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, City requires the professional, expert and technical services of Consultant on a temporary or occasional basis to assist the City in identifying critical counter-terrorism issues; development of long-term counter-terrorism training initiatives, and the preparation of briefings and presentations to multiple audiences; and

WHEREAS, Consultant possesses extensive experience in dealing with the analysis of captured information and raw intelligence and development into usable formats to address Port security and Port Police counter-terrorism training needs; and

WHEREAS, Consultant, by virtue of training and experience, is well qualified to provide such services to City; and

WHEREAS, City does not employ personnel with the required expertise nor is it feasible to do so on a temporary or occasional basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

I. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANT

Consultant hereby agrees to render to City, as an independent contractor, certain professional, technical and expert services of a temporary and occasional character as set forth in **Exhibit “A,”** Scope of Work, and as may be required and requested from time to time in writing by the Executive Director or his or her designee.

## II. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CITY

A. City shall furnish Consultant, upon its request, all documents and papers in possession of City which may lawfully be supplied to Consultant and which are necessary for it to perform its obligations.

B. The Executive Director or his or her designee is designated as the contract administrator for City and shall also decide any and all questions which may arise as to the quality or acceptability of the services performed and the manner of performance, the interpretation of instructions to Consultant and the acceptable completion of this Agreement and the amount of compensation due. Notwithstanding the preceding, the termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of Article IX (Termination) hereof.

## III. III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF AGREEMENT

A. Subject to the provisions of Charter Section 245, the effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of its execution by Executive Director upon authorization of the Board. Consultant is aware that the City Council, pursuant to Charter Section 245 of the City of Los Angeles, has the right to review this Agreement. Accordingly, in no event shall this Agreement become effective until the sixth Council meeting day after Board action or the City Council's approval of the Agreement.

B. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect commencing from the date of execution and shall continue until the earlier of the following occurs:

1. One (1) year has lapsed from the effective date of this Agreement;  
or
2. The Board of Harbor Commissioners, in its sole discretion, terminates and cancels all or part of this Agreement for any reason upon giving to Consultant ten (10) days' notice in writing of its election to cancel and terminate this Agreement.

## IV. TERMINATION DUE TO NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Los Angeles City Charter which, among other things, precludes the City from making any expenditure of funds or incurring any liability, including contractual commitments, in excess of the amount appropriated thereof.

The Board, in awarding this Agreement, is expected to appropriate sufficient funds to meet the estimated expenditure of funds through June 30 of the current fiscal year and to make further appropriations in each succeeding fiscal year during the life of the Agreement. However, the Board is under no legal obligation to do so.

The City, its boards, officers, and employees are not bound by the terms of this Agreement or obligated to make payment thereunder in any fiscal year in which the Board does not appropriate funds therefore. The Consultant is not entitled to any compensation in any fiscal year in which funds have not been appropriated for the Agreement by the Board.

Although the Consultant is not obligated to perform any work under the Agreement in any fiscal year in which no appropriation for the Agreement has been made, the Consultant agrees to resume performance of the work required by the Agreement on the same terms and conditions for a period of sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year if an appropriation therefore is approved by the Board within that 60 day period. The Consultant is responsible for maintaining all insurance and bonds during this 60 day period until the appropriation is made; however, such extension of time is not compensable.

If in any subsequent fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board for the work required by the Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

V. COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT

A. As compensation for the satisfactory performance of the services required by this Agreement, City shall pay and reimburse Consultant pursuant to Consultant's submittal of itemized monthly invoices at the rates set forth in **Exhibit "B"** (Fee Schedule).

B. The maximum payable under this Agreement shall not exceed Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240, 000).

C. Consultant shall submit invoices in quadruplicate to City monthly following the effective date of this Agreement for services performed during the preceding month. Each such invoice shall be signed by the Consultant and shall include the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of perjury that the above bill is just and correct according to the terms of Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_ and that payment has not been received. I further certify that I have complied with the provisions of the City's Living Wage Ordinance.

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(Consultant's Signature)

D. Consultant must include on the face of each itemized invoice submitted for payment its Business Tax Registration Certificate number, as required at Article VI of

this Agreement. No invoice will be processed for payment by City without this number shown thereon. All invoices shall be approved by the Executive Director or his or her designee prior to payment. All invoices due and payable and found to be in order shall be paid as soon as, in the ordinary course of City business, the same may be approved, audited and paid.

Consultant shall submit appropriate supporting documents with each invoice. Such documents may include provider invoices, payrolls, and time sheets. The City may require, and Consultant shall provide, all documents reasonably required to determine whether amounts on the invoice are allowable expenses under this Agreement.

Further, where the Consultant employs subconsultants under this Agreement, the Consultant shall submit to City, with each monthly invoice, a Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form (**Exhibit "C"**) listing SBE/MBE/WBE/OBE amounts. Consultant shall provide an explanation for any item that does not meet or exceed the anticipated participation levels for this Agreement, with specific plans and recommendations for improved subconsultant utilization. Invoices will not be paid without a completed Monthly Subconsultant Monitoring Report Form. All invoices are subject to audit. Consultant is not required to submit support for direct costs items of \$25 or less.

E. For payment and processing, all invoices should be mailed to the following address:

Accounts Payable Section  
Harbor Department, City of Los Angeles  
PO Box 191  
San Pedro, CA 90733-0191

## VI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Consultant, in the performance of the work required by this Agreement, is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of City. Consultant shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of the City and shall have no power to bind the City in contract or otherwise.

## VII. BUSINESS TAX REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

The City of Los Angeles Office of Finance requires the implementation and enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.190. This section provides that every person, other than a municipal employee, who engages in any business within the City of Los Angeles, is required to obtain the necessary Business Tax Registration Certificate and pay business taxes. The City Controller has determined that this Code

Section applies to consulting firms that are doing work for the Los Angeles Harbor Department ("Department"). See **Exhibit "D."**

## VIII. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

### A. Indemnity for General Liability

Except for the sole negligence or willful misconduct of City, Consultant shall at all times indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless City and any and all of its boards, officers, agents, or employees from and against all claims, charges, demands, costs, expenses (including counsel fees), judgments, civil fines and penalties, liabilities or losses of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be sustained or suffered by or secured against the City, its boards, officers, agents, and/or employees by reason of any damage to property, injury to persons, or any action that may arise out of the performance of this Agreement that is caused by any act, omission, or negligence of Consultant, its boards, officers, agents, employees, or sub-consultants regardless of whether any act, omission, or negligence of City, its boards, officers, agents, or employees contributed thereto; provided that (1) if the City contributes to a loss, Consultant's indemnification of the City for the City's share of the loss shall be limited to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), (2) notwithstanding the limitation in (1), Consultant shall remain responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of any loss attributable to it, and (3) the provisions in (1) and (2) apply on a per-occurrence basis.

### B. Indemnity for Professional Liability

Except for the sole negligence or willful misconduct of City, Consultant shall at all times indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless City and any and all of its boards, officers, agents, or employees from and against all claims, charges, demands, costs, expenses (including counsel fees), judgments, civil fines and penalties, liabilities or losses of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be sustained or suffered by or secured against the City, its boards, officers, agents, and/or employees by reason of any damage to property, injury to persons, or any action that may arise out of the performance of this Agreement that is caused by any act, omission, or negligence of Consultant, its boards, officers, agents, employees, or sub-consultants.

### C. General Liability Insurance

Consultant shall procure and maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement, without requiring additional compensation from the City, commercial general liability insurance covering personal and advertising injury, bodily injury, and property damage providing contractual liability, independent contractors, products and completed operations, and premises/operations coverages written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to City if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million

Dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for injury or claim. Said limits shall provide first dollar coverage except that Executive Director may permit a self-insured retention or self-insurance in those cases where, in his or her judgment, such retention or self-insurance is justified by the net worth of Consultant. The insurance provided shall contain a severability of interest clause and shall provide that any other insurance maintained by Department shall be excess of Consultant's insurance and shall not contribute to it. In all cases, regardless of any deductible or retention, said insurance shall contain a defense of suits provision. Each policy shall contain an additional insured endorsement naming the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, its boards, officers, agents, and employees and a 30-day notice of cancellation by receipted mail as shown in **Exhibit "E"**.

D. Automobile Liability Insurance

Consultant shall procure and maintain at its expense and keep in force at all times during the term of this Agreement automobile insurance written by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of California rated VII, A- or better in Best's Insurance Guide (or an alternate guide acceptable to City if Best's is not available) within Consultant's normal limits of liability but not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) covering injuries or death resulting from each accident or claim arising out of any one claim or accident. Each policy shall contain an additional insured endorsement naming the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, its board, officers, agents, and employees and a 30-day notice of cancellation by receipted mail as shown in **Exhibit "F"**.

E. Workers' Compensation

Consultant shall certify that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and that the Consultant shall comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the tasks under this Agreement. Consultant shall submit Workers' Compensation policies, whether underwritten by the state insurance fund or private carrier, which provide that the public or private carrier waives its right of subrogation against the City in any circumstance in which it is alleged that actions or omissions of the City contributed to the accident. See **Exhibit "G"**.

F. Carrier Requirements

All insurance which Consultant is required to provide pursuant to this Agreement shall be placed with insurance carriers authorized to do business in the State of California and which are rated A-, VII or better in Best's Insurance Guide. Carriers without a Best's rating shall meet comparable standards in another rating service acceptable to City.

G. Notice of Cancellation

Each insurance policy described above shall provide that it will not be canceled or reduced in coverage until after the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Attention: Risk Manager and the City Attorney of City have each been given thirty (30) days' prior written notice by registered mail addressed to 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, California 90731.

H. Copies of Policies

Two certified copies of each policy containing the additional insured and 30-day cancellation notice language shall be furnished to Executive Director. Alternatively, two duplicate original additional insured endorsements on forms provided by the Department, as indicated above, may be submitted. The form of such policy or endorsement shall be subject to the approval of the Risk Manager of the Port.

I. Modification of Coverage

Executive Director, at his or her discretion, based upon recommendation of independent insurance consultants to City, may increase or decrease amounts and types of insurance coverage required hereunder at any time during the term hereof by giving ninety (90) days' prior written notice to Consultant.

J. Renewal of Policies

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of each policy, Consultant shall furnish to Executive Director a renewal endorsement or renewal certificate showing that the policy has been renewed or extended or, if new insurance has been obtained, evidence of insurance as specified above. If Consultant neglects or fails to secure or maintain the insurance required above, Executive Director may, at his or her own option but without any obligation, obtain such insurance to protect City's interests. The cost of such insurance will be deducted from the next payment due Consultant.

K. Right to Self-Insure

Upon written approval by the Executive Director, Consultant may self-insure if the following conditions are met:

1. Consultant has a formal self-insurance program in place prior to execution of this Agreement. If a corporation, Consultant must

have a formal resolution of its board of directors authorizing self-insurance.

2. Consultant agrees to protect the City, its boards, officers, agents and employees at the same level as would be provided by full insurance with respect to types of coverage and minimum limits of liability required by this Agreement.
3. Consultant agrees to defend the City, its boards, officers, agents and employees in any lawsuit that would otherwise be defended by an insurance carrier.
4. Consultant agrees that any insurance carried by Department is excess of Consultant's self-insurance and will not contribute to it.
5. Consultant provides the name and address of its claims administrator.
6. Consultant submits a Financial Statement or Balance Sheet prior to Executive Director's consideration of approval of self-insurance and annually thereafter evidence of financial capacity to cover the self-insurance.
7. Consultant agrees to inform Department in writing immediately of any change in its status or policy which would materially affect the protection afforded Department by this self-insurance.
8. Consultant has complied with all laws pertaining to self-insurance.

L. Accident Reports

Consultant shall report in writing to Executive Director within fifteen (15) calendar days after it, its officers or managing agents have knowledge of any accident or occurrence involving death of or injury to any person or persons, or damage in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to property, occurring upon the premises, or elsewhere within the Port of Los Angeles if Consultant's officers, agents or employees are involved in such an accident or occurrence. Such report shall contain to the extent available (1) the name and address of the persons involved, (2) a general statement as to the nature and extent of injury or damage, (3) the date and hour of occurrence, (4) the names and addresses of known witnesses, and (5) such other information as may be known to Consultant, its officers or managing agents.

IX. TERMINATION PROVISION

The Board of Harbor Commissioners, in its sole discretion, shall be able to terminate and cancel all or any part of this Agreement for any reason upon giving the

Consultant ten (10) days' notice in writing of its election to cancel and terminate this Agreement. It is agreed that any Agreement entered into shall not limit the right of the City to hire additional consultants or perform the services described in this Agreement either during or after the term of this Agreement.

X. PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

During the term hereof, Consultant agrees that it will not enter into other contracts or perform any work without the written permission of the Executive Director where the work may conflict with the interests of the Department.

Consultant shall not divulge any information, which is proprietary or confidential.

XI. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Consultant, during the performance of this Agreement, shall not discriminate in its employment practices against any employee or applicant for employment because of employee's or applicant's race, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, domestic partner status, or medical condition. The provisions of Section 10.8.4 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code shall be incorporated and made a part of this Agreement. All subcontracts awarded shall contain a like nondiscrimination provision. See **Exhibit "H."**

XII. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

It is the policy of the Department to provide Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and all Other Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE/OBE) an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of all City contracts in all areas where such contracts afford such participation opportunities. Consultant shall assist the City in implementing this policy and shall use its best efforts to afford the opportunity for SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and OBEs to achieve participation in subcontracts where such participation opportunities present themselves and attempt to ensure that all available business enterprises, including SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, and OBEs, have equal participation opportunity which might be presented under this Agreement. See **Exhibit "I."**

NOTE: Prior to being awarded a contract with the City, Consultant and all subconsultants must be registered with the Department's Contracts Management Database, e-DiversityXchange.

XIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

It is hereby understood and agreed that the parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of

the California Government Code relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees, as well as the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Municipal Ethics and Conflict of Interest provisions of Section 49.5.1 et seq. and the Conflict of Interest Codes of the City and Department. All parties hereto agree that they are unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of City relating to this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, it is further understood and agreed that if such financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, City may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice thereof.

#### XIV. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Consultant shall at all times in the performance of its obligations comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and with the reasonable requests and directions of Executive Director.

#### XV. GOVERNING LAW / VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without reference to the conflicts of law, rules and principles of such State. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the State or Federal courts located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, in the judicial district required by court rules.

#### XVI. TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, AND PATENTS

Consultant agrees to save, keep, hold harmless, protect and indemnify the City and any of its officers or agents from any damages, cost, or expenses in law or equity from infringement of any patent, trademark, service mark or copyright of any person or persons, or corporations in consequence of the use by City of any materials supplied by Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

#### XVII. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

The Consultant may not disclose to any party without City's permission any information developed pursuant to this Agreement. The Department will, however, have the right to disclose the information as it determines appropriate considering the nature of the information, its use and the laws applicable to the Department.

#### XVIII. CONFIDENTIALITY

The data, documents, reports, or other materials which contain information relating to the review, documentation, analysis and evaluation of the work described in

this Agreement and any recommendations made by Consultant relative thereto shall be considered confidential and shall not be reproduced, altered, used or disseminated by Consultant or its employees or agents in any manner except and only to the extent necessary in the performance of the work under this Agreement. In addition, Consultant is required to safeguard such information from access by unauthorized personnel.

XIX. NOTICES

In all cases where written notice is to be given under this Agreement, service shall be deemed sufficient if said notice is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid. When so given, such notice shall be effective from the date of mailing of the same. For the purposes hereof, unless otherwise provided by notice in writing from the respective parties, notice to the Department shall be addressed to Chief of Police, Port Police Division, Los Angeles Harbor Department, P.O. Box 151, San Pedro, California 90733-0151, and notice to Consultant shall be addressed to it at the address set forth above. Nothing herein contained shall preclude or render inoperative service of such notice in the manner provided by law.

XX. TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN)

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that all consultants and suppliers of materials and supplies provide a TIN to the party that pays them. Consultant declares that its authorized TIN is 54-2137046. No payments will be made under this Agreement without a valid TIN.

XXI. SERVICE CONTRACTOR WORKER RETENTION POLICY AND LIVING WAGE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles adopted Resolution No. 5771 on January 13, 1999, agreeing to adopt the provisions of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 171004 relating to Service Contractor Worker Retention (SCWR), Section 10.36 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as the policy of the Department. Further, Charter Section 378 requires compliance with the City's Living Wage requirements as set forth by ordinance, Section 10.37 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Consultant shall comply with the policy wherever applicable. Violation of this provision, where applicable, shall entitle the City to terminate this Agreement and otherwise pursue legal remedies that may be available.

XXII. WAGE AND EARNINGS ASSIGNMENT ORDERS/NOTICES OF ASSIGNMENTS

The Consultant and/or any subconsultant are obligated to fully comply with all applicable state and federal employment reporting requirements for the Consultant and/or subconsultant's employees.

The Consultant and/or subconsultant shall certify that the principal owner(s) are in compliance with any Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments applicable to them personally. The Consultant and/or subconsultant will fully comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notices of Assignments in accordance with Cal. Family Code Sections 5230 et seq. The Consultant or subconsultant will maintain such compliance throughout the term of this Agreement.

#### XXIII. EQUAL BENEFITS POLICY

The Board of Harbor Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles adopted Resolution No. 6328 on January 12, 2005, agreeing to adopt the provisions of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 172,908, as amended, relating to Equal Benefits, Section 10.8.2.1 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, as a policy of the Department. Consultant shall comply with the policy wherever applicable. Violation of this policy shall entitle the City to terminate any Agreement with Consultant and pursue any and all other legal remedies that may be available. See **Exhibit "J."**

#### XXIV. STATE TIDELANDS GRANTS

This Agreement is entered into in furtherance of and as a benefit to the State Tidelands Grant and the trust created thereby. Therefore, this Agreement is at all times subject to the limitations, conditions, restrictions and reservations contained in and prescribed by the Act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled "An Act Granting to the City of Los Angeles the Tidelands and Submerged Lands of the State Within the Boundaries of Said City," approved June 3, 1929 (Stats. 1929, Ch. 651), as amended, and provisions of Article VI of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles relating to such lands. Consultant agrees that any interpretation of this Agreement and the terms contained herein must be consistent with such limitations, conditions, restrictions and reservations.

#### XXV. INTEGRATION

This document constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter set forth and supersedes any and all prior Agreements or contracts on this subject matter between the parties, either oral or written. This Agreement may not be amended, waived, or extended, in whole or in part, except in writing signed by both parties.

#### XXIV. SEVERABILITY

Should any part of this Agreement be found to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement is to continue in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date to the left of their signatures.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, by its Board of Harbor Commissioners

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

RRISK CONTROL STRATEGIES

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

\_\_\_\_\_, 2008  
ROCKARD J. DELGADILLO, City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy/Assistant)

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Ctr/Div # \_\_\_\_\_ Job Fac. # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_