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# METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

June 24, 2021

Pamela Evans Finn Partners, Inc 700 12th Avenue S, Suite 400 Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Re: Letter of Assignment Consent for Contract No. 401070

To whom it may concern:

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro") has completed the review of the assignment request related to Contract **401070** dated **February 10, 2017**. The original contract holder, **DVL Seigenthaler, Inc.,** agrees to assign the contract to the newly named entity, **Finn Partners, Inc.** Metro agrees to continue the contract under the new entity. The terms and conditions associated to the original contract number **401070** will be transferred to the new contract number, **6494938**. Upon execution of this Letter of Assignment Consent, Metro will finalize Contract **6494938** for signature routing. Contract **6494938** will become effective upon filing in the Metropolitan Clerk's Office. Contract **DVL Seigenthaler, Inc.** will no longer be active and will end upon filing of contract **6494938** in the Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

## Contractor:

DVL Seigenthaler, Inc.

Ronald Roberts

**Contracting Authority Signature** 

Ronald Roberts

**Contracting Authority Name** 

6/25/2021 | 8:10 AM CDT

Date Signed

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County:

Michelle & Hernandez Lane

**Purchasing Agent** 

**Contractor:** Finn Partners, Inc

Martin Ettlemyer

**Contracting Authority Signature** 

Martin Ettlemyer

**Contracting Authority Name** 

6/25/2021 | 12:10 PM EDT

Date Signed

6/25/2021 | 4:21 PM CDT

Date Signed

Procurement Division 730 Second Avenue South, Suite 112 P.O. Box 196300 Nashville, Tennessee 37219-6300

# **Contract Abstract**

Contract Information
Contract & Solicitation Title: Public Relations Services
Contract Summary: Full service public relations/marketing agency to serve as an extension of existing
Metro Department communication efforts.
Contract Number: 401070 Solicitation Number: 942565 Requisition Number: N/A
Type of Contract/PO: IDIQ Contract
Contract Start Date: 2/15/2017 Contract Expiration Date: 2/14/2022
Estimated Contract Life Value: \$2,000,000.00 Fund: Metro-wide BU: Metro-wide
Selection Method: RFP
Procurement Staff: Kevin Edwards BAO Staff: Joe Ann Carr
Department(s) Served: Metro-Wide
Contractor Information
Contracting Firm: DVL Seigenthaler, Inc.
Address 1: 700 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Address 2: Suite 400
City: Nashville State: TN Zip: 37203
Company Contact: Cynthia Howard Email Address: cynthia.howard@dvlseigenthaler.com
Phone #: 615-610-0250 E1#: 263919
Contract Signatory: Ronald Roberts Email Address: Ronald.Roberts@DVLSeigenthaler.com
Subcontractor Information
Small Business Program:Small BusinessAmount:\$196,000.00
Procurement Nondiscrimination Program: MWBE Participation Amount: \$95,000.00
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Was Not applicable for this contract Amount: \$0.00
Summary of Offers Score (RFQ Only) Cost Result
Calvert Street Group 86 \$253,250.00 Awarded
DVL Seigenthaler, Inc. 81 \$416,815.00 Awarded
McNeely Pigott & Fox PR, LLC 84 \$330,451.00 Awarded
No Other Offers



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## **Terms and Conditions**

## 1. GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT

## 1.1. Heading

This contract is initiated by and between **The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County** ("METRO") and **DVL Seigenthaler, Inc.** ("CONTRACTOR") located at **700 12th Avenue South, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203**. This Contract consists of the following documents:

- Any properly executed contract amendment (most recent with first priority),
- This document, including Exhibit A Scenario Pricing,
- The solicitation documentation for RFQ# 942565 Public Relations Services and affidavit(s) (all made a part of this contract by reference),
- Purchase Orders (and PO Changes), and
- CONTRACTOR's response to the solicitation.

In the event of conflicting provisions, all documents shall be construed in the order listed above.

## 2. THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

## 2.1. Duties and Responsibilities

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the Public Relations Services as described the solicitation.

## 2.2. Delivery and/or Installation.

All deliveries (if provided by the performance of this Contract) are F.O.B. Destination, Prepaid by Supplier, Inside Delivery, as defined by METRO.

METRO assumes no liability for any goods delivered without a purchase order. All deliveries shall be made as defined in the solicitation or purchase order and by the date specified on the purchase order.

Installation, if required by the solicitation and/or purchase order shall be completed by the date specified on the purchase order.

## **3. CONTRACT TERM**

## 3.1. Contract Term

The Contract Term will begin on the date this Contract is approved by all required parties and filed in the Metropolitan Clerk's Office. The Contract Term will end sixty (60) months from the beginning date or when METRO ceases to use any Products and/or Services purchased, licensed, leased, rented, or otherwise acquired from CONTRACTOR. Those terms which by their nature are intended to survive the expiration of this Contract shall so survive.

In no event shall the term of this Contract exceed sixty (60) months from the date of filing with the Metropolitan Clerk's Office.

## 4. COMPENSATION

### 4.1. Contract Value

This is an Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity contract with no guarantee of actual or minimum purchases during the term of this contract. Actual project awards will be based on departmental needs and Metro's assessment of your firm's ability to satisfy those public relations needs.

This Contract has an estimated value of \$2,000,000.00. CONTRACTOR shall be paid as work is completed and METRO is accordingly, invoiced.

## 4.2. Other Fees

There will be no other charges or fees for the performance of this Contract. METRO will make reasonable efforts to make payments within 30 days of receipt of invoice but in any event shall make payment within 60 days. METRO will make reasonable efforts to make payments to Small Businesses within 15 days of receipt of invoice but in any event shall make payment within 60 days.

## 4.3. Payment Methodology

Payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract shall constitute the entire compensation due CONTRACTOR for all goods and/or services provided under this Contract.

METRO will compensate CONTRACTOR on a project-by-project basis, as agreed upon by the CONTRACTOR and the requesting Metro Department. Subject to these payment terms and conditions, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for delivered/performed products and/or services properly authorized by METRO in accordance with this Contract. Compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of the products and/or services as determined by METRO.

## 4.4. Electronic Payment

All payments shall be effectuated by ACH (Automated Clearing House).

### 4.5. Invoicing Requirements

CONTRACTOR shall invoice METRO no more frequently than once a month or for the satisfactorily and accurately delivered/performed products and/or services, whichever is less frequent. Invoices shall detail this Contract Number accompanied by any necessary supporting documentation. CONTRACTOR shall submit all invoices no later than ninety (90) days after the products and/or services have been delivered/performed.

Payment of an invoice by METRO shall not waive METRO's rights of revocation of acceptance due to non-conformity or the difficulty of discovery of the non-conformance. Such revocation of acceptance shall occur within a reasonable time after METRO discovers or should have discovered the non-conforming product and/or

#### service but prior to any substantial change in condition of the products and/or services caused by METRO.

## 4.6. Subcontractor/Subconsultant Payments

When payment is received from METRO, CONTRACTOR shall within fourteen (14) calendar days pay all subcontractors, subconsultants, laborers, and suppliers the amounts they are due for the work covered by such payment. In the event METRO becomes informed that CONTRACTOR has not paid a subcontractor, subconsultant, laborer, or supplier as provided herein, METRO shall have the right, but not the duty, to issue future checks and payments to CONTRACTOR of amounts otherwise due hereunder naming CONTRACTOR and any such subcontractor, subconsultant, laborer, or supplier as joint payees. Such joint check procedure, if employed by METRO, shall create no rights in favor of any person or entity beyond the right of the named payees to payment of the check and shall not be deemed to commit METRO to repeat the procedure in the future. If persistent, this may be determined to be a material breach of this Contract.

### **5. TERMINATION**

#### 5.1. Breach

Should CONTRACTOR fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract or if it should violate any of the terms of this Contract, METRO shall identify the breach and CONTRACTOR shall cure the performance within thirty (30) days. If CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily provide cure, METRO shall have the right to immediately terminate this Contract. Such termination shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of any liability to METRO for damages sustained by virtue of any breach by CONTRACTOR.

### 5.2. Lack of Funding

Should funding for this Contract be discontinued, METRO shall have the right to terminate this Contract immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR.

## 5.3. Notice

METRO may terminate this Contract at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR. Should METRO terminate this Contract, CONTRACTOR shall immediately cease work and deliver to METRO, within thirty (30) days, all completed or partially completed satisfactory work, and METRO shall determine and pay to CONTRACTOR the amount due for satisfactory work.

## 6. NONDISCRIMINATION

#### 6.1. METRO's Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of METRO not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in its hiring and employment practices, or in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, and activities.

#### **6.2.** Nondiscrimination Requirement

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, be discriminated against in the admission or access to, or be discriminated against in treatment or employment in METRO's contracted programs or activities, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or any other classification protected by federal or Tennessee State Constitutional or statutory law; nor shall they be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of contracts with METRO or in the employment practices of METRO's CONTRACTORs. **CONTRACTOR certifies and warrants that it will comply with this nondiscrimination requirement**. Accordingly, all offerors entering into contracts with METRO shall, upon request, be required to show proof of such nondiscrimination and to post in conspicuous places that are available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.

## 6.3. Procurement Nondiscrimination Program Requirement

The consideration and contact of minority-owned and/or woman-owned business enterprises is required for a responsive offer to most solicitations. The provision of the Procurement Nondiscrimination Program documents shall be part of each applicable solicitation response and incorporated herein by reference. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the Procurement Nondiscrimination Program, if applicable, in the execution of this Contract.

### 6.4. Covenant of Nondiscrimination

All offerors have committed to the Covenant of Nondiscrimination when registering with METRO to do business. To review this document, go to METRO's website.

## 6.5. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

CONTRACTOR assures METRO that all services provided shall be completed in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, enacted by law March 15, 2012, as has been adopted by METRO. CONTRACTOR will ensure that participants with disabilities will have communication access that is equally effective as that provided to people without disabilities. Information shall be made available in accessible formats, and auxiliary aids and services shall be provided upon the reasonable request of a qualified person with a disability.

## 7. INSURANCE

### 7.1. Proof of Insurance

During the term of this Contract, for any and all awards, CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in full force and effect for the duration of this Contract, including any extension(s), the types and amounts of insurance identified below. Proof of insurance shall be required naming METRO as additional insured and identifying either the project name, RFQ, Purchase Order, or Contract number on the ACORD document.

### 7.2. General Liability Insurance

In the amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.

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## 7.3. Professional Liability Insurance

In the amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars.

# 7.4. Automobile Liability Insurance

In the amount of one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars (if CONTRACTOR will be making on-site deliveries)

# 7.5. Worker's Compensation Insurance (if applicable)

CONTRACTOR shall maintain workers' compensation insurance with statutory limits required by the State of Tennessee or other applicable laws and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of no less than one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, as required by the laws of Tennessee (Not required for companies with fewer than five (5) employees).

# 7.6. Such insurance shall:

Contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that includes METRO, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of its protection afforded to the above-listed insureds.

For any claims related to this Contract, CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respects to METRO, its officiens, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance programs covering METRO, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers shall be in excess of CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Automotive Liability insurance shall include vehicles owned, hired, and/or non-owned. Said insurance shall include coverage for loading and unloading hazards. Insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that includes METRO, its officials, officers, employees, and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain Workers' Compensation insurance (if applicable) with statutory limits as required by the State of Tennessee or other applicable laws and Employers' Liability insurance. CONTRACTOR shall require each of its subcontractors to provide Workers' Compensation for all of the latter's employees to be engaged in such work unless such employees are covered by CONTRACTOR's Workers' Compensation insurance coverage.

# 7.7. Other Insurance Requirements

Prior to commencement of services, CONTRACTOR shall furnish METRO with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this section and provide that such insurance shall not be cancelled, allowed to expire, or be materially reduced in coverage except on 30 days' prior written notice to:

DEPARTMENT OF LAW INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT METROPOLITAN COURTHOUSE, SUITE 108 PO BOX 196300

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## NASHVILLE, TN 37219-6300

Provide certified copies of endorsements and policies if requested by METRO in lieu of or in addition to certificates of insurance.

Replace certificates, policies, and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of services.

Maintain such insurance from the time services commence until services are completed. Failure to maintain or renew coverage and to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by METRO as a material breach of this Contract.

Said insurance shall be with an insurer licensed to do business in Tennessee and having A.M. Best Company ratings of no less than A-. Modification of this standard may be considered upon appeal to the METRO Director of Risk Management Services.

Require all subcontractors to maintain during the term of this Contract, Commercial General Liability insurance, Business Automobile Liability insurance, and Worker's Compensation/ Employers Liability insurance (unless subcontractor's employees are covered by CONTRACTOR's insurance) in the same manner as specified for CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall require subcontractor's to have all necessary insurance and maintain the subcontractor's certificates of insurance.

Any deductibles and/or self-insured retentions greater than \$10,000.00 must be disclosed to and approved by METRO **prior to the commencement of services.** 

If CONTRACTOR has or obtains primary and excess policy(ies), there shall be no gap between the limits of the primary policy and the deductible features of the excess policies.

## 8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## 8.1. Taxes

METRO shall not be responsible for any taxes that are imposed on CONTRACTOR. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR understands that it cannot claim exemption from taxes by virtue of any exemption that is provided to METRO.

## 8.2. Warranty

CONTRACTOR warrants that for a period of one year from date of delivery and/or installation, whichever is later, the goods provided, including software, shall be free of any defects that interfere with or prohibit the use of the goods for the purposes for which they were obtained.

During the warranty period, METRO may, at its option, request that CONTRACTOR repair or replace any defective goods, by written notice to CONTRACTOR. In that event, CONTRACTOR shall repair or replace the defective goods, as required by METRO, at CONTRACTOR's expense, within thirty (30) days of written notice. Alternatively, METRO may return the defective goods, at CONTRACTOR's expense, for a full refund. Exercise of either option shall not relieve CONTRACTOR of any liability to METRO for damages sustained by virtue of CONTRACTOR's breach of warranty.

## 8.3. Software License

CONTRACTOR warrants and represents that it is the owner of or otherwise has the right to and does hereby grant METRO a license to use any software provided for the purposes for which the software was obtained or proprietary

material set forth in METRO's solicitation and/or CONTRACTOR's response to the solicitation.

## 8.4. Confidentiality

Tennessee Code Annotated §10-7-504(i) specifies that information which would allow a person to obtain unauthorized access to confidential information or to government property shall be maintained as confidential. " Government property" includes electronic information processing systems, telecommunication systems, or other communications systems of a governmental entity subject to this chapter. Such records include: (A) Plans, security codes, passwords, combinations, or computer programs used to protect electronic information and government property; (B) Information that would identify those areas of structural or operational vulnerability that would permit unlawful disruption to, or interference with, the services provided by a governmental entity; and (C) Information that could be used to disrupt, interfere with, or gain unauthorized access to electronic information or government property.

The foregoing listing is not intended to be comprehensive, and any information which METRO marks or otherwise designates as anything other than "Public Information" will be deemed and treated as sensitive information, which is defined as any information not specifically labeled as "Public Information". Information which qualifies as " sensitive information" may be presented in oral, written, graphic, and/or machine-readable formats. Regardless of presentation format, such information will be deemed and treated as sensitive information.

CONTRACTOR, and its Agents, for METRO, may have access to sensitive information. CONTRACTOR, and its Agents, are required to maintain such information in a manner appropriate to its level of sensitivity. All sensitive information must be secured at all times including, but not limited to, the secured destruction of any written or electronic information no longer needed. The unauthorized access, modification, deletion, or disclosure of any METRO information may compromise the integrity and security of METRO, violate individual rights of privacy, and/or constitute a criminal act.

Upon the request of METRO, CONTRACTOR shall return all information in whatever form. In the event of any disclosure or threatened disclosure of METRO information, METRO is further authorized and entitled to immediately seek and obtain injunctive or other similar relief against CONTRACTOR, including but not limited to emergency and ex parte relief where available.

## 8.5. Information Ownership

All METRO information is and shall be the sole property of METRO. CONTRACTOR hereby waives any and all statutory and common law liens it may now or hereafter have with respect to METRO information. Nothing in this Contract or any other agreement between METRO and CONTRACTOR shall operate as an obstacle to such METRO's right to retrieve any and all METRO information from CONTRACTOR or its agents or to retrieve such information or place such information with a third party for provision of services to METRO, including without limitation, any outstanding payments, overdue payments and/or disputes, pending legal action, or arbitration. Upon METRO's request, CONTRACOR shall supply METRO with an inventory of METO information that CONTRACOTR stores and/or backs up.

### 8.6. Information Security Breach Notification

In addition to the notification requirements in any Business Associate Agreement with METRO, when applicable, CONTRACTOR shall notify METRO of any data breach within 24 hours of CONTRACTOR's knowledge or

reasonable belief (whichever is earlier) that such breach has occurred ("Breach Notice") by contacting the METRO ITS Help Desk. The Breach Notice should describe the nature of the breach, the scope of the information compromised, the date the breach occurred, and the identities of the individuals affected or potentially affected by the breach as well as specific information about the data compromised so that METRO can properly notify those individuals whose information was compromised. CONTRACTOR shall periodically update the information contained in the Breach Notice to METRO and reasonably cooperate with METRO in connection with METRO's efforts to mitigate the damage or harm of such breach.

## 8.7. Virus Representation and Warranty

CONTRACTOR represents and warrants that Products and/or Services, or any media upon which the Products and/or Services are stored, do not have, nor shall CONTRACTOR or its Agents otherwise introduce into METRO's systems, network, or infrastructure, any type of software routines or element which is designed to or capable of unauthorized access to or intrusion upon, disabling, deactivating, deleting, or otherwise damaging or interfering with any system, equipment, software, data, or the METRO network. In the event of a breach of this representation and warranty, CONTRACTOR shall compensate METRO for any and all harm, injury, damages, costs, and expenses incurred by METRO resulting from the breach.

For CONTRACTOR managed systems, CONTRACTOR shall install and maintain ICSA Labs certified or AV-Test approved Antivirus Software and, to the extent possible, use real time protection features. CONTRACTOR shall maintain the Anti-virus Software in accordance with the Antivirus Software provider's recommended practices. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that:

- Anti-virus Software checks for new Anti-virus signatures no less than once per day, and;
- Anti-virus signatures are current and no less recent than two versions/releases behind the most current version/release of the Anti-virus signatures for the Anti-virus Software

### 8.8. Copyright, Trademark, Service Mark, or Patent Infringement

CONTRACTOR shall, at its own expense, be entitled to and shall have the duty to defend any suit that may be brought against METRO to the extent that it is based on a claim that the products or services furnished infringe a Copyright, Trademark, Service Mark, or Patent. CONTRACTOR shall further indemnify and hold harmless METRO against any award of damages and costs made against METRO by a final judgment of a court of last resort in any such suit. METRO shall provide CONTRACTOR immediate notice in writing of the existence of such claim and full right and opportunity to conduct the defense thereof, together with all available information and reasonable cooperation, assistance and authority to enable CONTRACTOR to do so. No costs or expenses shall be incurred for the account of CONTRACTOR without its written consent. METRO reserves the right to participate in the defense of any such action. CONTRACTOR shall have the right to enter into negotiations for and the right to effect settlement or compromise of any such action, but no such settlement or compromise shall be binding upon METRO unless approved by the METRO Department of Law Settlement Committee and, where required, the METRO Council.

If the products or services furnished under this Contract are likely to, or do become, the subject of such a claim of infringement, then without diminishing CONTRACTOR's obligation to satisfy the final award, CONTRACTOR may at its option and expense:

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- Procure for METRO the right to continue using the products or services
- Replace or modify the alleged infringing products or services with other equally suitable products or services that are satisfactory to METRO, so that they become non-infringing

• Remove the products or discontinue the services and cancel any future charges pertaining thereto Provided; however, that CONTRACTOR will not exercise the Remove option above until CONTRACTOR and METRO have determined that the Procure and/or Replace options are impractical. CONTRACTOR shall have no liability to METRO; however, if any such infringement or claim thereof is based upon or arises out of:

- The use of the products or services in combination with apparatus or devices not supplied or else approved by CONTRACTOR;
- The use of the products or services in a manner for which the products or services were neither designated nor contemplated; or,
- The claimed infringement in which METRO has any direct or indirect interest by license or otherwise, separate from that granted herein.

## 8.9. Maintenance of Records

CONTRACTOR shall maintain documentation for all charges against METRO. The books, records, and documents of CONTRACTOR, insofar as they relate to work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of three (3) full years from the date of final payment and will be subject to audit, at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by METRO or its duly appointed representatives. The records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In the event of litigation, working papers and other documents shall be produced in accordance with applicable laws and/or rules of discovery. Breach of the provisions of this paragraph is a material breach of this Contract.

All documents and supporting materials related in any manner whatsoever to this Contract or any designated portion thereof, which are in the possession of CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor or subconsultant shall be made available to METRO for inspection and copying upon written request from METRO. Said documents shall also be made available for inspection and/or copying by any state, federal or other regulatory authority, upon request from METRO. Said records include, but are not limited to, all drawings, plans, specifications, submittals, correspondence, minutes, memoranda, tape recordings, videos, or other writings or things which document the procurement and/or performance of this Contract. Said records expressly include those documents reflecting the cost, including all subcontractors' records and payroll records of CONTRACTOR and subcontractors.

### 8.10. Monitoring

CONTRACTOR's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by METRO, the Department of Finance, the Division of Internal Audit, or their duly appointed representatives.

METRO shall have the option of reviewing and performing a security assessment of the information security management practices of CONTRACTOR. METRO shall have the right, at its expense, during normal business hours and with reasonable advance notice, to evaluate, test, and review at CONTRACTOR's premises the Products and/or Services to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. METRO shall have the right to conduct such audits by use of its own employees and internal audit staff, or by use of outside consultants and auditors.

### 8.11. METRO Property

Any METRO property, including but not limited to books, records, and equipment that is in CONTRACTOR's possession shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR in good condition and repair, and shall be returned to METRO by CONTRACTOR upon termination of this Contract. All goods, documents, records, and other work product and property produced during the performance of this Contract are deemed to be METRO property. METRO property includes, but is not limited to, all documents which make up this Contract; all other documents furnished by METRO; all conceptual drawings, design documents, closeout documents, and other submittals by CONTRACTOR; and, all other original works of authorship, whether created by METRO or CONTRACTOR embodied in any tangible medium of expression, including, without limitation, pictorial, graphic, sculptural works, two (2) dimensional works, and three (3) dimensional works.

Except as to Contracts involving sensitive information, CONTRACTOR may keep one (1) copy of the aforementioned documents upon completion of this Contract; provided, however, that in no event shall CONTRACTOR use, or permit to be used, any portion of the documents on other projects without METRO's prior written authorization. CONTRACTOR shall maintain sensitive information securely and if required by METRO, provide secured destruction of said information. Distribution and/or reproduction of METRO sensitive information outside of the intended and approved use are strictly prohibited unless permission in writing is first received from the METRO Chief Information Security Officer. The storage of METRO sensitive information to third-party hosted network storage areas, such as Microsoft Skydrive, Google Docs, Dropbox, or other cloud storage mechanisms, shall not be allowed without first receiving permission in writing from the METRO Chief Information Security Officer .

### 8.12. Modification of Contract

This Contract may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties and their signatories hereto. All change orders, where required, shall be executed in conformance with section 4.24.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.

### 8.13. Partnership/Joint Venture

This Contract shall not in any way be construed or intended to create a partnership or joint venture between the Parties or to create the relationship of principal and agent between or among any of the Parties. None of the Parties hereto shall hold itself out in a manner contrary to the terms of this paragraph. No Party shall become liable for any representation, act, or omission of any other Party contrary to the terms of this Contract.

### 8.14. Waiver

No waiver of any provision of this Contract shall affect the right of any Party to enforce such provision or to exercise any right or remedy available to it.

## 8.15. Employment

CONTRACTOR shall not subscribe to any personnel policy which permits or allows for the promotion, demotion, employment, dismissal or laying off of any individual due to race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, or which is in violation of applicable laws concerning the employment of individuals with disabilities.

CONTRACTOR shall not knowingly employ, permit, dispatch, subcontract, or instruct any person who is an

undocumented and/or unlawful worker to perform work in whole or part under the terms of this Contract. Violation of either of these contract provisions may result in suspension or debarment if not resolved in a timely manner, not to exceed ninety (90) days, to the satisfaction of METRO.

## 8.16. Compliance with Laws

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

## 8.17. Iran Divestment Act

In accordance with the Iran Divestment Act, Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-12-101 et seq., CONTRACTOR certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its subcontractors are on the list created pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-12-106. Misrepresentation may result in civil and criminal sanctions, including contract termination, debarment, or suspension from being a contractor or subcontractor under METRO contracts.

## 8.18. Taxes and Licensure

CONTRACTOR shall have all applicable licenses and be current on its payment of all applicable gross receipt taxes and personal property taxes.

## 8.19. Ethical Standards

CONTRACTOR hereby represents that CONTRACTOR has not been retained or retained any persons to solicit or secure a METRO contract upon an agreement or understanding for a contingent commission, percentage, or brokerage fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. Breach of the provisions of this paragraph is, in addition to a breach of this Contract, a breach of ethical standards, which may result in civil or criminal sanction and/or debarment or suspension from being a contractor or subcontractor under METRO contracts.

### 8.20. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless METRO, its officers, agents, and employees from:

A. Any claims, damages, costs, and attorney fees for injuries or damages arising, in part or in whole, from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, and/or agents, including its sub or independent contractors, in connection with the performance of the contract.

B. Any claims, damages, penalties, costs, and attorney fees arising from any failure of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, and/or agents, including its sub or independent contractors, to observe applicable laws, including, but not limited to, labor laws and minimum wage laws.

C. In any and all claims against METRO, its officers, agents, or employees, by any employee of CONTRACTOR, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for CONTRACTOR or any subcontractor under workers'

compensation acts, disability acts, or other employee benefit acts.

D. METRO will not indemnify, defend, or hold harmless in any fashion CONTRACTOR from any claims arising from any failure, regardless of any language in any attachment or other document that CONTRACTOR may provide.

E. CONTRACTOR shall pay METRO any expenses incurred as a result of CONTRACTOR's failure to fulfill any obligation in a professional and timely manner under this Contract.

### 8.21. Attorney Fees

CONTRACTOR agrees that in the event either party takes legal action to enforce any provision of this Contract or to obtain a remedy for any breach of this Contract, and in the event METRO prevails in such action, CONTRACTOR shall pay all expenses of such action incurred at any and all stages of the litigation, including costs, and reasonable attorney fees for METRO.

## 8.22. Assignment--Consent Required

The provisions of this Contract shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the respective successors and assignees of the parties hereto. Except for the rights of money due to CONTRACTOR under this Contract, neither this Contract nor any of the rights and obligations of CONTRACTOR hereunder shall be assigned or transferred in whole or in part without the prior written consent of METRO. Any such assignment or transfer shall not release CONTRACTOR from its obligations hereunder.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF ANY RIGHTS TO MONEY DUE TO CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS CONTRACT <u>MUST</u> BE SENT TO THE ATTENTION OF:

METRO'S CHIEF ACCOUNTANT DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PO BOX 196300

### NASHVILLE, TN 37219-6300

Funds Assignment Requests should contain complete contact information (contact person, organization name, address, telephone number, and email) for METRO to use to request any follow up information needed to complete or investigate the requested funds assignment. To the extent permitted by law, METRO has the discretion to approve or deny a Funds Assignment Request.

## 8.23. Entire Contract

This Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall govern the respective duties and obligations of the parties.

#### 8.24. Force Majeure

No party shall have any liability to the other hereunder by reason of any delay or failure to perform any obligation or covenant if the delay or failure to perform is occasioned by *force majeure*, meaning any act of God, storm, fire, casualty, unanticipated work stoppage, strike, lockout, labor dispute, civil disturbance, riot, war, national

emergency, act of Government, act of public enemy, or other cause of similar or dissimilar nature beyond its control.

## 8.25. Governing Law

The validity, construction, and effect of this Contract and any and all extensions and/or modifications thereof shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. Tennessee law shall govern regardless of any language in any attachment or other document that CONTRACTOR may provide.

# 8.26. Venue

Any action between the Parties arising from this Contract shall be maintained in the courts of Davidson County, Tennessee.

## 8.27. Severability

Should any provision of this Contract be declared to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Contract.

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Notices and Designation of Agent for Service of Process All notices to METRO shall be mailed or hand delivered to: PURCHASING AGENT PROCUREMENT DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PO BOX 196300 NASHVILLE, TN 37219-6300

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be mailed or hand delivered to:

CONTRACTOR:	DVL Seigenthaler
Attention:	Ronald Roberts
Address:	700 12th Avenue South, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203
Telephone:	615-244-1818
Fax:	615-780-3301
E-mail:	ronald.roberts@dvlseigenthaler.com

CONTRACTOR designates the following as the CONTRACTOR's agent for service of process and will waive any objection to service of process if process is served upon this agent:

Designated Agent: DVL Seigenthaler

Attention: Ronald Roberts

Address: 700 12th Avenue South, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37203

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