

## **CITY OF COVINA AGREEMENT FOR MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is dated July 15, 2025 (“Effective Date”) and is between the City of Covina, a California municipal corporation (“City”) and FS Contractors, Inc a California corporation (Contractor”). City and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties” in this Agreement.

### **RECITALS**

A. City desires to utilize the services of Contractor as an independent contractor to construction of the Trash Enclosure Project – Covina Police Department – Project No. P2604.

B. Contractor represents that it is fully qualified to perform such work by virtue of its experience and the training, education and expertise of its principals and employees.

C. City desires to retain Contractor and Contractor desires to serve City to perform this work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The parties therefore agree as follows:

**1. Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be from the Effective Date through December 31, 2025, unless sooner terminated as provided in Section 14 of this Agreement.

**2. Compensation.**

A. Cost of Work. For the Work described in Section 3 of this Agreement, Contractor shall receive the sum of One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$113,000) payable in accordance with the Schedule of Payments, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A** (Scope of Work). Any terms other than a description of the work to be performed, costs of the work, or the payment schedule contained in Exhibit A is null and void and not a part of this Agreement.

B. Expenses. The amount set forth in paragraph A shall include reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenditures reasonably incurred in the performance of this Agreement.

C. Additional Services. City shall not allow any claims for additional services performed by Contractor, unless the City Council and the Contractor Representative authorize the additional services in writing prior to Contractor’s performance of the additional services or incurrence of additional expenses. Any additional services or expenses authorized by the City Council shall be compensated at the rates set forth in **Exhibit A** (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule), or, if not specified, at a rate mutually agreed to by the parties. City shall make payment for additional services and expenses in accordance with Section 4 of this Agreement.

### 3. Contractor's Work.

A. Scope of Services. Contractor shall construct and install all of the work described in the Scope of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A** (Scope of Work and Payment Schedule) and shall provide and furnish all the labor, materials, necessary tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services required for the Work. All of said Work to be performed and materials to be furnished for the Work shall be in strict accordance with the specifications set forth in the Scope of Work. The Work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Scope of Work. Contractor shall not commence the Work until such time as directed in writing by the City. City may request, in writing, changes in the Scope of Work to be performed. Any changes mutually agreed upon by the parties, and any increase or decrease in compensation, shall be incorporated by written amendments to this Agreement.

B. Party Representatives. For the purposes of this Agreement, the City Representative shall be the City Manager, or such other person designated in writing by the City Manager (the "City Representative"). For the purposes of this Agreement, the Contractor Representative shall be Jose Angel Fierros, President (the "Contractor Representative"). The Contractor Representative shall directly manage Contractor's Work under this Agreement. Contractor shall not change the Contractor Representative without City's prior written consent.

C. Time for Performance. Contractor shall commence the Work on the Effective Date and shall perform all Work by the deadline established by the City Representative or, if no deadline is established, with reasonable diligence.

D. Standard of Performance. Contractor shall perform all Work under this Agreement in accordance with the standard of care generally exercised by like professionals under similar circumstances and in a manner reasonably satisfactory to City.

E. Personnel. Contractor has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the Work required under this Agreement. All of the Work required under this Agreement shall be performed by Contractor or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in the work shall be qualified to perform such Work. Contractor shall determine the means, methods, and details by which Contractor's personnel will perform the Work under this Agreement. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the satisfactory work performance of all personnel engaged in performing the Work and compliance with the customary professional standards.

F. Compliance with Laws. The Contractor shall keep itself informed of all local, state and federal ordinances, laws and regulations which in any manner affect those employed by it or in any way affect the performance of its service pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all such ordinances, laws and regulations. The City and its agents shall not be liable at law or in equity occasioned by failure of the Contractor to comply with this section. This Agreement may call for services that, in whole or in part, constitute "public works," as defined in the California Labor Code. Therefore, as to those services that may be "public works", including construction services. Contractor shall comply in all respects with all applicable provisions of the California Labor Code, including those set forth in **Exhibit B**.

G. Permits and Licenses. Contractor shall obtain and maintain during the Agreement term all necessary licenses, permits and certificates required by law for the provision of services under this Agreement, including a business license.

H. City Approval. All labor, materials, tools, equipment, and services shall be furnished and work performed and completed subject to the approval of City or its authorized representatives, and the quality of the workmanship shall be guaranteed for one year from date of acceptance.

I. Performance and Labor and Material Bonds. Within ten (10) business days from the execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide the City with: (1) a Performance Bond, which shall be maintained until the end of the warranty period set forth in subsection O of this Section 3, to assure faithful performance of this Agreement in regard to the work required to be constructed pursuant to this Agreement in the amount of the Contract; and (2) a Labor and Materials Bond to secure payment to any contractor, subcontractor, persons renting equipment, or furnishing labor or materials for the work required to be constructed or installed pursuant to this Agreement in the additional amount of the Contract. The bonds shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibits C and D**, incorporated herein by this reference, and approved by the City Attorney. The surety shall be a surety admitted in the State of California and approved by the City.

J. Contractor's Independent Investigation. No plea of ignorance of conditions that exist or that may hereafter exist or of conditions of difficulties that may be encountered in the execution of the work under this Contract, as a result of failure to make the necessary independent examinations and investigations, and no plea of reliance on initial investigations or reports prepared by City for purposes of letting this Contract out to proposal will be accepted as an excuse for any failure or omission on the part of the Contractor to fulfill in every detail all requirements of this Contract. Nor will such reasons be accepted as a basis for any claims whatsoever for extra compensation or for an extension of time.

K. Contractor's Affidavit. After the completion of the Work contemplated by this Agreement, Contractor shall file with the City Manager his affidavit stating that all workmen and persons employed, all firms supplying materials, and all subcontractors on the Work have been paid in full, and that there are no claims outstanding against the project for either labor or materials, except certain items, if any, to be set forth in an affidavit covering disputed claims or items in connection with a Stop Notice which has been filed under the provisions of the laws of the State of California.

L. Utility Location. City acknowledges its responsibilities with respect to locating utility facilities pursuant to California Government Code Section 4215.

M. Regional Notification Centers. Contractor agrees to contact the appropriate regional notification center in accordance with Government Code Section 4215.

N. Inspection. The Work shall be subject to inspection and testing by City and its authorized representatives during manufacture and construction and all other times and places, including without limitation, the plans of Contractor and any of its suppliers. Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of inspectors. All

inspections and tests shall be performed in such manner as to not unduly delay the Work. The Work shall be subject to final inspection and acceptance notwithstanding any payments or other prior inspections. Such final inspection shall be made within a reasonable time after completion of the Work.

O. Warranty. Contractor shall guarantee or warranty the work done pursuant to this Agreement for a period of one year following acceptance thereof by City against any defective work or labor done or defective materials furnished.

P. Liquidated Damages; Extension Of Time. In accordance with Government Code Section 53069.85, Contractor agrees to forfeit and pay to City the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for each calendar day completion is delayed beyond the time allowed pursuant to Section 3 of this Agreement. Such sum shall be deducted from any payments due to or to become due to Contractor. Contractor will be granted an extension of time and will not be assessed liquidated damages for unforeseeable delays beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the Contractor including delays caused by City. Within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence of such delay, Contractor shall give written notice to City. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the delay, Contractor shall provide written documentation sufficient to support its delay claim to City. Contractor's failure to provide such notice and documentation shall constitute Contractor's waiver, discharge, and release of such delay claims against City.

#### **4. Method of Payment.**

A. Invoices. Contractor shall submit to City an invoice, on a monthly basis or less frequently, for actual services performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each invoice shall itemize the services rendered during the billing period, hourly rates charged, if applicable, and the amount due. If City disputes any of Contractor's fees, it shall give written notice to Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice of any disputed fees set forth on the invoice.

B. Payment. City shall pay all undisputed invoice amounts within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt up to the maximum compensation set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement. City shall not withhold federal payroll, state payroll or other taxes, or other similar deductions, from payments made to Contractor. For all reimbursements authorized by this Agreement, Contractor shall provide receipts on all reimbursable expenses in excess of Fifty Dollars (\$50) in such form as approved by the Finance Director.

C. Audit of Records. Contractor shall make all records, invoices, time cards, cost control sheets and other records maintained by Contractor in connection with this agreement available during Contractor's regular working hours to City for review and audit by City.

D. Waiver of Claims. On or before making final request for payment under Paragraph B, above, Contractor shall submit to City, in writing, all claims for compensation under or arising out of this Agreement; the acceptance by Contractor of the final payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims against City under or arising out of this Contract except those previously made in writing and request for payment. Contractor shall be required to execute an affidavit, release and indemnify agreement with each claim for payment.

**5. Ownership of Documents.** Upon completion of, or in the event of termination or suspension of this Agreement, all original documents, designs, drawings, maps, models, computer files containing data generated for the work, surveys, notes, and other documents prepared in the course of providing the services to be performed (“written products”) pursuant to this Agreement shall become the sole property of the City without restriction or limitation upon its use and may be used, reused, disseminated or otherwise disposed of by the City without the permission of the Contractor. With respect to computer files containing data generated for the work, Contractor shall make available to the City, upon reasonable written request by the City, the necessary computer software and hardware for purposes of accessing, compiling, transferring and printing computer files. Contractor may take and retain copies of the written products as desired, but the written products shall not be the subject of a copyright application by Contractor.

**6. Independent Contractor.**

A. Contractor is, and shall at all times remain as to City, a wholly independent contractor and not an employee of City. The personnel performing the services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall also not be employees of City and shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of City. Neither City nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees. Contractor shall not, at any time, or in any manner, represent that it or any of its officers, agents or employees are in any manner employees of City. Contractor and Contractor's personnel shall not supervise any of City's employees; and City's employees shall not supervise Contractor's personnel. Contractor's personnel shall not wear or display any City uniform, badge, identification number, or other information identifying such individual as an employee of City; and Contractor's personnel shall not use any City e-mail address or City telephone number in the performance of any of the services under this Agreement. Contractor shall acquire and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, such vehicles, equipment, and supplies as Contractor's personnel require to perform any of the services required by this Agreement. Contractor shall perform the services off of City premises at locations of Contractor's choice, except as otherwise may from time to time be necessary in order for Contractor's personnel to receive projects from City, review plans on file at City, pick up or deliver any work product related to Contractor's performance of the Work under this Agreement, or as may be necessary to inspect or visit City locations and/or private property to perform the services. City may make a computer available to Contractor from time to time for Contractor's personnel to obtain information about or to check on the status of projects pertaining to the services under this Agreement.

B. No employee benefits shall be available to Contractor in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Except for the fees paid to Contractor as provided in the Agreement, City shall not pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to Contractor for performing Work hereunder for City. City shall not be liable for compensation or indemnification to Contractor for injury or sickness arising out of performing Work hereunder. Contractor shall be responsible for and pay all wages, salaries, benefits and other amounts due to Contractor's personnel in connection with their performance of the Work under this Agreement and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: Social Security taxes, other retirement or pension benefits, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance. Notwithstanding any other agency, state, or federal policy, rule,

regulation, statute or ordinance to the contrary, Contractor and any of its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors providing any of the Work under this Agreement shall not become entitled to, and hereby waive any claims to, any wages, salaries, compensation, benefit or any incident of employment by City, including, but not limited to, eligibility to enroll in, or reinstate to membership in, the California Public Employees Retirement System ("PERS") as an employee of City, and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contributions or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

C. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless City and its elected officials, officers, employees, servants, designated volunteers, and agents serving as independent contractors in the role of City officials, from any and all liability, damages, claims, costs, and expenses of any nature to the extent arising from, caused by, or relating to Contractor's personnel practices. or to the extent arising from, caused by, or relating to the violation of any of the provisions of this Section 6. In addition to all other remedies available under law, City shall have the right to offset against the amount of any fees due to Contractor under this Agreement any amount due to City from Contractor as a result of Contractor's failure to promptly pay to City any reimbursement or indemnification arising under this Section 6. This duty of indemnification is in addition to Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless as set forth in any other provision of this Agreement.

## **7. PERS Compliance and Indemnification.**

A. General Requirements. The parties acknowledge that City is a local agency member of PERS, and as such has certain pension reporting and contribution obligations to PERS on behalf of qualifying employees. Contractor agrees that, in providing its employees and any other personnel to City to perform the Work under this Agreement, Contractor shall assure compliance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law, commencing at Government Code Section 20000, the regulations of PERS, and the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, as amended. Without limitation to the foregoing, Contractor shall assure compliance with regard to personnel who have active or inactive membership in PERS and to those who are retired annuitants and in performing this Agreement shall not assign or utilize any of its personnel in a manner that will cause City to be in violation of the applicable retirement laws and regulations.

B. Indemnification. Contractor shall defend (with legal counsel approved by City, whose approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), indemnify, and hold harmless City, and its City and its elected officials, officers, employees, servants, designated volunteers, and agents serving as independent contractors in the role of City officials, from any and all liability, damages, claims, costs, and expenses of any nature to the extent arising from, caused by, or relating to Contractor's violation of any provisions of this Section 7. This duty of indemnification is in addition to Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless as set forth in any other provision of this Agreement.

**8. Confidentiality.** All data, documents, discussion, or other information (collectively "data") developed or received by Contractor or provided for performance of this Agreement are deemed confidential. Contractor shall keep all data confidential and shall not disclose any data to any person or entity without City's prior written consent. City shall grant such consent if disclosure is legally required. Contractor shall return all data to City upon the expiration or

termination of this Agreement. Contractor's covenant under this Section 8 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**9. Conflicts of Interest.** Contractor and its officers, employees, associates and subcontractors, if any, shall comply with all conflict of interest statutes of the State of California applicable to Contractor's Work under this Agreement, including the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 81000 *et seq.*) and Government Code Section 1090. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor may perform similar services for other clients, but Contractor and its officers, employees, associates and subcontractors shall not, without the City Representative's prior written approval, perform work for another person or entity for whom Contractor is not currently performing work that would require Contractor or one of its officers, employees, associates or subcontractors to abstain from a decision under this Agreement pursuant to a conflict of interest statute. Contractor shall incorporate a clause substantially similar to this Section 9 into any subcontract that Contractor executes in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

**10. Indemnification.**

**A. Indemnities for Third Party Claims.**

1) To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, defend, hold harmless and indemnify City and its elected officials, officers, attorneys, agents, employees, designated volunteers, successors, assigns and those City agents serving as independent contractors in the role of City officials (collectively "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, proceedings, expenses, judgments, penalties, liens and losses of any nature whatsoever, including fees of accountants, attorneys or other professionals, and all costs associated therewith, and the payment of all consequential damages (collectively "Liabilities"), in law or equity, whether actual, alleged or threatened, which arise out of, are claimed to arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the acts or omissions of Contractor, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, materialmen, contractors or their officers, agents, servants or employees (or any entity or individual that Contractor shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of this Agreement, including the Indemnitees' active or passive negligence, except for Liabilities arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees, as determined by final arbitration or court decision or by the agreement of the parties. Contractor shall defend the Indemnitees in any action or actions filed in connection with any Liability with counsel of the Indemnitees' choice, and shall pay all costs and expenses, including all attorneys' fees and experts' costs actually incurred in connection with such defense. Contractor shall reimburse the Indemnitees for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by Indemnitees in connection therewith.

2) Contractor shall pay all required taxes on amounts paid to Contractor under this Agreement, and indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all taxes, assessments, penalties and interest asserted against City by reason of the independent contractor relationship created by this Agreement. Contractor shall fully comply with the workers' compensation law regarding Contractor and Contractor's employees. Contractor shall indemnify and hold City harmless from any failure of Contractor to comply with applicable workers' compensation laws. City may offset against the amount of any fees due to Contractor under this Agreement any amount due to City from Contractor as a result of Contractor's failure to promptly pay to City any reimbursement or indemnification arising under this Subparagraph A. 2).

3) Contractor shall obtain executed indemnity agreements with provisions identical to those in this Section 10 from each and every subcontractor or any other person or entity involved by, for, with or on behalf of Contractor in the performance of this Agreement. If Contractor fails to obtain such indemnity obligations, Contractor shall be fully responsible and indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Indemnitees from and against any and all Liabilities in law or equity, whether actual, alleged or threatened, which arise out of, are claimed to arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the acts or omissions of Contractor's subcontractor, its officers, agents, servants, employees, subcontractors, materialmen, contractors or their officers, agents, servants or employees (or any entity or individual that Contractor's subcontractor shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of this Agreement, including the Indemnitees' active or passive negligence, except for Liabilities arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnitees, as determined by final arbitration or court decision or by the agreement of the parties.

B. Workers' Compensation Acts not Limiting. Contractor's indemnifications and obligations under this Section 10, or any other provision of this Agreement, shall not be limited by the provisions of any workers' compensation act or similar act. Contractor expressly waives its statutory immunity under such statutes or laws as to City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

C. Insurance Requirements not Limiting. City does not, and shall not, waive any rights that it may possess against Contractor because of the acceptance by City, or the deposit with City, of any insurance policy or certificate required pursuant to this Agreement. The indemnities in this Section 10 shall apply regardless of whether or not any insurance policies are determined to be applicable to the Liability, tax, assessment, penalty or interest asserted against City.

D. Survival of Terms. Contractor's indemnifications and obligations under this Section 10 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

## **11. Insurance.**

A. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall procure and at all times during the term of this Agreement carry, maintain, and keep in full force and effect, insurance as follows:

1) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage and a general aggregate limit of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) per project or location. If Contractor is a limited liability company, the commercial general liability coverage shall be amended so that Contractor and its managers, affiliates, employees, agents and other persons necessary or incidental to its operation are insureds.

2) Automobile Liability Insurance for any owned, non-owned or hired vehicle used in connection with the performance of this Agreement with a combined single limit of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per accident for bodily injury and property damage. If Contractor does not use any owned, non-owned or hired vehicles in the performance of Work under this Agreement, Contractor shall obtain a non-owned auto endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy required under Subparagraph A. 1) of this Section 11.



3) Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury or disease. If Contractor has no employees while performing Work under this Agreement, workers' compensation policy is not required, but Contractor shall provide an executed declaration that it has no employees.

B. Acceptability of Insurers. The insurance policies required under this Section 11 shall be issued by an insurer admitted to write insurance in the State of California with a rating of A:VII or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best Insurance Rating Guide. Self-insurance shall not be considered to comply with the insurance requirements under this Section 11.

C. Additional Insured. The commercial general and automobile liability policies shall contain an endorsement naming the City, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds.

D. Primary and Non-Contributing. The insurance policies required under this Section 11 shall apply on a primary non-contributing basis in relation to any other insurance or self-insurance available to City. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City, its officers, employees, agents or volunteers, shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

E. Contractor's Waiver of Subrogation. The insurance policies required under this Section 11 shall not prohibit Contractor and Contractor's employees, agents or subcontractors from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss. Contractor hereby waives all rights of subrogation against City.

F. Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be approved by City. At City's option, Contractor shall either reduce or eliminate the deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to City, or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and expenses.

G. Cancellations or Modifications to Coverage. Contractor shall not cancel, reduce or otherwise modify the insurance policies required by this Section 11 during the term of this Agreement. The commercial general and automobile liability policies required under this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that should the issuing insurer cancel the policy before the expiration date, the issuing insurer will endeavor to mail thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to City. If any insurance policy required under this Section 11 is canceled or reduced in coverage or limits, Contractor shall, within two (2) business days of notice from the insurer, phone, fax or notify City via certified mail, return receipt requested, of the cancellation of or changes to the policy.

H. City Remedy for Noncompliance. If Contractor does not maintain the policies of insurance required under this Section 11 in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, or in the event any of Contractor's policies do not comply with the requirements under this Section 11, City may either immediately terminate this Agreement or, if insurance is available at a reasonable cost, City may, but has no duty to, take out the necessary insurance and pay, at Contractor's expense, the premium thereon. Contractor shall promptly reimburse City for any

premium paid by City or City may withhold amounts sufficient to pay the premiums from payments due to Contractor.

I. Evidence of Insurance. Prior to the performance of Work under this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish City's Risk Manager with a certificate or certificates of insurance and all original endorsements evidencing and effecting the coverages required under this Section 11. The endorsements are subject to City's approval. Contractor may provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies to City. Contractor shall maintain current endorsements on file with City's Risk Manager. Contractor shall provide proof to City's Risk Manager that insurance policies expiring during the term of this Agreement have been renewed or replaced with other policies providing at least the same coverage. Contractor shall furnish such proof at least two (2) weeks prior to the expiration of the coverages.

J. Indemnity Requirements not Limiting. Procurement of insurance by Contractor shall not be construed as a limitation of Contractor's liability or as full performance of Contractor's duty to indemnify City under Section 10 of this Agreement.

K. Subcontractor Insurance Requirements. Contractor shall require each of its subcontractors that perform Work under this Agreement to maintain insurance coverage that meets all of the requirements of this Section 11.

## **12. Mutual Cooperation.**

A. City's Cooperation. City shall provide Contractor with all pertinent data, documents and other requested information as is reasonably available for Contractor's proper performance of the Work required under this Agreement.

B. Contractor's Cooperation. In the event any claim or action is brought against the City relating to Contractor's performance or Work rendered under this Agreement, Contractor shall render any reasonable assistance that City requires.

**13. Records and Inspections.** Contractor shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under this Agreement for a period of five (5) years. Contractor shall, without charge, provide City with access to the records during normal business hours. City may examine and audit the records and make transcripts therefrom, and inspect all program data, documents, proceedings and activities.

## **14. Termination or Suspension of Agreement.**

A. Right to Terminate or Suspend. City may terminate or suspend this Agreement at any time, at will, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice to Contractor at least seven (7) calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. Contractor may terminate this Agreement at any time, at will, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice to City at least sixty (60) calendar days before the termination is to be effective.

B. Obligations upon Termination. Contractor shall cease all work under this Agreement on or before the effective date of termination specified in the notice of termination. In

the event of City's termination of this Agreement due to no fault or failure of performance by Contractor, City shall pay Contractor based on the percentage of work satisfactorily performed up to the effective date of termination. In no event shall Contractor be entitled to receive more than the amount that would be paid to Contractor for the full performance of the Work required by this Agreement.

**15. Force Majeure.** Contractor shall not be liable for any failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement if Contractor presents acceptable evidence, in City's sole judgment, that such failure was due to strikes, lockouts, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials or reasonable substitutes for labor or materials, governmental restrictions, governmental regulations, governmental controls, judicial orders, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, fire or other casualty, or other causes beyond Contractor's reasonable control and not due to any act by Contractor.

**16. Notices.** Any notices, consents, requests, demands, bills, invoices, reports or other communications which either party may desire to give to the other party under this Agreement must be in writing and conclusively deemed effective: (a) on personal delivery, (b) on confirmed delivery by reputable document delivery service or courier service during Contractor's and City's regular business hours, or (c) five business days after deposit in the United States mail, by first class mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the party to be notified as set forth below:

If to City:  
Attn: Engineering Division  
City of Covina  
125 E. College Street  
Covina, California 91723

If to Contractor:  
Jose Angel Fierros, President  
FS Contractors, Inc  
14838 Bledsoe Street  
Sylmar, CA 91342

**17. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity.** In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee, subcontractor or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, sexual orientation or other basis prohibited by law. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that subcontractors and applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information or sexual orientation.

**18. Prohibition of Assignment and Delegation.** Contractor shall not assign any of its rights or delegate any of its duties under this Agreement, either in whole or in part, without City's prior written consent. City's consent to an assignment of rights under this Agreement shall not release Contractor from any of its obligations or alter any of its primary obligations to be performed under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section 18 shall be void and of no effect and shall entitle City to terminate this Agreement. As used in this Section 18, "assignment" and "delegation" means any sale, gift, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other transfer of all or any portion of the rights, obligations, or liabilities in or arising from this Agreement to any person or entity, whether by operation of law or otherwise, and regardless of the legal form of the transaction in which the attempted transfer occurs.

**19. No Third-Party Beneficiaries Intended.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 10, this Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person or entity may have or acquire a right by virtue of this Agreement.

**20. Waiver.** No delay or omission to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to City under this Agreement shall impair any right, power or remedy of City, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of, or consent to, any breach or default. No waiver of any breach, any failure of a condition, or any right or remedy under this Agreement shall be (1) effective unless it is in writing and signed by the party making the waiver, (2) deemed to be a waiver of, or consent to, any other breach, failure of a condition, or right or remedy, or (3) deemed to constitute a continuing waiver unless the writing expressly so states.

**21. Exhibits.** Exhibits A, B, C, and D constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference. If any inconsistency exists or arises between a provision of this Agreement and a provision of any exhibit, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

**22. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and all exhibits referred to in this Agreement constitute the final, complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersede all other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings and agreements of the parties. No party has been induced to enter into this Agreement by, nor is any party relying on, any representation or warranty except those expressly set forth in this Agreement.

**23. Amendment of Agreement.** This Agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by both parties. If the City Manager has entered into this Agreement on behalf of the City, the City Manager may approve an amendment to this Agreement and additional payment up to the amount of his contract authority. If this Agreement was originally approved by the City Council, then any amendments shall be approved by the City Council, except that the City Manager may approve amendments extending the time for performance, modifying the scope of work without any change to the maximum payment, approving a change in name of the Contractor, or terminating the Agreement.

**24. Headings.** The headings in this Agreement are included solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or any of the rights or obligations of the parties to this Agreement.

**25. Word Usage.** Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, (a) the words “shall,” “will” and “agrees” are mandatory and “may” is permissive; (b) “or” is not exclusive; and (c) “includes” or “including” are not limiting.

**26. Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence in respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to limit or deprive a party of the benefits of any grace or use period allowed in this Agreement.

**27. Governing Law and Choice of Forum.** This Agreement, and any dispute arising from the relationship between the parties to this Agreement, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, except that any rule of construction to the

effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be applied in interpreting this Agreement. Any dispute that arises under or relates to this Agreement (whether contract, tort or both) shall be resolved in a municipal, superior or federal court with geographic jurisdiction over the City of Covina.

**28. Attorneys' Fees.** In any litigation or other proceeding by which on party seeks to enforce its rights under this Agreement (whether in contract, tort or both) or seeks a declaration of any rights or obligations under this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees together with any costs and expenses, to resolve the dispute and to enforce the final judgment.

**29. Claim Dispute Resolution.** In the event of any dispute or controversy with the City over any matter whatsoever, the Contractor shall not cause any delay or cessation in or of work, but shall proceed with the performance of the work in dispute. The Contractor shall retain any and all rights provided that pertain to the resolution of disputes and protests between the parties. The disputed work will be categorized as an "unresolved dispute" and payment, if any, shall be as later determined by mutual agreement or a court of law. The Contractor shall keep accurate, detailed records of all disputed work, claims and other disputed matters. All claims arising out of or related to the Agreement or this Project, and the consideration and payment of such claims, are subject to the Government Claims Act (Government Code Section 810 et seq.) with regard to filing claims. All such claims are also subject to Public Contract Code Section 9204 and Public Contract Code Section 20104 et seq. (Article 1.5), where applicable. This Contract hereby incorporates those provisions as though fully set forth herein. Thus, the Contractor or any Subcontractor must file a claim in accordance with the Government Claims Act as a prerequisite to filing a construction claim in compliance with Section 9204 and Article 1.5 (if applicable), and must then adhere to Article 1.5 and Section 9204, as applicable, pursuant to the definition of "claim" as individually defined therein.

**30. Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the validity of and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected and continue in full force and effect.

**31. Authority to Execute Agreement.** The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor warrants and represents that he or she has the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor and has the authority to bind Contractor to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

*[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]*

The parties, through their duly authorized representatives, are signing this Agreement on the date stated in the introductory clause.

City:

City of Covina,  
a California municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Chris Marcarello  
Title: City Manager

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Fabian Velez  
Title: Chief Deputy City Clerk

Contractor:

FS Contractors, Inc.  
a California Corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Jose Angel Fierros  
Title: President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Jose Ernesto Fierros  
Title: Corporate Secretary

*(Two signatures of corporate officers required for corporations under Corporations Code Section 313, unless corporate documents authorize only one person to sign this Agreement on behalf of the corporation.)*

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**EXHIBIT B**  
**CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE COMPLIANCE**  
**(Labor Code §§ 1720 et seq., 1813, 1860, 1861, 3700)**

If this Agreement calls for services that, in whole or in part, constitute “public works” as defined in the California Labor Code, then:

1. This Agreement is subject to the provisions of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of the California Labor Code relating to public works and the awarding public agency (“City”) and Contractor agrees to be bound by all the provisions thereof as though set forth in full herein.
2. Contractor shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) in accordance with California Labor Code Section 1725.5 and has provided proof of registration to City prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement.
3. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Labor Code Sections 1771, 1774 and 1775 concerning the payment of prevailing rates of wages to workers and the penalties for failure to pay prevailing wages. The applicable prevailing wage determination(s) may be obtained at (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/DPreWageDetermination.htm>), are on file with City, and are available to any interested party upon request. Contractor shall, as a penalty to City, forfeit not more than two-hundred dollars (\$200) for each calendar day, or portion thereof, for each worker paid less than the prevailing rates as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations for the work or craft in which the worker is employed for any public work done under this Agreement by Contractor or by any subcontractor.
4. Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 1771.4, Contractor’s services are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor shall post job site notices as prescribed by DIR regulations and agrees to furnish the records specified in California Labor Code Section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner in the manner prescribed by California Labor Code Section 1771.4(a)(3) and (c)(2).
5. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Labor Code Section 1776 which, among other things, require Contractor and each subcontractor to: (1) keep accurate payroll records, (2) certify and make such payroll records available for inspection as provided by Section 1776, and (3) inform City of the location of the records. Contractor is responsible for compliance with Section 1776 by itself and all of its subcontractors.
6. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Labor Code Section 1777.5 concerning the employment of apprentices on public works projects, and further agrees that Contractor is responsible for compliance with Section 1777.5 by itself and all of its subcontractors.
7. Contractor shall comply with the provisions of California Labor Code Section 1813 concerning penalties for workers who work excess hours. Contractor shall, as a penalty to City, forfeit twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each worker employed in the execution of this Agreement by Contractor or by any subcontractor for each calendar day during which such



worker is required or permitted to work more than eight (8) hours in any one calendar day and forty (40) hours in any one calendar week in violation of the provisions of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 3 of the California Labor Code.

8. California Labor Code Sections 1860 and 3700 provide that every contractor will be required to secure the payment of compensation to its employees. In accordance with the provisions of California Labor Code Section 1861, Contractor hereby certifies as follows:

“I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers’ compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement.”

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT C**  
**PERFORMANCE BOND**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that:

WHEREAS the City of Covina ("City"), State of California, has awarded to FS Contractors, Inc –  
14838 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar, CA 91342 ("Principal")  
(*Name and address of Contractor*)

a contract (the "Contract") for the Work described as follows:

**TRASH ENCLOSURE PROJECT – COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT – PROJECT**  
**NO. P2604**  
(*Project Description/ Name*)

WHEREAS, Principal is required under the terms of the Contract to furnish a Bond for the faithful performance of the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Name and address of Surety*)

("Surety") a duly admitted surety insurer under the laws of the State of California, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), this amount being not less than the total Contract Price, in lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, successors executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, if the hereby bounded Principal, his, her or its heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the covenants, conditions and provisions in the Contract and any alteration thereof made as therein provided, on the Principal's part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner therein specified, and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and shall indemnify and save harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees, as therein stipulated, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

As a part of the obligation secured hereby and in addition to the face amount specified therefor, there shall be included costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by City in successfully enforcing such obligation, all to be taxed as costs and included in any judgment rendered. Surety hereby waives any statute of limitations as it applies to an action on this Bond.

The Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or of the Work to be performed thereunder or the specifications accompanying the same shall in anywise affect its obligations under this Bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the Contract or to the Work or to the specifications. Surety hereby waives the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 2845 and 2849. The City is the principal beneficiary of this Bond and has all rights of a party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, two (2) identical counterparts of this instrument, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original hereof, have been duly executed by Principal and Surety, on the date set forth below, the name of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative(s) pursuant to authority of its governing body.

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

“Principal”

“Surety”

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

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

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**Note:** This Bond must be executed in duplicate and dated, all signatures must be notarized, and evidence of the authority of any person signing as attorney-in-fact must be attached. DATE OF BOND MUST NOT BE BEFORE DATE OF CONTRACT. IF CONTRACTOR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL PARTNERS MUST EXECUTE BOND. DATE OF BOND MUST NOT BE PRIOR TO DATE OF CONTRACT. Surety companies executing Bonds must appear on the Treasury Department's most current list (Circular 570 as amended) and be authorized to transact business in the State where the project is located.

**EXHIBIT D**  
**PAYMENT BOND**  
**(LABOR AND MATERIALS)**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that:

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(*Name and address of Contractor*)

a contract (the "Contract") for the Work described as follows:

**TRASH ENCLOSURE PROJECT – COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT – PROJECT**  
**NO. P2604**  
(*Project Description/Name*)

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Contract, the Principal is required before entering upon the performance of the Work, to file a good and sufficient payment Bond with the City to secure the claims to which reference is made in Title 3 (commencing with Section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Principal, and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(*Name and address of Surety*)

("Surety") a duly admitted surety insurer under the laws of the State of California, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City and all contractors, subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and other persons employed in the performance of the Contract and referred to in Title 3 (commencing with Section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code in the penal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_), for materials furnished or labor thereon of any kind, or for amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to this Work or labor, that the Surety will pay the same in an amount not exceeding the amount hereinabove set forth, and also in case suit is brought upon this Bond, will pay, in addition to the face amount thereof, costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by City in successfully enforcing this obligation, to be awarded and fixed by the court, and to be taxed as costs and to be included in the judgment therein rendered.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and agreed that this Bond shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons, companies, and corporations entitled to file claims under Title 3 (commencing with Section 9000) of Part 6 of Division 4 of the Civil Code, so as to give a right of action to them or their assigns in any suit brought upon this Bond.

Upon expiration of the time within which the California Labor Commissioner may serve a civil wage and penalty assessment against the principal, any of its subcontractors, or both the principal and its subcontractors pursuant to Labor Code Section 1741, and upon expiration of the time within which a joint labor management committee may commence an action against the principal, any of

its subcontractors, or both the principal and its subcontractors pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.2, if the condition of this Bond be fully performed, then this obligation shall become null and void, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the terms of the Contract or the Specifications accompanying the same shall in any manner affect its obligations on this Bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension, alteration or addition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, two (2) identical counterparts of this instrument, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed an original hereof, have been duly executed by Principal and Surety, on the date set forth below, the name of each corporate party being hereto affixed and these presents duly signed by its undersigned representative(s) pursuant to authority of its governing body.

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

“Principal”

“Surety”

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