EXHIBIT A Example Contract

CONTRACT NO._____

ADDRESS & PHONE OF CITY
City Manager's Office
2nd Floor
602 South Main Street

NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE OF CONSULTANT

AGREEMENT
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the **City of Joplin, Missouri**, a Missouri Municipal Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City," and _____ hereinafter referred to as "Consultant," and with City and Consultant being referred to collectively as "the Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, City desires to retain a professional Consultant to provide services as described in City's Request for Proposals for Annexation Services for the City of the Joplin #2026-RFP-XX, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Consultant desires to provide professional services pursuant to the terms of this agreement, as described in Consultant's Bid Proposal Summary, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, City has reviewed and selected Consultant as the sole bidder based on full consideration of all factors, preferences, and conditions deemed applicable by City in its request.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for valuable consideration each received from the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties do hereby agree as follows:

Scope of Work and Payment.

1. City agrees to engage Consultant for performance, and Consultant agrees to perform, the scope of services, duties and responsibilities described in Exhibits A and B within the time specified therein.

2. The services of Consultant shall commence only as authorized in writing by City and shall be undertaken and completed as promised by Consultant as described in Exhibits A and B.

3. City agrees to pay Consultant in accordance with the prices and terms set forth in Exhibits A and B for work authorized by City upon presentation of proper invoice and inspection by City of work completed by Consultant. Specifically, City agrees to pay Consultant up to and not-to-exceed xx Dollars and Zero Cents ($xx).

5. All information, data, and reports as are existing, available, and necessary for the carrying out of the work, shall be furnished to Consultant without charge, and the Parties shall cooperate with each other in every way possible in carrying out the scope of services.

6. The Consultant shall fully coordinate its activities in the performance of the contract with the activities of the City.

7. The Consultant represents that Consultant will secure at Consultant's own expense; all personnel required to perform the services called for under this contract by Consultant. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City except as employees of the Consultant. All the services required hereunder will be performed by the Consultant or under Consultant's direct supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under state and local law to perform such services. None of the work or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the written approval of the City.

9. **Termination:** If, through any cause, the Consultant shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner Consultant's obligations under this contract, or if the Consultant shall violate any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the City shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Consultant of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective day of such termination. The City may, without cause, terminate this contract upon 30 day's prior written notice. In either such event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, reports, or other materials prepared by the Consultant shall, at the option of the City become its property. The Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed. Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by virtue of any such breach of the contract by the Consultant.

10. **Assignment:** The Consultant shall not assign any interest in this contract and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of the City thereto. Provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Consultant from the City under this contract may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of such assignment or transfer shall be furnished in writing promptly to the City. Any such assignment is expressly subject to all rights and remedies of the City under this agreement, including the right to change or delete activities from the contract or to terminate the same as provided herein, and no such assignment shall require the City to give any notice to any such assignee of any actions which the City may take under this agreement, though City will attempt to so notify any such assignee.

11. **Any reports**, data, or similar information given to or prepared or assembled by the Consultant under this contract which the City requests to be kept as confidential shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Consultant without prior written approval of the City.

12. **Modification of Contract:** The Scope of Work to be done under the Contract shall be subject to modification and supplementation upon the written Agreement of the duly authorized representatives of the Contracting parties. No provision in the Contract shall be changed or modified without the execution of a formal amendment to the Contract, mutually agreed to by the City and the Consultant and processed through the Division of Purchases. Upon request by the City, the Consultant shall provide an estimate of cost of any additional work or services to be incorporated by a modification to the Scope of Work and the Contract.

13. **Contract Documents:** The agreement between the City of Joplin and the Consultant shall consist of (1) The Contract form which embodies the requirements contained herein, (2) the Request for Proposal, and any amendments thereto and, (3) the proposal, as accepted, submitted in response to the Request for Proposal. In the event of a conflict in language between the documents referenced above, the provisions and requirements set forth and/or referenced in the Contract shall govern over all other documents, and the Request for Proposal and amendments thereto shall govern over the Consultant's Proposal and amendments thereto. However, the City reserves the right to clarify any Contractual

relationship in writing with the concurrence of the Consultant, and such written clarification shall govern in case of conflict with the applicable requirements stated in the Request for Proposal or the Consultant's proposal. In all other matters not affected by the written clarification, if any, the Request for Proposal shall govern. The Consultant is cautioned that the proposal shall be subject to acceptance without further clarification.

14. **General Independent Consultant Clause:** This agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the parties. It is the party's intention that the Consultant will be an Independent Consultant and not the City's employee for all purposes, including but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contributions Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue code, Missouri revenue and taxation laws, Missouri Workers' Compensation, and unemployment insurance laws. The Consultant will retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out the Consultant's activities and responsibilities hereunder. The Consultant agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the public employer, that it has a full opportunity to find other business, that is has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the Consultant and the City, and the City will not be liable for any obligation incurred by the Consultant, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

15. The Consultant shall not be entitled to any of the benefits established for the employees of the City nor be covered by the Workers Compensation Program of the City.

16. **Certification of Non-Resident/Foreign Consultants:** If the Consultant is a foreign corporation or non-resident Consultant, it is agreed that the Consultant shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract:

    A. A certificate of authority to transact business in the State of Missouri from the Secretary of State, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 351.570 RSMo.

    B. A certificate from the Missouri Director of Revenue evidencing compliance with transient employer financial assurance law, unless exempt pursuant to the provisions of Section 285.230 RSMo.

17. **Nondiscrimination:** The Consultant agrees in the performance of this contract not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, marital status, citizenship, national origin, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law, or political opinion or affiliation, against any employee of Consultant or applicant for employment and shall include a similar provision in all subcontracts let or awarded hereunder.

18. Consultant covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services to be performed under this contract. The Consultant further covenants that in the performance of this contract no person having such interest shall be employed.

19. **Consultant's Responsibility for Subcontractor**: It is further agreed that Consultant shall be as fully responsible to the City for the acts and omissions of its subcontractor, and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by them, as Consultant is for the acts and omissions of persons it directly employs. Consultant shall cause appropriate provisions to be inserted in all subcontracts relating to this work, to bind all subcontractor to Consultant by all the terms herein set forth, insofar as applicable

to the work of subcontractor and to give Consultant the same power regarding termination of any subcontract as the City may exercise over Consultant under any provisions of this contract. Nothing contained in this contract shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the City or between any subcontractors.

20. The certificates of insurance, including evidence of the required endorsements of the policies shall be filed with the City of Joplin within ten (10) days of the date of receipt of the Award of the contract to the Consultant and prior to the start of work. All insurance policies shall provide thirty (30) days written notice to be given by the insurance company in question, prior to modification or cancellation of insurance. Such notices shall be mailed, return receipt requested to:

City Attorney
City of Joplin
602 South Main
Joplin, MO 64801

21. **Liability and Indemnity:**

A. In no event shall the City be liable to the Consultant for special, indirect, or consequential damages, except those caused by the City's gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct arising out of or in any way connected with a breach of this contract. The maximum liability of the City shall be limited to the amount of money to be paid or received by the City under this contract.

B. The Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees from and against any and all liability, suits, damages, costs (including attorney fees), losses, outlays and expenses from claims in any manner caused by, or allegedly caused by, or arising out of, or connected with, this contract, or the work or any subcontract there under (the Consultant hereby assuming full responsibility for relations with subcontractors), including, but not limited to, claims for personal injuries, death, property damage, or for damages from the award of this contract to Consultant.

C. The Consultant shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all wages or overtime compensation due any employees in rendering services pursuant to this agreement or any subcontract, including payment of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of any claim made under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law or any other federal or state law.

D. The indemnification obligations of Consultant hereunder shall not be limited by any limitations as to the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Consultant, under any federal or state law, to any person asserting the claim against City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees, for which indemnification is sought.

E. The indemnification obligations herein shall not negate, abridge, or reduce in any way any additional indemnification rights of the City, its elected or appointed officials, agents and employees, which are otherwise available under statute, or in law or equity.

F. Consultant affirms that it has had the opportunity to recover the costs of the liability insurance required in this agreement in its contract price. Consultant's obligation under this agreement to

defend, indemnify and hold harmless any person from that person's own negligence or wrongdoing is limited to the coverage and limits of the applicable insurance.

22. **Conflict of Interest:** No salaried officer or employee of the City and no member of the City Council shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in this contract. A violation of this provision renders the contract void. Any federal regulations and applicable provisions in RSMo. Chapter 105 shall not be violated.

23. **Entire Agreement:** This agreement, including the contract documents contained or referenced herein, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No modification, amendment, or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement shall be effective unless in writing specifically referring hereto and signed by both parties.

24. **Waiver:** No provision of the contract documents shall be construed, expressly or by implication, as a waiver by the City of any existing or future right or remedy available by law in the event of any claim of default or breach of contract.

25. **Jurisdiction:** This agreement and every question arising hereunder shall be construed or determined according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Should any part of this agreement be adjudicated, venue shall be proper only in the Circuit Court of Jasper County, Missouri.

26. **Notices:** All notices required or permitted hereunder and required to be in writing may be given by first class mail addressed to Division of Purchases, 602 South Main, Joplin, Missouri, 64801, and the Consultant at the address indicated. The date of delivery of any notice shall be the date falling on the second full day after the day of its mailing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal the date first above written.

CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI

By: _____
City Manager

CONSULTANT

_____
Company Name

By: _____
Signature

Name: _____
Print or type

Title: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____
Peter C. Edwards, City Attorney

ATTEST:_____Holly Nagy, City Clerk