

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Consultant - Request for Proposals September 3, 2024

The Town of South Hadley Planning and Conservation Department is seeking a qualified consultant to assist the Town in the establishment of an Affordable Housing Trust. Town Meeting approved acceptance of MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C at the June 19, 2013 Special Town Meeting. However, thereafter, a Board of Trustees was never appointed by the Selectboard. Additionally, Town Meeting rejected adoption of the Community Preservation Act twice thereby squashing momentum within the community to get the newly enabled Trust active. In 2022, the Town approved an update to the 2016 Housing Production Plan and engaged in a robust public education program about the communities' housing needs the value of affordable housing. These efforts renewed interest in establishing a local Affordable Housing Trust and developing a comprehensive program to support the creation of much needed affordable housing. Funding for the consultant is being provided by a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) 2.0 Grant, which further identified that housing affordability is the greatest vulnerability to climate change facing South Hadley residents.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

A local housing trust allows municipalities to collect funds for affordable housing, segregate them out of the general municipal budget into a trust fund, and use the funds for local initiatives to create and preserve affordable housing. Consultant services are being sought to perform the following scope of services:

A. Coordinate and Advise on the Establishment of a Board of Trustees

The Consultant will provide professional management of the process to establish a Board of Trustees. The trust statute requires the Board have a minimum of five members and include members with expertise in affordable housing development, real estate development, banking, finance, and real estate law. Services will include:

1. Draft a board member description and application requirements;
2. Assist in development of advertisement and outreach materials;
3. Review applications; and,
4. Prepare and present recommendations to the Selectboard on Board appointments.

B. Develop and Record a Declaration of Trust

The new Board of Trustees must execute a Declaration of Trust to set the Trust's authority, rules and regulations. The Consultant will work with the Board of Trustees to draft the Declaration and establish rules and regulations. Final review will be provided by Town Counsel.

C. Set-up the Trust Fund Account and Identify Potential Sources of Funding

1. The consultant will provide guidance to the Board of Trustees and Town officials on setting up an account through the Town Treasurer.
2. The consultant will advise the Board on potential funding sources to capitalize the Trust, provide examples from other municipal housing trusts on the various options, and facilitate implementation of a preferred funding strategy.

D. Identify Housing Priorities and Develop Strategic Plan

The consultant will assist the Trust Board in identifying specific priorities to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing for the benefit of low- and moderate-income households. This task will involve strategic planning to establish benchmarks for allocating trust funds for different activities, target populations, or housing types. It is anticipated that the plan will identify both short and long term goals, dependent on budget.

E. Determine Operating Approach

The Board of Trustees will operate in one of three ways: 1) as a funding entity that solicits project ideas to consider for funding; 2) an active initiator of projects and programs; or, 3) a hybrid of both. The consultant will educate the Board on the requirements of each operating approach and facilitate initiation of a preferred approach, which will likely depend on establishment of a funding source.

G. Set a Budget

Setting housing priorities, an operating approach, and a budget are likely to be interrelated. Initial priorities will often be greater than a reasonable budget would accommodate, which necessitates further prioritization. The key priority will be identification and establishment of a funding source.

TIMELINE

We anticipate having a contract fully executed by October 15, 2024. Due to the timeline of the MVP 2.0 Grant, all work is to be completed by June 30, 2025.

BUDGET

Project budget is not to exceed \$30,000.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Cover letter describing consultant's experience with similar work as identified in the Scope of Services, including links to example projects.
2. Description of consultant team including qualifications and resume for each member, roles and responsibilities.
3. Proposed project approach and schedule.
4. Cost proposal including hourly rates for each team member.

Responses are due by **Friday, September 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM via email** to:
Anne Capra, Director of Planning and Conservation
acapra@southhadleyma.gov

ATTACHMENT A: MGL Chapter 44. Section 55C Adoption

Town Meeting approved acceptance of MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C at the June 19, 2013 Special Town Meeting.

June 20, 2013

Article 10- AMEND ZONING BYLAW SECTION 3 – DEFINITIONS, motion was made and seconded to eliminate “retail sales” under Section 105.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:

Town Meeting Members voted to amend in the Zoning By-Law Section 3 DEFINITIONS, Subpart (B) Definitions to redefine and/or clarify some existing words and phrases, add some definitions of some words and/or phrases, move the definitions of some words and phrases from other sections of the Zoning Bylaw into Section 3, Subpart (B), and to renumber in alphabetical order definitions; Section 5 USE REGULATIONS, Subpart (C) Symbols by deleting the reference to “SA” for Special Permits issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals; Section 5 USE REGULATIONS, Subpart (D) Use Regulations Schedule to insert several new use classifications into the Business Uses subsection and provide whether they are prohibited, permitted by right, require Site Plan Review and/or Special Permit and insertion/revision of footnotes on several of the Uses sections; Section 5 USE REGULATIONS, Subpart (D) Use Regulations Schedule to change the reference to Subpart (D) Use Regulations Schedule to Subpart (E) Use Regulations Schedule; Section 5 USE REGULATIONS, to create and insert a new Subpart (D) entitled (D) Change of Use to provide clarification as to the review, permits, and modifications required when a change of use occurs; Section 7 SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Subpart (N) Water Supply Protection District to change references to Section 5, Subpart (D) to Section 5, Subpart (E); Section 8 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Subpart (L) Flood Plain Regulations to change references to Section 5, Subpart (D) to Section 5, Subpart (E); and Section 11 ADMINISTRATION, Subpart (C) Enforcement to clarify enforcement authority.

Article 11- Vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 55C, MGL

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:

Town Meeting Members voted to accept Chapter 44, Section 55C, Massachusetts General Law and create the South Hadley Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund with the Board of Trustees to be appointed as provided in said Chapter 44, Section 55C, MGL including, but not limited to, possible appointment of the Town Administrator as a member of the Board of Trustees notwithstanding any residency requirement provided for in the Town of South Hadley General Bylaws and further the South Hadley Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund shall be authorized to exercise all of the powers enumerated in said Chapter 44, Section 55C, MGL.

Article 12- Rescind action of TM on 9-13-91 and allow Plumbing and Gas Inspector to reside under the Building Commissioner

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED:

Town meeting Members voted to rescind the action of Town Meeting held on September 13, 1991 for permissive legislation and signed into law on by the Governor of the Commonwealth to allow the position of Plumbing and Gas Inspector to reside in the Health Department, and furthermore to accept

ATTACHMENT B

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY¹

CONTRACT # _____

STATE CONTRACT # (if applicable) _____

DATE: _____

This Contract is entered into on, or as of, this date by and between the Town of South Hadley, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075 (the "Town"), and

["Contractor"]

[Contact Name for Responsible Person]

[Address of the Contractor]

[Telephone Number]

[FAX Number]

[email address]

1. This is a Contract for the procurement of the following:
(Describe the work to be performed)

2. The Contract price to be paid to the Contractor by the Town is:

3. Payment will be made as follows:

3.1

¹ Contract Long Form Services more than \$25,000.00 NOT TO BE USED FOR ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECT CONTRACTS.

3.1.1 If any portion of the contract price is to be paid by a private citizen(s) no work shall be performed until a sum has been deposited with the Town Treasurer, upon an estimate made by the board, committee or officer having charge of the work, sufficient to cover the payment for the portion of the said work chargeable to the private citizen(s).

3.2 Fees and Reimbursable Costs combined shall not exceed \$ _____ as more fully set forth in the Contractor Documents.

3.3 There shall be no further costs, fees or reimbursable charges due the Contractor under this Contract unless said fees and/or costs are so set forth in writing. The Town will not pay any surcharge or premium on top of the direct out of pocket expenses, if any.

3.4 Final payment including any unpaid balance of the Contractor’s compensation shall be due and payable when the Project/Goods/Services is/are delivered to the Town when the project is completed and the services are complete and/or the goods are delivered and accepted.

4. Security *(Surety is not required for contracts for the purchase of goods and most services.)*

4.1 In the event the contract price exceeds the sum of \$10,000.00, the Contractor must provide security in the form of a bond or otherwise, conditioned upon the faithful performance of this Contract.

4.2 If this Contract is to be used for either Building Construction subject to MGL c. 149 or Public Works Construction subject to MGL. c. 30, § 39M or MGL. c. 30B, § 5 the following chart and notes are provided for clarification on the minimum required security subject to the Town requiring additional security:

Contract Price	Performance Bond	Payment Bond	Bid Deposit
Under \$10,000	No	No	No
\$10,000 - \$25,000	No	No	No
\$25,001 - \$50,000	No	50% of total contract price ²	No
\$50,001 - \$150,000 ³	No	50% of total contract price	5% of total bid
Over \$150,000 ⁴	100% of contract price	100% of contract price	5% of total bid

² As required by MGL c. 149, § 29 for Building Construction Contracts as well as Public Works (Non-Building) Construction Contracts (with Labor) subject to MGL c. 30, § 39M, or MGL c. 30B, § 5.

³ This \$150,000 threshold is applicable to only Building Construction Contracts subject to MGL c. 149, but not to Public Works (Non-Building) Construction Contracts (with Labor) subject to MGL c. 30, § 39M, that are more than \$50,000. This row applies to all Public Works Contracts subject to MGL c. 30, § 39M, that are greater than \$50,000.

⁴ The requirements of this row only apply to for Building Construction Contracts subject MGL c. 149, but not for Public Works (Non-Building) Construction Contracts (with Labor) subject to MGL c. 30, § 39M, or MGL c. 30B, § 5.

5. Definitions:

- 5.1 Acceptance: All Contracts require proper acceptance of the described goods or services by the Town. Proper acceptance shall be understood to include inspection of goods and certification of acceptable performance for services by authorized representatives of the Town to ensure that the goods or services are complete and are as specified in the Contract.
- 5.2 Contract Documents: All documents relative to the Contract including (where used) Request for Proposals and all attachments thereto, Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Form, General Conditions, Supplementary General Conditions, General Specifications, Other Specifications included in Project Manual, Drawings, all Addenda issued during the bidding period and Contractor's Response to the Request for Proposal. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is called for by any one shall be as binding as if called for by all. The purpose of the Contract Documents is to include all labor and materials, equipment and transportation necessary for the proper performance of the Contract.
- 5.3 The Contractor: The "other party" to any Contract with the Town. This term shall (as the sense and particular Contract so require) include Vendor, Contractor, Engineer, or other label used to identify the other party in the particular Contract. Use of the term "Contractor" shall be understood to refer to any other such label used.
- 5.4 Date of Substantial Performance: The date when the work is sufficiently complete, the services are performed, or the goods delivered, in accordance with Contract Documents, as modified by approved Amendments and Change Orders.
- 5.5 Goods: Goods, Supplies, Services or Materials.
- 5.6 Subcontractor: Those having a direct Contract with the Contractor. The term includes one who furnished material worked to a special design according to the Drawings or Specifications of this work, but does not include one who merely furnishes material not so worked.
- 5.7 Work: The services or materials contracted for, or both.

6. Term of Contract and Time for Performance:

This Contract shall be fully performed by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents on or before _____, unless extended, in writing, at the sole discretion of the Town, and not subject to assent by the Contractor, and subject to the availability and appropriation of funds as certified by the Town Accountant. Time is of the essence for the completion of the Contract.

7. Subject to Appropriation:

Notwithstanding anything in the Contract Documents to the contrary, any and all payments which the Town is required to make under this Contract shall be subject to appropriation or other

availability of funds as certified by the Town Accountant. In the absence of appropriation or availability as certified herein, this Contract shall be immediately terminated without liability for damages, penalties or other charges to the Town. In the event this is a multi-year contract, this Contract shall be subject to annual appropriation and in the event funds are not so appropriated, this Contract shall terminate immediately without liability for damages, penalties or charges to the Town.

8. Permits and Approvals:

Permits, Licenses, Approvals and all other legal or administrative prerequisites to its performance of the Contract shall be secured and paid for by the Contractor.

9. Termination and Default:

- 9.1 Without Cause. The Town may terminate this Contract on seven (7) calendar days' notice when in the Town's sole discretion it determines it is in the best interests of the Town to do so, by providing notice to the Contractor, which shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered and received when given in person to the Contractor, or when received by fax, express mail, certified mail return receipt requested, regular mail postage prepaid or delivered by any other appropriate method evidencing actual receipt by the Contractor. Upon termination without cause, Contractor will be paid for services rendered to the date of termination.
- 9.2 For Cause. If the Contractor is determined by the Town to be in default of any term or condition of this Contract, the Town may terminate this Contract on seven (7) days' notice by providing notice to the Contractor, which shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered and received when given in person to the Contractor, or when received by fax, express mail, certified mail return receipt requested, regular mail postage prepaid or delivered by any other appropriate method evidencing actual receipt by the Contractor.
- 9.3 Default. The following shall constitute events of a default under the Contract:
any material misrepresentation made by the Contractor to the Town; 2) any failure to perform any of its obligations under this Contract including, but not limited to the following: (i) failure to commence performance of this Contract at the time specified in this Contract due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's reasonable control, (ii) failure to perform this Contract with sufficient personnel and equipment or with sufficient material to ensure the completion of this Contract within the specified time due to a reason or circumstance within the Contractor's reasonable control, (iii) failure to perform this Contract in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Town, (iv) failure to promptly re-perform within a reasonable time the services that were rejected by the Town as unsatisfactory, or erroneous, (v) discontinuance of the services for reasons not beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, (vi) failure to comply with a material term of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the provision of insurance and non-discrimination, (vii) any other acts specifically and expressly stated in this Contract as constituting a basis for termination of this Contract, and (viii) failure to comply with any and all requirements of state law and/or regulations, and Town bylaw and/or regulations.

10. Suspension or Delay

The Town may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay or interrupt all or any part of the Services without cause for such period of time as the Town may determine to be appropriate for its convenience. In the event of any such suspension, delay or interruption, the Contractor's compensation shall be equitably adjusted. No adjustment shall be made if the Contractor is or otherwise would have been responsible for the suspension, delay or interruption of the Services, or if another provision of this Contract is applied to render an equitable adjustment.

11. The Contractor's Breach and the Town's Remedies:

Failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract, and the Town of South Hadley shall have all the rights and remedies provided in the Contract Documents, the right to cancel, terminate, or suspend the Contract in whole or in part, the right to maintain any and all actions at law or in equity or other proceedings with respect to a breach of this Contract, including "Damages" including but not limited to costs, attorney's fees or other damages resulting from said breach ("Damages") as well as specific performance, and the right to select among the remedies available to it by all of the above.

From any sums due to the Contractor for services, the Town may keep the whole or any part of the amount for expenses, losses and Damages incurred by the Town as a consequence of procuring services as a result of any failure, omission or mistake of the Contractor in providing services as provided in this Contract.

12. Statutory Compliance:

- 12.1 This Contract will be construed and governed by the provisions of applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations; and wherever any provision of the Contract or Contract Documents shall conflict with any provision or requirement of federal, state or local law or regulation, then the provisions of law and regulation shall control. Where applicable to the Contract, the provisions of the General Laws are incorporated by reference into this Contract, including, but not limited to, the following:

General Laws Chapter 30B – Procurement of Goods and Services.

General Laws Chapter 30, Sec. 39, *et seq.* - Public Works Contracts.

General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A, *et seq.* Public Buildings Contracts.

- 12.2 Wherever applicable law mandates the inclusion of any term and provision into a municipal contract, this Section shall be understood to import such term or provision into this Contract. To whatever extent any provision of this Contract shall be inconsistent with any law or regulation limiting the power or liability of cities and towns, such law or regulation shall control.

- 12.3 The Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and orders applicable to the Work provided pursuant to this Contract, such provisions being incorporated herein by reference, and shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses, permits, and approvals required for the supply of such Work.

The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the Town harmless for and against any and all fines, penalties or monetary liabilities incurred by the Town as a result of the failure of the Contractor to comply with the previous sentence. If any discrepancy or inconsistency is discovered in the Drawings, Specifications or Contract for this work in violation of any such law, by-law, regulation, order or decree, it shall forthwith report the same in writing to the Town. The Contractor hereby agrees to, at all times, itself observe and comply with all such existing and future laws, by-laws, regulations, orders and decrees; and hereby agrees to protect and indemnify the Town, and its duly appointed agents against any claim or liability arising from or based on any violation whether by him or its agents, employees or subcontractors of any such law, by-law, regulation or decree. The Town agrees to make reasonable effort to notify the Contractor of any duty arising out of this paragraph, but failure to make timely notice will not relieve the Contractor of any duty under this paragraph.

13. Conflict of Interest:

Both the Town and the Contractor acknowledge the provisions of the State Conflict of Interest Law (General Laws Chapter 268A), and this Contract expressly prohibits any activity which shall constitute a violation of that law. The Contractor shall be deemed to have investigated the application of M.G.L. c. 268A to the performance of this Contract; and by executing the Contract Documents the Contractor certifies to the Town that neither it nor its agents, employees, or subcontractors are thereby in violation of General Laws Chapter 268A.

14. Certification of Tax Compliance

This Contract must include a certification of tax compliance by the Contractor, as required by General Laws Chapter 62C, Section 49A (Requirement of Tax Compliance by All Contractors Providing Goods, Services, or Real Estate Space to the Commonwealth or Subdivision).

15. Non-Discrimination/Affirmative Action

The Contractor shall carry out the obligations of this Contract in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to federal, State and local ordinances, statutes, rules and regulations and policies prohibiting discrimination in employment, including but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Mass. G. L. c. 151B, and any other executive orders, rules, regulations, requirements and policies relating thereto enacted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town as they may be amended from time to time. Contractor shall not discriminate against any qualified employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, religion, physical or mental handicap

or sexual orientation.

- 15.1 As used in this section “affirmative action” means positive steps to ensure all qualified persons equal employment opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin at all stages of the employment process: recruitment, selection, placement, promotion, training, layoff and termination. It may include, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) Inclusion in all solicitation and advertisements for employees of a statement that the Contractor is an “Equal Opportunity Employer”;
 - (b) Placement of solicitations and advertisements for employees in media that reaches minority groups;
 - (c) Notification in writing of all recruitment sources that the Contractor solicits the referral of applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin;
 - (d) Direct solicitation of the support of responsible and appropriate community, state and federal agencies to assist recruitment efforts;
 - (e) Participation in, or establishment of, apprenticeship or training programs where outside programs are inadequate or unavailable to minority groups;
 - (f) Modification of collective bargaining agreements to eliminate restrictive barriers established by dual lines of seniority, dual rates of pay or dual lines of promotion or progression which are based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin; and
 - (g) Review selection, placement, promotion, training, layoff and termination procedures and requirements to ensure that they do not intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against qualified persons because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
- 15.2 The Contractor, if applicable, shall include in all compliance and progress reports submitted to the town a report which shall include: (a) A certificate stating that he or she is currently in compliance with the provisions of G.L. c. 152B and setting forth the Affirmative Action he or she is currently undertaking and will undertake during the contract period to provide equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin; and (b) A statement in writing supporting information signed by an authorized officer or agent on behalf of any labor union or other agency which refers workers or provides or supervises apprenticeship or other training programs which the Contractor deals, to the effect that the union or other agency’s practices and policies do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin; provided, in the event that the union or other agency shall refuse to execute such a statement, the Contractor need only so certify in writing.
- 15.3 A copy of any such report as described above, shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and shall upon said filing become a public record.
- 15.4 The Contractor will take Affirmative Action to ensure that employees are solicited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

15.5 The Contractor will in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

15.6 In determining whether steps taken by the Contractor constitute Affirmative Action, the Town shall take into account the relevant characteristics of the Contractor including, but not limited to, the number of employees and the location of the principal and branch offices.

16. Assignment:

The Contractor shall not assign, sublet or otherwise transfer this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Town, and shall not assign any of the moneys payable under this Contract, except by and with the written consent of the Town.

17. Condition of Enforceability Against the Town:

This Contract is only binding upon, and enforceable against, the Town if: (1) the Contract is signed by the Town Administrator or a majority of the Select Board if \$250,000 or over; and (2) endorsed with approval by the Town Accountant as to appropriation or availability of funds; and (3) endorsed with approval by the Town Counsel as to form.

18. Corporate Contractor:

If the Contractor is a corporation, it shall endorse upon this Contract (or attach hereto) its Clerk's Certificate certifying the corporate capacity and authority of the party signing this Contract for the corporation. Such certificate shall be accompanied by a letter or other instrument stating that such authority continues in full force and effect as of the date the Contract is executed by the Contractor. This Contract shall not be enforceable against the Town of South Hadley unless and until the Contractor complies with this section.

The Contractor, if a foreign corporation, shall file with the Commissioner of Corporations a Power of Attorney and duly authenticated copies of its Charter or Certificate of Incorporation; and said Contractor shall comply with all the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

19. Contractor's Personnel:

The Contractor shall utilize only its employees and shall not utilize any third-party contractors without prior written approval of the Town.

20. Liability of Public Officials:

To the full extent permitted by law, no official, employee, agent or representative of the Town of South Hadley shall be individually or personally liable on any obligation of the Town under this Contract.

21. Indemnification:

The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Town, the Town's officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all damages, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, recoveries and judgments of every nature and description (including attorneys' fees) that may arise in whole or in part out of or in connection with the work being performed or to be performed, or out of any act or omission by the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors, material men, and anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by any party indemnified hereunder. The Contractor hereby agrees to reimburse the Town for damage to its property caused by the Contractor, its employees, agents, subcontractors or material men, and anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, including damages caused by his, its or their use of faulty, defective, or unsuitable material or equipment, unless the damage is caused by the Town's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- 21.1 The Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town, including the agents, employees and representatives of either, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including the loss of use resulting therefrom and (b) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the Contractor, any Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.
- 21.2 The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character during the prosecution of the work resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in the manner or method of executing the work or due to the non-execution of the work or at any time due to defective work or materials.
- 21.3 In any and all claims against the town or any of their agents or employees by any employee of the 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 under this paragraph shall not be limited in anyway by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any Subcontractor under workmen's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.
- 21.4 The Contractor hereby assumes the entire responsibility and liability for any and all injury to or death of any or all persons, including the Contractor's employees, and for any and all damage to property caused by, resulting from or arising in whole or in part out of any act, omission, or neglect on the part of the Contractor or of any Subcontractor or of anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or of anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable in connection with operations under the Contract.

21.5 The Town agrees to make reasonable effort to notify the Contractor of any duty arising out of this paragraph, but failure to make timely notice will not relieve the Contractor of any duty under this paragraph.

The foregoing provisions shall not be deemed to be released, waived, limit or modified in any respect by reason of any surety or insurance provided by the Contractor under the Contract.

22. Insurance

22.1 Workers Compensation Insurance:

The Contractor shall provide by insurance for the payment of compensation and the furnishing of other benefits under Chapter 152 of the General Laws of Massachusetts (The Worker's Compensation Act) to all employees of the Contractor who are subject to the provisions of Chapter 152 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Failure to provide and continue in force such insurance during the period of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract, shall operate as an immediate termination thereof, and the Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the Town for all losses, claims, and actions resulting from the failure to provide the insurance required by this Article. The Town agrees to make reasonable effort to notify the Contractor of any duty arising out of this paragraph, but failure to make timely notice will not relieve the Contractor of any duty under this paragraph.

The Contractor shall furnish to the Town a certificate evidencing such insurance prior to the execution of this Contract before the same shall be binding on the parties thereto, except if specifically waived by the Town.

22.2 Professional Liability Insurance

Liability of \$1 million per claim and \$3 million aggregate.

Failure to provide and continue in force such insurance during the period of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract, shall operate as an immediate termination thereof, and Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify the Town for all losses, claims, and actions resulting from the failure to provide the insurance required by this Article. The Town agrees to make reasonable effort to notify the Contractor of any duty arising out of this paragraph, but failure to make timely notice will not relieve the Contractor of any duty under this paragraph.

22.3 Other Insurance Requirements

- a. Comprehensive commercial general liability insurance with limits of at least \$1 Million per occurrence and \$3 Million annual aggregate for property damage and \$1 Million per person and \$3 Million per occurrence for bodily injury, which shall include the Town of South Hadley as an

additional insured, and which shall cover bodily injury, sickness or disease, or death of any person including employees and those persons other than the Contractor's employees, and claims insured by usual personal liability coverage, death, or property damage arising out of the Work including injury or destruction of tangible property, including loss of use resulting therefrom.

- b. Motor vehicle insurance for any motor vehicles used in performing the Work, with limits of at least \$500,000 per person, and \$1 Million per accident.
- c. The intent of the Specifications regarding insurance is to specify minimum coverage and minimum limits of liability acceptable under the Contract. However, it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to purchase and maintain insurance of such character and in such amounts as will adequately protect it and the Town from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses resulting from exposure to any casualty liability in the performance of the work, including and not limited to Professional liability insurance where applicable.
- d. All policies shall identify the Town as an additional insured (except Workers' Compensation). The Contractor shall notify the Town immediately upon the cancellation or amendment to any policy. Renewal Certificates shall be filed with the Town at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the required policies. Certificates evidencing all such coverage shall be provided to the Town upon the execution of this Contract, and upon the renewal of any such coverage. Each such certificate shall specifically refer to this Contract and shall state that such insurance is as required by this Contract. **Failure to provide the notices required in this Section or to continue in force such insurance shall be a material breach of this Contract and shall be grounds for immediate termination.** Said insurance shall include: Workers Compensation/Employers' Liability Insurance, Business Automobile Liability Insurance, and Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL). The CGL policy shall include coverage for liability arising from premises, operations, independent Contractors, personal injury, contractual liability. All Certificates of Insurance shall be on the "MIIA" or "ACORD" Certificate of Insurance form, shall contain true transcripts from the policies, authenticated by the proper officer of the Insurer, evidencing in particular those insured, the extent of coverage, the location and operations to which the insurance applies, the expiration date and the above-mentioned notice clauses. All insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis. Coverages shall be maintained without interruption from date of the Contract until date of final payment and termination of any coverage required to be maintained after payment.
- e. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Contract the insurance coverage in companies licensed to do business in the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts and acceptable to the Town.

23. Documents, Materials, Etc.

Any materials, reports, information, data, etc. given to or prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this Contract are to be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor (except agents, servants, or employees of the Contractor) without the prior written approval of the Town, except as otherwise required by law. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions Chapter 66A of the General Laws of Massachusetts as it relates to public documents, and all other state and federal laws and regulations relating to confidentiality, security, privacy and use of confidential data.

Any materials produced in whole or in part under this Contract shall not be subject to copyright, except by the Town, in the United States or any other country. The Town shall have unrestricted authority to, without payment of any royalty, commission, or additional fee of any type or nature, publicly disclose, reproduce, distribute and otherwise use, and authorize others to use, in whole or in part, any reports, data or other materials prepared under this Contract.

All data, reports, programs, software, equipment, furnishings, and any other documentation or product paid for by the Town shall vest in the Town at the termination of this Contract. The Contractor shall at all times, during or after termination of this Contract, obtain the prior written approval of the Town before making any statement bearing on the work performed or data collected under this Contract to the press or issues any material for publication through any medium.

24. No Employment

The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it is acting as an independent Contractor for all services rendered pursuant to this Contract, and neither the Contractor, nor its employees, agents, servants nor any person for whose conduct the Contractor is responsible shall be considered an employee or agent of the Town for any purpose and shall not file any claim or bring any action for any worker's compensation unemployment benefits and compensation for which they may otherwise be eligible as a Town employee as a result of work performed pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

25. Audit, Inspection and Recordkeeping

At any time during normal business hours, and as often as the Town may deem it reasonably necessary, there shall be available in the office of the Contractor for the purpose of audit, examination, and/or to make excerpts or transcript all records, contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Contract.

26. Payment

The Town agrees to make all reasonable efforts to pay to the Contractor the sum set forth in the Contractor's bid or proposal within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice detailing the work completed and acceptance from the Town of the work completed.

27. Waiver and Amendment

Amendments, or waivers of any additional term, condition, covenant, duty or obligation contained in this Contract may be made only by written amendment executed by all signatories to the original Contract, prior to the effective date of the amendment.

To the extent allowed by law, any conditions, duties, and obligations contained in this Contract may be waived only by written agreement by both parties.

Forbearance or indulgence in any form or manner by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor in any manner limit the legal or equitable remedies available to that party. No waiver by either party of any default or breach shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent default or breach of a similar or different matter.

28. Severability

If any term or condition of this Contract or any application thereof shall to any extent be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be deemed affected thereby unless one or both parties would be substantially or materially prejudiced.

29. Forum and Choice of Law

This Contract and any performance herein shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any and all proceedings or actions relating to subject matter herein shall be brought and maintained in the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the federal district court sitting in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit any other legal rights of the parties.

30. Notices

Any notice permitted or required under the provisions of this Contract to be given or served by either of the parties hereto upon the other party hereto shall be in writing and signed in the name or on the behalf of the party giving or serving the same. Notice shall be deemed to have been received at the time of actual service or three (3) business days after the date of a certified or registered mailing properly addressed. Notice to the Contractor shall be deemed sufficient if sent to the address set forth on page 1 or furnished from time to time in writing hereafter.

31. Binding on Successors:

This Contract is binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, assigns and legal representatives (and where not corporate, the heirs and estate of the Contractor). Neither the Town nor the Contractor shall assign or transfer any interest in the Contract without the written consent of the other.

32. Entire Agreement:

This Contract, including all documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the parties with respect to the matters described. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations and representations, either written or oral, and it shall not be modified or amended except by a written document executed by the parties hereto.

33. Supplemental Conditions:

The foregoing provisions apply to all contracts to which the Town of South Hadley shall be a party.

If this Contract is for Construction, the following provisions will apply:

See SUPPLEMENT S attached hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereto and to two other identical instruments set forth their hands and executed this as an instrument under seal this the day and year first above written.

The Town of South Hadley by:

The Contractor by:

Town Administrator⁵ Date

Signature Date

Print Name

Print Name & Title

Certified as to
Appropriation/Availability of Funds:

Town Accountant Date

Department Head Date

Print Name

Chief Procurement Officer:

Date
Certified as to Form

Town Counsel Date

⁵ Select Board Signatures required on Contracts \$250,000.00 and over.

BOTH CERTIFICATIONS ON THIS PAGE MUST BE EXECUTED

CERTIFICATION OF GOOD FAITH

The undersigned certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that this contract has been obtained in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word “person” shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

The Contractor by:

Print Name

Title/Authority

CERTIFICATE OF STATE TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 62C, Section 49A

_____, authorized signatory for
name of signatory

_____, whose
name of contractor

principal place of business is at _____,

_____ does hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that
_____ has paid all

name of contractor
Massachusetts taxes and has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Signature

Date

Name

Federal Tax ID # or Social Security #

BOTH CERTIFICATIONS ON THIS PAGE MUST BE EXECUTED

EXAMPLE CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

Action of Shareholders
Written Consent

(Date)

The undersigned, being the Shareholders of _____, a Massachusetts Corporation (the "Corporation") entitled to vote on the action, hereby consent to the adoption of the following votes:

VOTED: That the [President and/or the Vice President or named individual], each of them acting singly is, authorized to execute any and all Contract Documents and to enter into and negotiate the terms of all contracts and to accomplish same and to execute any and all documents, instruments, and agreements in order to effectuate the transaction and that said transaction shall be valid, binding, effective, and legally enforceable.

VOTED: That the officers are, and each of them acting singly is, authorized, from time to time, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation to take or cause to be taken all such action(s) as s/he or they, as the case may be, deem necessary, appropriate or advisable to effect the foregoing votes, as may be shown by the officer or officers execution or performance which shall be conclusive evidence that the same is authorized by the directors of this Corporation.

VOTED: That the officers are, and each of them acting singly is, authorized, from time to time, in the name and on behalf of this Corporation, under its corporate seal, if desired, attested by an appropriate officer, if desired, to execute, make oath to, acknowledge, deliver and file any and all of the agreements, instruments, certificates and documents referred to or related to the foregoing votes.

VOTED: That the officers are, and each of them acting singly is, authorized, from time to time and on behalf of this Corporation, under its corporate seal, if desired, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all agreements, instruments, certificates and documents referred to or related to the foregoing votes, with such changes as the officer or officers so acting may deem necessary or desirable, and the signature of such officer or officers to be conclusive evidence that the same is authorized by the directors of this Corporation.

Clerk of Corporation Certificate

I, _____ the Clerk of the foregoing corporation, do hereby certify that the above vote was taken at a duly called meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation on _____, 20__.

Clerk of Corporation

SEAL

