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# AMENDMENT TO 1 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN 2 THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS 3 AND 4 5 AARON, P.L.C. THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2014, 6 by and between the City of New Orleans, herein represented by Jacquelyn B. Clarkson, 7 8 President of the Council of the City of New Orleans (hereinafter referred to as "City"), and the law firm of Aaron and Gianna, PLC (herein represented by "William D. Aaron, 9 10 Jr."). 11 WITNESSETH WHEREAS, the City Council desires to engage qualified and professional 12 13 service consultants to provide cable/telecommunications consulting services to the City Council; and 14 WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion M-09-621 and the terms of the Request for 15 16 Qualifications the Council is authorized to renew and extend its existing 2013 contract with the firm of Aaron, P.L.C., now Aaron and Gianna, PLC, for the calendar year 2014; 17 18 and WHEREAS, pursuant to Motion M-13-486 adopted on December 19, 2013 19 the President of the Council is hereby authorized to sign a contract amendment with the 20 firm of Aaron and Gianna, PLC extending the contract through 2014 and increasing the 21 maximum compensation under such contract by Three Hundred Thousand Dollars 22 23 (\$300,000.00); and

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WHEREAS, the Chair of the Cable, Telecommunications and Technology

Committee, the Director of the City Council Utilities Regulatory Office and the Committee Consultants worked to produce Billing Guidelines for the Consultants which resulted in the establishment of "City Utility Regulatory Office (CURO) Billing Practices Policy for Cable, Telecommunications and Technology Committee Advisors October 3, 2013;" and

**WHEREAS,** all parties to the agreements dated January 1, 2010 desire to amend the agreement and have the necessary authority to do so.

## THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

- 1. To increase the maximum compensation payable under the terms of this agreement by "\$300,000.00" thereby increasing the amount on lines 2 and 5 of page 4 of 9 of the Agreement dated January 1, 2010 for the firm of Aaron and Gianna, PLC The maximum compensation for all services including professional hours and expenses shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). If there are any necessary and ordinary expenses attached to the work of the firm of Aaron and Gianna, PLC these expenses shall be reimbursable by the City but the total amount of such expenses, in addition to the fees shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).
- 2. To change the termination date of the agreement by deleting the date, "December 31, 2013" on line 15 of page 7 of 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the date "December 31, 2014."
- 3. It is agreed that Aaron and Gianna, PLC will submit invoices that conform with the "City Utility Regulatory Office (CURO) Billing Practices Policy for Cable, Telecommunications and Technology Committee Advisors October 3,

2013" as may be amended from time-to-time.

## 4. Convicted Felon

The Contractor swears that it complies with Section 2-8 (c) of the Code of the City of New Orleans. No Contractor principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

#### 5. Non-Solicitation

The Contractor swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for him, to solicit or secure the subject contract. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for him, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the subject contract.

## 6. <u>Inspector General Cooperation</u>

It is agreed that the contractor or applicant will abide by all provisions of City Code §2-1120, including but not limited to City Code §2-1120(12), which requires the contractor to provide the Office of Inspector General with documents and information as requested. Failure to comply with such requests shall constitute a material breach of the contract. In signing this contract, the contractor agrees that it is subject to the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish Civil District Court for purposes of challenging a subpoena.

#### 7. Ownership Interest

The Contractor shall provide a sworn affidavit listing all persons, natural or

artificial, with an ownership interest in the Contractor and stating that no other person holds an ownership interest in the contractor via a counter letter. For the purposes hereof, an "ownership interest" shall not be deemed to include ownership of stock in a publicly traded corporation or ownership of an interest in a mutual fund or trust that holds an interest in a publicly traded corporation. If the Contractor fails to submit the required affidavits, the City may, after 30 days' written notice to the prime Contractor, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payments until such the required affidavits are submitted.

# 8. Subcontractor Reporting

The Contractor shall provide a list of all persons, natural or artificial, who are retained by the Contractor at the time of the contract's execution and who are expected to perform work as subcontractors in connection with the Contractor's work for the city. In regard to any subcontractor proposed to be retained by the Contractor to perform work on the contract with the city, the Contractor must provide notice to the city within 30 days of retaining said subcontractor. If the Contractor fails to submit the required lists and notices, the City may, after 30 days' written notice to the prime Contractor, take such

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2	until such the required lists and notices are submitted.
3	IN WITNESS WHEREOF:
4	ATTEST CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
5 6 7 8	Jacquelyn B. Clarkson City Council President
9	Aaron and Gianna, PLC  By: William D. Aaron, Jr., Esq.
10 11 12	Suite 3800 201 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70170
13 14 15 16 17 18	Approved: