

CONTRACT FOR ASSESSING AND OPTIMIZING WEBSITE PERFORMANCE SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT entered into on _____ for Website Services for Assessing and Optimizing Website Performance, by and between the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, a political subdivision of the State of Florida**, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and **SILVERTECH, INC**, located at 196 Bridge Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104, hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor".

WHEREAS, the County recognized the need for assessing and optimizing the AmeliaIsland.com website in order to promote the destination; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Vendor was the only economically feasible source for these services given their original development and design of the AmeliaIsland.com website on the Kentico CMS platform, their history and knowledge of functional and performance requirements and their understanding of the Amelia Island brand. A copy of the Vendor's proposal is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and made part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein set forth, the County and the Vendor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Description of Services and/or Materials to be Provided

The County does hereby retain the Vendor to provide the services and/or materials further described in the *Technical Specifications/Scope of Work*, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment "A". This Contract standing alone does not authorize the performance of any work or require the County to place any orders for work.

SECTION 2. Receiving/Payment/Invoicing

No payment will be made for services and/or materials without proper County authorization and approval. The County shall pay the Vendor within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt and acceptance of invoice by the Assistant County Manager, pursuant to and in accordance with the promulgations set forth by the State of Florida's Prompt Payment Act. (Florida Statutes Section 218.70). The Vendor shall also submit a copy of all invoices submitted to the Assistant County Manager for payment to invoices@nassaucountyfl.com. Payment shall not be made until services and/or materials have been received, inspected and accepted by the County in the quantity and/or quality ordered. Payment will be accomplished by submission of an invoice,

with the contract number referenced thereon. Payment in advance of receipt of services and/or materials by the County cannot be made.

The invoice submitted shall be in sufficient detail as to item, quantity and price in order for the County to verify compliance with the awarded bid.

SECTION 3. Acceptance of Services and/or Materials

Receipt of services and/or materials shall not constitute acceptance. Final acceptance and authorization of payment shall be given only after a thorough inspection indicates that the services and/or materials meet bid specifications and conditions. Should the quantity and/or quality differ in any respect from specifications, payment will be withheld until such time as the Vendor takes necessary corrective action. If the proposed corrective action is not acceptable to the County, the County Manager's Office may authorize the recipient to refuse final acceptance of the quantity and/or quality received. Should a representative of the County agree to accept the services and/or materials on condition that the Vendor will correct their performance within a stipulated time period, then payment will be withheld until said corrections are made.

SECTION 4. Firm Prices

Prices for services and/or materials covered in the specifications of this Contract shall remain firm for the period of this Contract pursuant to pricing as reflected in Attachment "A." No additional fees or charges shall be accepted.

SECTION 5. Fund Availability

This Contract is deemed effective only to the extent that appropriations are available. Pursuant to Florida Statutes all appropriations lapse at the end of the Fiscal Year. Multi-year awards may be adequately funded but the County reserves the right not to appropriate for an ongoing procurement if it is deemed in its best interest.

SECTION 6. Expenses

The Vendor shall be responsible for all expenses incurred while performing the services under this Contract. This includes, without limitation, license fees, memberships, and dues; automobile and other travel expenses; meals and entertainment; insurance premiums; and all salary, expenses and other compensation paid to the Vendor's agents, if any, hired by the Vendor to complete the work under this Contract.

SECTION 7. Taxes

The County is tax exempt. As such, the County will not pay any Federal Excise or State of Florida Sales Tax. The Vendor will refrain from including taxes in any billing.

SECTION 8. Laws Governing this Contract

This Contract shall be consistent with, and be governed by, the Ordinances of Nassau County, the laws and rules of the State of Florida, both procedural and substantive, and applicable federal statutes, rules and regulations. Any and all litigation arising under this Contract shall be brought in Nassau County, Florida. Any mediation, pursuant to litigation, shall occur in Nassau County, Florida.

SECTION 9. Changes

The County reserves the right to order, in writing, changes in the work within the scope of the Contract, such as change in quantity or delivery schedule. The Vendor has the right to request an equitable price adjustment in cases where changes to the Contract under the authority of this clause result in increased costs to the Vendor.

SECTION 10. Modifications

In addition to modifications made under the changes clause, this Contract may be modified within the scope of the Contract upon the written and mutual consent of both parties, and approval by appropriate legal authority in the County.

SECTION 11. Assignment & Subcontracting

The Vendor will not be permitted to assign its Contract with the County, or to subcontract any of the work requirements to be performed without obtaining prior written approval by the County.

SECTION 12. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Contract is, for any reason, held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 13. Termination for Default

The performance of the Contract may be terminated by the County in accordance with this clause, in whole or in part, in writing, whenever the County shall determine that the Vendor has failed to meet the requirements as outlined in this Contract.

SECTION 14. Termination for Convenience

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The County reserves the right to terminate the Contract in whole or part by giving the Vendor written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Upon receipt of written notice of termination from the County, the Vendor shall only provide those services and/or materials specifically approved or directed by the County. All other rights and duties of the parties under the Contract shall continue during such notice period, and the County shall continue to be responsible to the Vendor for the payment of any obligations to the extent such responsibility has not been excused by breach or default of the Vendor.

SECTION 15. Force Majeure

Neither party of this Contract shall be liable to the other for any cost or damages if the failure to perform the Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the parties. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of nature, fires, quarantine restriction, strikes and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of the party.

SECTION 16. Access and Audits

The Vendor shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in providing the services and materials for at least three (3) years after completion of this Contract. The County and the Clerk of Courts shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this Section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the County's or the Clerk's cost, upon five (5) days' written notice.

SECTION 17. Vendor Responsibilities

The Vendor will provide the services and materials agreed upon in a timely and professional manner in accordance with specifications referenced herein and in accordance with the *Technical Specifications/Scope of Work*, Attachment "A."

SECTION 18. Public Emergencies

The Vendor shall agree before, during, and after a public emergency, disaster, hurricane, tornado, flood, or other acts of nature that the County shall require a "First Priority" for services and materials. It is vital and imperative that the majority of citizens are protected from any emergency situation that threatens public health and safety, as determined by the County. The Vendor agrees to sell all materials to and perform all services for the County or governmental entities on a "First Priority" basis. The County expects to pay a fair and reasonable price for all services and materials rendered or contracted in the event of a disaster, emergency, hurricane, tornado or other acts of nature.

SECTION 19. Period of Contract/Option to Extend or Renew

The performance period of this Contract shall begin on October 1, 2022 for services rendered through September 30, 2023. The performance period of this Contract may be renewed in one (1) year increments, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, for up to two (2) additional years maximum upon mutual written agreement between the Vendor and the County with no change in terms or conditions. Any extensions shall be signed and approved by both parties. Any Contract or amendment to the Contract shall be subject to fund availability and mutual written agreement between the County and the Vendor.

SECTION 20. Independent Vendor Status

Vendor and County agree that: (a) Vendor has the right to perform services for others during the term of this Contract; (b) Vendor has the sole right to control and direct the means, manner and method by which the services required by this Contract will be performed; (c) Vendor has the right to perform the services required by this Contract at any location or time; (d) Vendor has the right to hire assistants as subcontractors, or to use employees to provide the services required by this Contract.

SECTION 21. Indemnification and Insurance

Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless County and its agents and employees from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of Vendor and any persons employed or utilized by Vendor, in the performance of the Contract.

Vendor shall maintain such commercial (occurrence form) or comprehensive general liability, workers compensation, professional liability, and other insurance as is detailed in Exhibit "1" and as is appropriate for the goods or services being performed hereunder by Vendor, its employees or agents.

SECTION 22. Dispute Resolution

The County may utilize this section, at their discretion, as to disputes regarding Contract interpretation. The County may send a written communication to the Vendor by email, overnight mail, UPS, FedEx, or certified mail. The written notification shall set forth the County's interpretation of the Contract. A response shall be provided in the same manner prior to the initial meeting with the County Manager. This initial meeting shall take place no more than twenty (20)

days from the written notification of the dispute addressed to the Vendor. The Vendor should have a representative, at the meeting that can render a decision on behalf of the Vendor.

If there is no satisfactory resolution as to the interpretation of the contract, the dispute may be submitted to mediation in accordance with mediation rules as established by the Florida Supreme Court. Mediators shall be chosen by the County and the cost of mediation shall be borne by the Vendor. The Vendor shall not stop work during the pendency of mediation or dispute resolution.

SECTION 23. E-Verify System

Consultant must comply with F.S. 448.095 and use the United States Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system ("E-Verify") to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by Consultant during the term of this Agreement to work in Florida. Additionally, if Consultant uses subcontractors to perform any portion of the Work (under this Agreement), Consultant must include a requirement in the subcontractor's contract that the subcontractor use E-Verify to verify the employment eligibility of all persons hired by subcontractor to perform any such portion of the Work. Answers to questions regarding E-Verify as well as instructions on enrollment may be found at the E-Verify website: www.uscis.gov/e-verify.

SECTION 24. Public Records

The County is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. **IF THE VENDOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE VENDOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT (904) 530-6090, RECORDS@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM, 96135 NASSAU PLACE, YULEE, FLORIDA 32097.** Under this agreement, to the extent that the Vendor is providing services to the County, and pursuant to section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, the Vendor shall:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
- b. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as

otherwise provided by law.

c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Contract term and following completion of the Contract if the Vendor does not transfer the records to the public agency.

d. Upon completion of the Contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the Vendor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the Vendor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Vendor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the Vendor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

SECTION 25. Request for Records; Noncompliance

A request to inspect or copy public records relating to a public agency's contract for materials must be made directly to the public agency. If the public agency does not possess the requested records, the public agency shall immediately notify the Vendor of the request, and the Vendor must provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

If a Vendor does not comply with the public agency's request for records, the public agency shall enforce the Contract provisions in accordance with the Contract.

A Vendor who fails to provide the public records to the public agency within a reasonable time may be subject to penalties under §119.10, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 26. Civil Action

If a civil action is filed against the Vendor to compel production of public records relating to the Contract, the Court shall assess and award against the Vendor the reasonable costs of enforcement, including reasonable attorney fees if:

(a) The Court determines that the Vendor unlawfully refused to comply with the public records request within a reasonable time; and

(b) At least eight (8) business days before filing the action, the plaintiff provided written notice of the public records request, including a statement that the Vendor has not complied with the request, the public agency and to the Vendor.

A notice complies with subparagraph (b), if it is sent to the public agency's custodian of public records and to the Vendor at the Vendor's address listed on its Contract with the public agency or to the Vendor's registered agent. Such notices must be sent by common carrier delivery service or by registered, Global Express Guaranteed, or certified mail, with postage or shipping paid by the sender and with evidence of delivery, which may be in an electronic format.

A Vendor who complies with a public records request within eight (8) business days after the notice is sent is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

SECTION 27. Disclosure of Litigation, Investigations, Arbitration or Administrative Decisions

The Vendor, during the term of this Contract, or any extension, has a continual duty to properly disclose to the County Attorney, in writing, upon occurrence, all civil or criminal litigation, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceeding involving the Vendor. If the existence of the proceeding causes the County concerns that the Vendor's ability or willingness to perform this contract is jeopardized, the Vendor may be required to provide the County with reasonable written assurance to demonstrate the Vendor can perform the terms and conditions of the Contract.

SECTION 28. Entire Agreement

The written terms and provisions of this Contract shall supersede all prior verbal statements of any official or other representative of the County. Such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into, or forming a part of, or altering in any manner whatsoever, this Contract or Contract Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract which shall be deemed an original on this day and year first above written.

Contract No.: CM 3256

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JEFF GRAY
Its: Chairman

Attest as to authenticity of the
Chair's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the
Nassau County Attorney

Denise C. May 12/1/2022

DENISE C. MAY

SILVERTECH, INC.

Yuvraj Soggu

By: Yuvraj Soggu
Its: President
Date: 12/1/2022

Initials: _____

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Attachment A - Technical Specifications/Scope of Work

1. Services

SilverTech will provide to Client the Services as defined below, on an as needed basis. Services on a monthly basis may not include all of these activities but will be built into a project plan to reach Client goals for assessing and optimizing the website's performance. SilverTech and Client will work together to manage hours usage:

- Assessment of Google Analytics, goals tracking, dashboard set up;
- Continued oversight and consultation on website goals and KPIs to measure against and provide ongoing reporting and recommendations for improvements;
- Website maintenance and enhancements;
- CMS training;
- Monthly meetings, at minimum, with key Client stakeholders to review performance and recommendations;
- Four (4) email newsletters per month;
- Meetings, project management and reporting; and
- SilverTech and Client will need to collaborate and work closely together to prioritize marketing activities to fit the intended monthly allocation on an on-going basis.

The parties agree that any work performed outside the scope of the defined Services shall be pursuant to a separate written agreement executed by both parties and shall be invoiced separately at the current hourly rate of \$175.00.

2. Fees

Upon completion of the monthly service, the "Twelve (12) Month Fee" for such Services shall be non-refundable and shall be invoiced in twelve (12) monthly payments unless adjusted pursuant to Section 3. The fee shall be \$122,149.92, equivalent to 698 hours based on the number of agreed upon project hours. The Agreement is based upon the parties' estimate of hours for the next twelve (12) months.

3. Payment

- a. **Payment Terms.** On the first day of each month, SilverTech shall generate an invoice in the amount commensurate with the number of hours worked on Amelia Island programs multiplied by the agreed upon hourly rate of \$175.00.

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- b. **Adjustments.** If at any time prior to the expiration of the twelve (12) month period, or any twelve (12) month period thereafter, the allocated hours for the entire period have been utilized, the parties may mutually agree by a separate written agreement executed by both parties to add to the allocated hours and negotiate a new Agreed Upon Fee for a new twelve (12) month period, or terminate the Agreement.