

## **AMENDMENT NO. 4**

This Amendment modifies Contract No. 1950-17746, for Consulting Services for Juvenile Client Services Management System by and between the County of Cook, Illinois, herein referred to as "County" and Clarity Partners, LLC, authorized to do business in the State of Illinois hereinafter referred to as "Contractor":

### **RECITALS**

Whereas, the County and Contractor have entered into a Contract approved by the County Board on November 19, 2020, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contract"), wherein the Contractor is to provide Consulting Services for Juvenile Client Services Management System (hereinafter referred to as the "Services") from December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$548,540.00, with two (2) one (1) year renewal options; and

Whereas, Amendment No. 1 was authorized by the County Board on October 20, 2022 to renew the Contract for twelve (12) months beginning December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$200,000.00 and the Total Contract Amount was revised to \$748,540.00; and

Whereas, Amendment No. 2 was executed by the Chief Procurement Officer on January 25, 2024, to add The Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender to the Contract and renew the Contract for twelve (12) months beginning December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, in the amount of \$120,400.00 and the Total Contract Amount was revised to \$868,940.00; and

Whereas, Amendment No. 3 was authorized by the County Board on November 21, 2024, to extend the Contract for twelve (12) months beginning December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025; and

Whereas, the Contract will expire November 30, 2025, and the agreed upon Services are still required; and

Whereas, pursuant to Article 10 Section C of the Contract, the County and Contractor desire to extend the Contract for twelve (12) months beginning December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026.

Now therefore, in consideration of mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed by and between the parties to amend the Contract as follows:

1. The Contract is extended through November 30, 2026.
2. Article 10, Section C, Contract Amendments, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

The parties may during the term of the Contract make amendments to the Contract but only as provided in this section. Such amendments shall only be made by mutual agreement in writing.

In the case of Contracts not approved by the Board, the Chief Procurement Officer may amend a contract provided that the total cost of all such amendments does not increase the total amount of the Contract by \$200,000 or more. Such action may only be made with the advance written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer. If the amendment increases the total award amount by \$200,000 or more, then Board approval will be required.

No Using Agency or employee thereof has authority to make any amendments to this Contract. Any amendments to this Contract made without the express written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer is void and unenforceable.

Consultant is hereby notified that, except for amendments which are made in accordance with this Section 10.C. Contract Amendments, no Using Agency or employee thereof has authority to make any amendment to this Contract

3. Exhibit 4, Cook County Travel Policy, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment A.
4. The attached updated Identification of Sub-Contractors/Suppliers/Sub-Consultants Form, MBE/WBE Utilization Plan forms, certificate of insurance, and Economic Disclosures Statement under Attachment B are incorporated and made a part of this Contract.
5. All other terms and conditions remain as stated in the Contract.

In witness whereof and pursuant to authority of the Chief Procurement Officer the County and Contractor have caused this Amendment No. 4 to be executed on the date and year last written below.

**County of Cook, Illinois**

By: Raffi Sarrafian Digitally signed by Raffi Sarrafian  
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Chief Procurement Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clarity Partners, LLC**

  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rodney S. Zech  
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Type or print name

By: N/A  
State's Attorney (if applicable)

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**Managing Member**  
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Title

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11/26/2025 \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT A**



## COOK COUNTY BUREAU OF FINANCE

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### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### A. Overview

Applicable law provides that Employees and Officials are entitled to reimbursement for certain business and travel expenses.<sup>1</sup> This policy sets forth the business and travel expense reimbursement policy for the County of Cook (“County”), and it establishes guidelines for the reimbursement of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses incurred on behalf of the County. The County will not reimburse Employees and Officials for expenditures that do not comply with the provisions of this policy.

#### B. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the payment of authorized and Necessary Business Expenses that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code, and to enable Employees and Officials to successfully execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs, resulting in the best value for the County. The Chief Financial Officer (or designee) may be contacted for clarification as needed.

#### C. Intent

This policy is intended to be interpreted consistent with and subject to applicable law and other related County policies. *See* Related Policies below. It supersedes all previous policies and/or memoranda that may have been issued from time to time on subjects covered in this policy or other policies that may contain provisions related to reimbursement for business and travel expenses. This policy is not intended for tuition reimbursement. *See* Related Policies. This policy is not intended to supersede or limit the County from enforcing programs or provisions in any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

#### D. Severability

If any section or provision of this document should be held invalid by operation of law, none of the remainder shall be affected.

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<sup>1</sup> *See* Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/9.5.



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### E. Jurisdiction

The Cook County Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Budget and Management Services (“Budget”) and the Comptroller are authorized to develop and issue policies and procedures for business and travel expense reimbursement.

### F. Areas Affected

This policy and the procedures associated with this policy applies to all elected and appointed Officials and Employees in departments, offices, institutions or agencies of the County, including but not limited to the offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority (“Land Bank Authority”), Veteran Assistance Commission of Cook County, and the Public Administrator (hereinafter, “Agencies” or “Agency”) who incur Necessary Business Expenses while conducting official business on behalf of the County.

### G. Nondiscrimination

Cook County prohibits the discriminatory application, implementation, or enforcement of any provision of this policy based on race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity or housing status, or any other protected category established by law, statute, or ordinance.

### H. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following terms shall be given the following meanings as set forth below:

*Affidavit for Lost Receipts* means the form submitted by the Employee or Official to request reimbursement of eligible Necessary Business Expenses when itemized receipts are not available due to being lost or stolen.

*Agency or Agencies* means offices and departments under the jurisdiction of the County Board President, the Board of Commissioners, Cook County State’s Attorney, Cook County Sheriff, Cook County Public Defender, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook County Treasurer, Cook County Clerk, Cook



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County Assessor, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Board of Review, the Office of the Independent Inspector General, the Cook County Land Bank Authority, Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County, and the Public Administrator.

*Alternative Worksite* means an employee's work location other than the County employee's Official Worksite. This definition may include an Employee or Official's residence when telecommuting or may include the location of a field assignment or 3<sup>rd</sup> party meeting in certain circumstances.

*Appropriate Authorizing Party (or designee)* means the Employee or Official authorized to commit County resources and to preapprove expenses for purposes of reimbursement and to approve reimbursements under this policy, per section (J)(1)(c) below.

*Appropriated Funds or Funding* means money allocated by legislation passed by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners, whether from an annual appropriation, multi-year appropriation, appropriated user fee, mandatory appropriation, or reimbursements from such appropriations, etc.

*Expense Report (or ER)* means the reimbursement form submitted by the Employee or Official to the Appropriate Approving Party for authorization of expense reimbursement.

*Common carrier* means Non-local travel by airplane, train (i.e., Amtrak, or similar), bus (i.e., Greyhound, or similar).

*Commuting* means travel between the Official's or Employee's residence and the Official's or Employee's Official Worksite.

*County* means Cook County.

*County vehicle* means travel by pool fleet or similar.

*Employee* means an individual employed by an Agency.

*Local travel* means travel within a 60-mile radius from the Official's or Employee's Official Worksite, for official County business.



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*Necessary Business Expenses* mean authorized out-of-pocket expenses or losses that are incurred by the Official or Employee in the discharge of employment or official duties, that inure to the primary benefit of the County and can't be procured under the County's Procurement Code or Direct Pay Policy. The County will not be responsible for losses or expenses incurred due to an Employee's or Official's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft unless the theft was due to the County's negligence.

*Non-local travel* means travel in excess of a 60-mile radius from the Official's or Employee's Official Worksite, for official County business.

*Official Worksite* means the worksite to which the Official or Employee is typically assigned.

*Personal leased vehicle* means travel by a leased vehicle, or similar, that is not a vehicle that is leased by the County as part of the County's fleet.

*Personally owned or Personal vehicle* means travel by a vehicle that is personally owned by the Employee, Official, or similar.

*Pre-Authorization Form* means the form submitted by the Requester seeking reimbursement for a Necessary Business Expense.

*Public transportation* means local travel by CTA, Pace, Metra, or similar.

*Rental Car* means travel by vehicle hired from a car rental agency for a short period of time during Non-local official County business.

*Requester* means the Employee or Official seeking reimbursement.

*Ride share or ride sharing* means travel by Taxi, Shuttle, Lyft, Uber, Divvy, Zip Car, or similar.

*Transportation Expense Voucher* means a mileage reimbursement voucher for authorized use of personally owned vehicles in the conduct of official County business.



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### I. Responsibilities of Employees, Management, and County Officials

Employees and Officials requesting Necessary Business Expense reimbursements are responsible for ensuring that the reimbursement request is truthful and accurate, complies with all applicable policies, is properly authorized before the expense is incurred, and is supported by the required receipts and documentation. Strict conformance with this policy is required to ensure eligibility for reimbursement when incurring expenses on behalf of the County and/or requesting expense reimbursements. Fraudulent or improper submissions for reimbursement may lead to disciplinary action or ethics fines/penalties. In addition, using or attempting to use this expense reimbursement policy when an Employee or Official should be using the Procurement Code process to purchase items or services on behalf of the County may lead to the expense being ineligible for reimbursement.

Moreover, any Employee or Official who receives an unauthorized or an erroneously issued reimbursement payment from the County, must immediately return such payment within thirty (30) days from the time the Employee or Official has become aware of the unauthorized or erroneous reimbursement or notice from the Comptroller's Office or the Budget Office. Failure to comply with this provision will result in disciplinary or other appropriate action depending on the Employee(s) or Official(s) involved and the specific circumstances. In the event repayment is made by an Employee or Official through payroll deduction, the Comptroller's Office will handle in accordance with its procedures for payroll deductions.

Strict adherence to the County's Code of Ethical Conduct and Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance is required. Expenditures that do not comply with the County's Ethics Ordinance or Office of the Independent Inspector General Ordinance and this policy shall be denied and may be referred to the Board of Ethics or Inspector General for investigation. For example, expenditures made in connection with "prohibited political activity," as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code, shall not be reimbursed.

Each Appropriate Authorizing Party is responsible for ensuring that all expenditures made on behalf of the County comply with all applicable policies. Additionally, each Appropriate Authorizing Party is accountable for the appropriate use of County funds and must verify that all Necessary Business Expenses are budgeted and charged to the proper account(s). In addition, before approving any expense reimbursement, the Authorizing Party must ensure that the requesting Employee or Official received pre-authorization to incur the expense where required, the expense is legitimate, properly documented, and, if proper procedures are not followed, not approving the reimbursement request. Failure to adhere to



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these obligations may result in appropriate corrective action, including but not limited to disciplinary action, depending on the Employees(s) or Official(s) involved and the specific circumstances.

The Chief Financial Officer has designated the Director of Budget and Management Services to monitor County practices to ensure compliance with, and answer questions concerning, the information presented in this policy.

### J. Policy and Procedures

General. The County has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure County resources are used responsibly and that Employees and Officials do not incur inappropriate or excessive expenses or gain financially from the County. Necessary Business Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with IRS guidelines and with the provisions of this policy, provided there is sufficient funding for this purpose in the Department's budget and doing so would not circumvent the Cook County Procurement Code. A Necessary Business Expense must have a clear and legitimate business purpose. All out of country travel-related expenditures will conform to the IRS guidelines and the U.S. General Services Administration whenever possible. See, <https://www.gsa.gov/travel-resources>. Where compliance with IRS and the U.S. General Services Administration guidelines cannot be met, approval of such expense must be documented by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Excessive costs or unjustifiable costs are not acceptable and will not be reimbursed.

1. Appropriated Funding. Expenditures shall be charged to the appropriate account of the department incurring the expense, as designated in the department's annual appropriation.
2. Grant requirements. Expenditures connected to and/or funded by a grant award (or other financial awards) shall be made in accordance with the grantor's requirements, and reimbursement will be made at the rate specified by the grant (or other financial award), or if no specified rate, at the County's rate defined by this policy.
3. Appropriate Authorizing Party. Necessary Business Expenses using the Pre-Authorization Form must be submitted for pre-authorization, unless otherwise specified under section IV.B of the policy, to the Requester's:
  - (a) Department Head or managing supervisor, if requested by an Employee within the Department except where the Bureau Chief has indicated by internal memo or policy that Bureau Chief approval is required;



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- (b) Bureau Chief, if requested by a Department Head;
- (c) Chief of Staff, if requested by a Bureau Chief;
- (d) Employing Official, if requested by a Chief of Staff or
- (e) where there is no person in a higher-level position within the Requester's organizational chart to authorize the expense, such as an Official, the reimbursement request shall be referred to the Agency's Chief of Staff, where applicable or the Budget Director if the Agency does not employ a Chief of Staff for pre-authorization.

**Individuals are strictly prohibited from authorizing their own requests to incur and be reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense. The Appropriate Authorizing Party must confirm there is available funding in the Agency's appropriated annual budget prior to approving the Pre-Authorization Form.**

4. The reimbursement request shall be submitted in a form or manner established by the Budget Director (i.e., Expense Report) upon review and approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party or their designee.

## II. INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

The following expenses are not Necessary Business Expenses and shall not be reimbursed under this policy:

- A. Expenditures made in connection with "prohibited political activity," as defined in section 2-562 of the Cook County Code or that violate the Ethics Code, 2-560 et. seq.;
- B. Expenses incurred without proper pre-authorization unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;
- C. Expenses incurred in excess of the allowable limits in this policy unless otherwise approved in writing by the Appropriate Authorizing Party as set forth herein;
- D. Expenses for leasing or purchasing items for workspace/office, such as furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or software, cell phones, electronic services or support, or decorative items. To the extent that items, furniture, technology equipment, computer hardware or



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software, and/or equipment are needed because of or based on an ADA reasonable accommodation request, please refer to the Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities.

- E. Expenses incurred in connection with normal commuting between home and work, including but not limited to mileage, parking, and toll expenses;
- F. Expenses for personal meals or other food or drink items while remaining local and not traveling overnight on official business;
- G. Traffic citations, parking tickets, and other fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to parking or moving violations;
- H. Lost or stolen cash or personal property;
- I. Monthly payments for leasing personal vehicles, except payments for vehicles leased by an Official for both business and personal use (with reimbursement amount limited to the portion expended for business use) in accordance with Cook County Ordinance Section 34-40 and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party;
- J. Personal calls;
- K. Personal items, including but not limited to toiletries, luggage, clothing, medications, appliances, and decorative items;
- L. Personal entertainment items, including but not limited to, magazines, books, movie rentals, and event tickets (sporting, theater, musical, etc.), and/or recreational activities;
- M. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or controlled substances;
- N. Food, except as permitted pursuant to Sections III.A. and III.B. below;
- O. Sponsorships or donations;
- P. Appliances (e.g. microwaves, refrigerators, toasters);
- Q. Sporting goods;



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- R. Flowers, gift cards, and gifts, or similar types of costs;
- S. Credit card or other late fees due to the Employee's or Official's actions;
- T. Charges related to modifications to travel arrangements, including but not limited to itinerary changes or cancellations, unless such change or cancellation is based on an exigent circumstance not within the Employee's or Official's own making and for which the Employee or Official is unable to receive a reimbursement or credit against the travel arrangement;
- U. Convenience fees, including but not limited to, early check-in, late check-out, and TSA pre-check;
- V. Hotel incidentals, such as, but not limited to, room upgrades, room service, health club fees, in-room entertainment fees, and laundry fees;
- W. Flight insurance or other supplemental travel insurance;
- X. Guest travel costs and expenses;
- Y. International travel, without written pre-authorization from the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the Budget Director, as applicable;
- Z. Personal portions of a trip combined with business travel, including but not limited to extended stays and travel to/from other destination(s);
- AA. Upgrades, including but not limited to, special "club" floors or access, seat or cabin upgrades, premium fuel, premium rides, valet parking; and,
- BB. Expenses without required proof of payments;
- CC. Other expenses of a purely personal nature and not listed as reimbursable in these guidelines.

### III. ELIGIBLE REIMBURSABLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES

The following expenses are considered Necessary Business Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement contingent on compliance with this policy.



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### A. Food Supplies

Appropriated Funds shall not be used to purchase food, except in the following limited circumstances. The department incurring costs shall provide supporting details as required by the Budget Director to request reimbursements.

1. **Ceremonial Events:** The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored, public facing ceremonial events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance the event in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. Departments may host Ceremonial events no more than quarterly and the cost of any such event is limited to \$20 per person.
2. **Budget Hearings and Board Meetings:** The use of Appropriated Funds by the Secretary to the Board to provide food for Officials and Employees actively participating in budget hearings or board meetings, to facilitate the efficient and timely resolution of such hearings before the Board of Commissioners, is permissible.
3. **Community Events:** The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages, at County sponsored community engagement events when it has been determined that such food would materially enhance public participation in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. The food and beverages cost shall be limited to **approximately** \$20.00 per person.
4. **Employee Morale Events.** The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages or to provide lunch, for Officials and/or Employees scheduled to boost Employee morale or in recognition of Employees when it has determined by the hosting Agency that such food would materially enhance participation and boost morale in furtherance of the objectives of the event is permissible. Departments may host employee morale events no more than twice per year and the cost of any such event is limited to \$20 per person.
5. **Trainings:** The use of Appropriated Funds to provide light refreshments, such as snacks and beverages for training events, or meals at full-day or after hour training events hosted by an Agency is permissible. The cost of such refreshments and beverages shall be limited to \$20 per person.



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### B. Registration Fees

Registration fees for non-County government conferences, meetings, seminars, training sessions, professional development, continuing education related to professional licensing requirements or similar events may be reimbursed. Reimbursements may include the cost of any food included in the registration fee. Every effort should be made to take advantage of early registration or group rate discounts. Employees and Officials must execute their registration in accordance with Section IV. below.

### C. Professional Licensing Fees and Certifications

Licensing, registration or certification fees that are related to and required by federal, state or local statutes and ordinances that are required as a condition of being hired and holding an employee's position may be reimbursed. Employees and Officials must execute reimbursements for such requests in accordance with Section IV. below.

### D. Travel Expenses

In order for an Employee or Official to be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses, all travel for official County business should be prudently planned so that the County's best interests are served at the most reasonable cost considering travel time and work requirements. Employees and Officials should make best efforts to execute their Local and Non-local travel requirements at the lowest reasonable costs to the County by purchasing ticket(s) in advance, searching for lowest prices, requesting the government rate where available or utilizing a travel agent, etc. The requesting departments are encouraged to utilize the appropriate procurement method such as use of travel agencies and [e-payable options](#), before considering incurring costs out of pocket.

1. Types of Travel that are Eligible for Reimbursement. The County recognizes the following activities as appropriate travel purposes for official County business:
  - (a) Delivery of legislative testimony or address legislative agenda;
  - (b) As a stipulation or condition of grant funding or otherwise required for County or federal certification;
  - (c) Presentation on behalf of the County at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar;



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- (d) Financial or tax audit;
- (e) Site visit or operational evaluation related to Agency improvement efforts;
- (f) Court proceeding or case preparation, where the Employee is appearing on behalf of the County or the Employee needs to engage in witness preparation, investigation or take depositions.
- (g) Law enforcement, building and zoning, revenue, ethics, environmental, medical examiner or other investigation approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party; and
- (h) Attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar, training session, or similar, provided that the topic is of critical interest to the County; representation at the event is in the best interest of the County; and the topic is related to an Employee's or Official's professional development. Agencies should attempt to limit the number of attendees by event.

2. **Modes of Local Travel.** Authorized modes of transportation for Local Travel include: (1) public transportation; (2) County vehicles; (3) taxi, ride sharing; and (4) Personally owned or Leased vehicles (approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party).
3. **Modes of Non-local Travel.** Authorized modes of transportation for Non-local travel include County vehicles, Personally owned or Leased vehicles if approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party, Rental Car, and Common Carriers.
4. **General rule for travel.** Travel expenses are eligible for reimbursement provided that the least expensive mode of transportation is used, considering travel time, cost, and work requirements unless otherwise approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. Please note that employees who receive a stipend are not eligible for mileage reimbursement.
5. **Eligible Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses:** Local travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.
  - (a) **Travel by County vehicle.** When the Employee or Official uses a County vehicle, only fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.



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(b) *Travel by taxi or ride share.* When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges and fees) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the metered fare, whichever amount is greater.

(c) *Travel by Personal vehicle.* When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. Mileage requested to be reimbursed may be calculated using the County's Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS; <https://apps.cookcountyl.gov/voucher/public/>) or other platform that allows mileage calculation (e.g., Google Map). The voucher or other proof of calculated mileage (i.e. Google Maps) shall be submitted along with the Expense Report to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

- i. Normal commute is not eligible for mileage reimbursement. However, if the mileage to an Alternative Worksite is greater than the normal commute to and from the Official Worksite, then the Employee or Official is entitled to reimbursement for mileage in excess, of their normal commute.
- ii. On approved Telecommuting days, consistent with the Policy, an employee may be reimbursed for the distance traveled from their home to the Alternative Worksite, but must deduct their normal commute from the total milage. For example, an employee's normal commute is 15 miles. Should the employee be required to report to a site on a telecommuting day, any distance above the employees' normal commutable distance (e.g., 15 miles) can be reimbursed for the initial commute from their home to work location, or for their commute home from their final work location. Should travel be required between multiple locations during the day, the entire amount between the first location (away from home) and final work location (away from home) can be reimbursed.
- iii. The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned



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vehicle for Local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc.

- iv. The Employee or Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle and submit a copy of these insurance policies to the appropriate personnel within their department. The Employee or Official's personal insurance is primary in the event of an accident.
- (d) *Local Public Transportation.* When the Employee or Official uses local public transportation, such as Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and trains, for a local travel performed for the County's official business, the total cost is eligible for reimbursements. Itemized receipts are not required for the total cost of less than \$10.00 per day.

6. **Eligible Non-Local Transportation Reimbursable Expenses:** Non-Local Travel that is performed for official County business may be permissible if authorized by the Appropriate Approving Party.

- (a) *Travel by Personal vehicle.* When the Employee or Official uses a Personal vehicle per the approval of the Appropriate Authorizing Party, only mileage, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement. Mileage reimbursement for County business is limited to the current standard IRS deduction rate for business related transportation currently in effect and authorized by the Bureau of Finance. The mileage must be supported by detailed mileage logs including date(s) of travel, number of miles driven, locations traveled to and from, and business purpose. Mileage requested to be reimbursed may be calculated using the mileage calculator in the Transportation Expense Voucher System (TEVS) or other platform that allows mileage calculation (e.g., Google Map). This documentation shall be attached to the Expense Report and submitted to the Appropriate Authorizing Party.

The IRS per-mile rate is generally established annually (but may be subject to a mid-year increase) and covers the total cost of operating a personally owned vehicle for Non-local Travel, including such items as gasoline, oil, maintenance, repairs, etc. The mileage reimbursement per trip may not exceed the cost of the lowest available non-stop, roundtrip airfare to/from the destination. The Employee or



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Official must carry liability and property damage insurance for business use of their Personal or Personally leased vehicle.

- (b) *Travel by Rental Car.* Travel by Rental Car is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by an itemized receipt which lists the date, time, location of the rental, rental rate, and vehicle class. The choice of vehicle class must be reasonable based on the circumstances. When the Employee or Official uses a rental car, only daily rental rates, taxes, surcharges, car rental insurance, fuel, parking, and toll expenses are eligible for reimbursement.
- (c) *Travel by Common Carrier.* Travel by common carrier is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler's name, the date, time, point of origin and destination, fare class purchased, and any other related costs for each leg of the trip. When the Employee or Official uses a common carrier, only the fare, taxes, surcharges, and any standard baggage fees are eligible for reimbursement. The fare reimbursement will be based on the most economical fare available that meets the requirements of the Employee's or Official's agenda.
- (d) *International travel.* All international travel is subject to pre-authorization by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and Budget Director. Employee's and Official's shall convert all foreign expenses to U.S. currency at the exchange rate applicable when the expense was paid and reflect the expenses incurred in U.S. dollars on the Expense Report . Official documentation of the exchange rate(s) applied to the expenses incurred, published at <https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/> must accompany all receipts.
- (e) *Meal and incidental expense reimbursement.* Meal and incidental expense reimbursements are limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay. The employee or Official on non-local overnight business necessary travel will be reimbursed up to the federal travel allowance for meals and incidental expenses, including taxes and gratuity published by the General Services Administration (GSA) at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. Itemized receipts or a proof of payments are not required for the reimbursement for travel meals unless otherwise noted in this policy.



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Reimbursement for meals and incidental expenses shall be limited to the expenses incurred during the time spent traveling for County business; 75% of the expenses submitted for reimbursement on the first and last days of travel, and 100% of the expenses on the other days.

If an employee assumes the charge for another employee, the employee shall identify other employees' costs and request the reimbursement of the total costs up to the allowance established by the GSA per person. To seek reimbursements for meals which include other employees' costs that exceed their daily allowance, the employee must submit the itemized receipts and proof of payments. The employee assuming the expense shall clearly note on their receipt who the other employee(s) were for which the expense was assumed. Further, the other employees whose meal costs are assumed by another employee shall deduct the cost of the meal from their reimbursement request for the meal. (e.g., if an employee A pays for a meal for two at \$30 each and if the daily allowance is \$65 per person, the employee is reimbursed up to \$95 and the other employee must deduct the reimbursement value by \$30 for that day). Failures to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary actions.

If meals are furnished at a nominal or no cost to the employee or are included within the conference/event registration fee, the per diem allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE allowance) must be adjusted by deducting the appropriate amount, for each meal. Bureau Chief/Department head, at its discretion, may allow the employee to claim the full M&IE allowance if employee is unable to consume the furnished meal(s) because of medical requirements or religious belief.

(f) *Lodging reimbursement.* Lodging reimbursement is limited to Non-local travel requiring an overnight stay and must be supported by itemized receipts which list the traveler's name, the date, time, location of the lodging, and detail every individual item included in the bill. Travelers are to use the most economical hotel or the preferred hotel offered by the conference unless there is justification approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party on the Reimbursement Form. Travelers will receive the lesser of the actual costs or the current federal travel allowance for lodging published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates> unless the increased rate is approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party.



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(g) *Reimbursement for taxi or ride share.* When the Employee or Official uses a taxi or ride sharing company, the total metered fare (including surcharges, fees and taxes) is eligible for reimbursement. Tipping on taxis or ride sharing may not exceed \$2.00, or 20% of the ride - whichever amount is greater.

E. **Business needs that cannot be obtained using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.** On occasion, necessary business needs are unable to be met using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code. The Official or Employee incurring these expenses must demonstrate it is a Necessary Business Expense with a clear and legitimate business purpose. For technology-related necessary business expenses, the Official and Employee incurring the expense must also demonstrate compliance with the Bureau of Technology's Concurrence Process or other similarly applicable policy.

F. **Miscellaneous.** Any other Necessary Business Expense or loss incurred within the Official's or Employee's scope of employment or related to telecommuting and directly related to services performed for the employer as permitted under Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115 et. seq.

### IV. PROCESS FOR REQUESTING PRE-AUTHORIZATION FOR ELIGIBLE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES AND SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT

A. **General:** Being reimbursed for a Necessary Business Expense reimbursement is contingent on compliance with the provisions of this policy; obtaining the appropriate pre-authorization; and completion and timely submission of the appropriate forms with supporting documentation, including but not limited to original receipts. Receipts must be legible; electronic copies including clear photographs of receipts will be accepted as originals. Where supporting documentation does not exist or is missing or lost, the Employee or Official shall submit the Affidavit for Lost Receipts form regarding any such receipts.

B. **Pre-Authorization to Incur a Necessary Business Expense:** Employees and Officials are required to obtain pre-approval before incurring any Necessary Business Expense above \$300.00 by submitting the Pre-Authorization Form to the Appropriate Authorizing Party, and in the case of international travel, the Pre-Authorization Form must also be submitted to the Budget Director. Employees and Officials shall request authorization to incur a Necessary Business Expense of \$300.00 or more per event/incident/travel using the Pre-Authorization Form at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of having to incur the expenditure or loss so the Appropriate Authorizing Party has an opportunity to assess and potentially approve the request in accordance with this



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policy. If the pre-authorization or the thirty (30) day period is not practicable, the Requester must provide a justification on the Pre-Authorization Form and/or Reimbursement Form for deviating from the 30 day requirement.

1. Eligible Necessary Business Expenses other than travel.

The Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by:

- (a) the details of the expense(s) to be incurred, including the amount and when and where the purchase or expense will be made;
- (b) the reason and purpose of the purchase or expense; and
- (c) why the item is not being purchased using the methods provided in the Cook County Procurement Code.

2. Travel Expenses.

- (a) No Pre-Authorization Form is required for Local Travel.
- (b) To request Non-local travel authorization, the Pre-Authorization Form must be completed by the Requester and sent to the Appropriate Approving Party supported by an agenda and estimate of travel costs. The Documentation regarding anticipated meal and lodging costs shall be included along with the current federal travel allowance for lodging and per diem meal rates published by the General Services Administration at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.
- (c) For regularly re-occurring Local or Non-local travel that would be considered a Necessary Business Expense, the Appropriate Approving Party has the discretion to establish a process to pre-approve such travel.



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C. **Appropriate Authorizing Party.** To authorize incurring Necessary Business Expenses, the Pre-Authorization Form must be reviewed and approved by the Appropriate Authorizing Party. By signing the Pre-Authorization Form, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies:

1. The expenditure is a Necessary Business Expense as provided by this policy, including the appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount;
2. The Requester has submitted a completed and accurate Pre-Authorization Form with required supporting documentation; and
3. Appropriate Funding is available to pay for the expense.
4. In addition, if the Appropriate Authorizing Party determines that the requested expenditure is not necessary or should be requested through the Procurement Code process, then the Employee or Official shall not incur the expense on the County's behalf and will not be entitled to reimbursement under this policy.

D. **Submission of Reimbursement Requests, Review and Approval.**

1. All requests seeking reimbursement, with the appropriate supporting documentation and Expense Report, must be submitted to the Appropriate Authorizing Party within 60 calendar days of the later of (1) incurring the expense or (2) the business purpose, travel, or event has occurred. By signing the Expense Report, the Requester attests to its truthfulness and assumes personal responsibility for its accuracy.
2. Submission of the Expense Report to the Appropriate Authorizing Party shall also include copies of itemized receipts for all expenses if an itemized receipt is lost or does not exist. The Requester needs to complete the Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form to attest to the incurring of such expense and why no documentation is being submitted to support the particular expense reimbursement request. Cash payments will not be reimbursed without proof of payment.
3. Within 21 calendar days of receipt of the Business and/or Travel Expense Reimbursement request, the approved request by the Appropriate Authorizing Party and the supporting documentation shall be sent by the Appropriate Authorizing Party to the department's assigned Budget Analyst in Budget. By approving the reimbursement request and forwarding to the Budget Analyst, the Appropriate Authorizing Party certifies the



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appropriateness of the expenditure and the reasonableness of the amount; the availability of Appropriated Funds; compliance with applicable reimbursement policies; and completeness of supporting documentation.

4. Review of all requests for reimbursement shall be timely made by Budget. Upon review, Budget will approve the request, return the request to the Appropriate Approving Party for correction or supplementation (i.e., credit card statement and Affidavit for Lost Receipts Form, in the event of lost receipts), or deny the request as not being in compliance with this Policy. If approved, Budget will submit the reimbursement request to the Comptroller's Office for payment. Failure to timely correct or supplement a request for reimbursement as required by Budget shall result in denial of reimbursement.
5. Timing and method of reimbursement payment. Employees or Officials will receive authorized reimbursements as part of their next regular paycheck during the pay period following the expense having been incurred, and the reimbursement request being processed, provided compliance with this Policy and the procedures established herein. Advanced payments to the requestor are strictly prohibited under this policy.

### E. Resources:

General information concerning this Policy may be obtained by contacting the Chief Financial Officer (or designee).

### F. Related Policies

- The Cook County Procurement Code
- The County's Vehicle Collision Policy
- The County's Fuel Use Policy
- The County's AVL GPS Policy
- The County's Vehicle Policy
- Applicable Agency Reasonable Accommodation Policy for Employees and Applicants with Disabilities
- Applicable Agency Telecommuting Policy
- Applicable Agency Tuition Reimbursement Policy
- The County's Ethics Ordinance



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### G. Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with the provisions of this policy may result in denial of reimbursement and/or subject an Employee or Official to discipline, up to and including discharge, in accordance with the personnel rules and/or collective bargaining agreement, if applicable, and ethics fines or penalties.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Cook County**  
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**Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>OCPO ONLY:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disqualification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check Complete

The Bidder/Proposer/Respondent ("the Contractor") will fully complete and execute and submit an Identification of Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant Form ("ISF") with each Bid, Request for Proposal, and Request for Qualification. **The Contractor must complete the ISF for each Subcontractor, Supplier or Subconsultant which shall be used on the Contract.** In the event that there are any changes in the utilization of Subcontractors, Suppliers or Subconsultants, the Contractor must file an updated ISF.

Bid/RFP/RFQ No.: 1950-17746 A4	Date: 11/26/2025
Total Bid or Proposal Amount: \$868,940.00	Contract Title: Consulting Services for Juvenile Client Services Management System
Contractor: Clarity Partners, LLC	Subcontractor/Supplier/ Subconsultant to be Not Applicable added or substitute:
Authorized Contact for Contractor: Rodney S. Zech, Managing Member	Authorized Contact for Subcontractor/Supplier/ Not Applicable Subconsultant:
Email Address (Contractor): r.zech@claritypartners.com	Email Address (Subcontractor): Not Applicable
Company Address (Contractor): 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600	Company Address Not Applicable (Subcontractor):
City, State and Zip (Contractor): Chicago, IL 60602	City, State and Zip Not Applicable (Subcontractor):
Telephone and Fax (Contractor): P: 312.920.0550/F: 312.920.0554	Telephone and Fax Not Applicable (Subcontractor):
Estimated Start and Completion Dates (Contractor): Ongoing - November 30, 2026	Estimated Start and Completion Dates Not Applicable (Subcontractor):

**Note:** Upon request, a copy of all written subcontract agreements must be provided to the OCPO.

<u>Description of Services or Supplies</u>	<u>Total Price of Subcontract for Services or Supplies</u>
Not Applicable	\$0

The subcontract documents will incorporate all requirements of the Contract awarded to the Contractor as applicable. The subcontract will in no way hinder the Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant from maintaining its progress on any other contract on which it is either a Subcontractor/Supplier/Subconsultant or principal contractor. This disclosure is made with the understanding that the Contractor is not under any circumstances relieved of its abilities and obligations, and is responsible for the organization, performance, and quality of work. **This form does not approve any proposed changes, revisions or modifications to the contract approved MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. Any changes to the contract's approved MBE/WBE/Utilization Plan must be submitted to the Office of the Contract Compliance.**

Clarity Partners, LLC

Contractor

Rodney S. Zech

Name

Managing Member

Title

  
Rodney S. Zech

Prime Contractor Signature

11/26/2025

Date



## **Memorandum**

Date: December 2, 2025

TO: Raffi Sarrafian, Chief Procurement Officer  
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Jeanetta Cardine  
Jeanetta Cardine, Deputy Director  
Compliance Center of Excellence  
Center of Business Enterprise Development

RE: Contract No. 1950-17746 Amendment 4  
Consulting Services for Juvenile Client Services Management System  
Office of Public Guardian  
Contractor: Clarity Partners, LLC  
Original Contract Amount: \$548,540.00  
Original Contract Term: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2022  
Increased Contract Value: \$200,000 and renewed the contract term for 1 year (Amendment 1)  
Revised Contract Value: \$748,540.00  
Revised Contract Term: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2023  
Increased Contract Value: \$120,400.00 and renewed the contract term 1 year (Amendment 2)  
Revised Contract Value: \$868,940.00  
Revised Contract Term: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2024  
Renewed Contract Term for 1 year (Amendment 3)  
Revised Contract Term: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2025  
Renew Contract Term for 1 year (Amendment 4)  
Revised Contract Term: December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2026  
BID – Professionals Services  
Contract Goal: 0% MWBE

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Dear Mr. Sarrafian:

The Center of Business Enterprise Development is in receipt of the above-reference contract amendment and has reviewed it for compliance with the Minority- and Women- owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) Ordinance. After careful review, it has been determined this amendment is responsive to the Ordinance.



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**Original Contract Utilization Plan (Based on Contract Value \$548,540.00)**

MBE/WBE	Status	Certifying Agency	Commitment (Direct)
Clarity Partners, LLC	MBE (AAPI M)	City of Chicago	100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Amendment 1 Utilization Plan (Based on Revised Contract Value \$748,540.00)**

MBE/WBE	Status	Certifying Agency	Commitment (Direct)
Clarity Partners, LLC	MBE (AAPI M)	City of Chicago	100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Amendment 2 Utilization Plan (Based on Revised Contract Value \$868,940.00)**

MBE/WBE	Status	Certifying Agency	Commitment (Direct)
Clarity Partners, LLC	MBE (AAPI M)	City of Chicago	100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Amendment 3 Utilization Plan (Based on Revised Contract Value \$868,940.00)**

MBE/WBE	Status	Certifying Agency	Commitment (Direct)
Clarity Partners, LLC	MBE (AAPI M)	City of Chicago	100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Amendment 4 Utilization Plan (Based on Revised Contract Value \$868,940.00)**

MBE/WBE	Status	Certifying Agency	Commitment (Direct)
Clarity Partners, LLC	MBE (AAPI M)	City of Chicago	100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Despite the contract having a 0% MWBE Professional Services goal the contract has 100% MBE participation through the self-performance of the prime contractor, Clarity Partners, LLC.



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Amendment 4 renews the contract term for 1 year from December 1, 2025 through November 30, 2026 and no change to the contract value.

Original MBE/WBE forms were used in the determination of the responsiveness of this contract amendment.

JC/mm

CC: Oumaima Khalil-Elouadghiri, (Procurement)  
Jessica Garcia, (Public Guardian)



## MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN - FORM 1

BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY STATES that all MBE/WBE firms included in this Plan are certified MBEs/WBEs by at least one of the entities listed in the General Conditions – Section 19.

I. **BIDDER/PROPOSER MBE/WBE STATUS:** (check the appropriate line)



Bidder/Proposer is a certified MBE or WBE firm. (If so, attach copy of current Letter of Certification)



Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture and one or more Joint Venture partners are certified MBEs or WBEs. (If so, attach copies of Letter(s) of Certification, a copy of Joint Venture Agreement clearly describing the role of the MBE/WBE firm(s) and its ownership interest in the Joint Venture and a completed Joint Venture Affidavit.)



Bidder/Proposer is not a certified MBE or WBE firm, nor a Joint Venture with MBE/WBE partners, but will utilize MBE and WBE firms either directly or indirectly in the performance of the Contract. (If so, complete Sections II below and the Letter(s) of Intent – Form 2).

II.  **Direct Participation of MBE/WBE Firms**



**Indirect Participation of MBE/WBE Firms**

**NOTE: Where goals have not been achieved through direct participation, Bidder/Proposer shall include documentation outlining efforts to achieve Direct Participation at the time of Bid/Proposal submission. Indirect Participation will only be considered after all efforts to achieve Direct Participation have been exhausted. Only after written documentation of Good Faith Efforts is received will Indirect Participation be considered.**

MBEs/WBEs that will perform as subcontractors/suppliers/consultants include the following:

MBE/WBE Firm: Clarity Partners, LLC (MBE)

Address: 20 N. Clark St, Suite 3600

E-mail: r.zech@claritypartners.com

Contact Person: Rodney Zech Phone: 312-920-0550

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ 868,940.00

Percent Amount of Participation: 100



\*Letter of Intent attached?

Yes

\*Current Letter of Certification attached?

Yes

No

MBE/WBE Firm: N/A

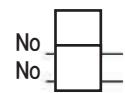
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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Percent Amount of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %



\*Letter of Intent attached?

Yes

\*Current Letter of Certification attached?

Yes

No

Attach additional sheets as needed.

\* Letter(s) of Intent and current Letters of Certification must be submitted at the time of bid.



**MBE/WBE LETTER OF INTENT - FORM 2**

M/WBE Firm: Clarity Partners, LLC (MBE)

Certifying Agency: City of Chicago

Contact Person: Rodney Zech

Certification Expiration Date: 05/15/2026

Address: 20 N Clark St, Suite 3600

Ethnicity: Asian

City/State: Chicago, IL Zip: 60602

Bid/Proposal/Contract #: 1950-17746

Phone: 312-920-0550 Fax: 312-920-0554

FEIN #: 80-0123899

Email: r.zech@claritypartners.com

Participation:  Direct  Indirect

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the goods or services of this contract to another firm?

No  Yes – Please attach explanation. Proposed Subcontractor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities/Services for the above named Project/ Contract: (If more space is needed to fully describe M/WBE Firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets)

Clarity Partners will provide consulting services, including existing technologies evaluation and assessment, process analysis, and improvement recommendations, to support a new Juvenile Client Services Management System,

Indicate the Dollar Amount, Percentage, and the Terms of Payment for the above-described Commodities/ Services:

Dollar Amount = \$868,940.00

Percentage = 100%

Terms of payment = N/A since we are the MBE and prime contractor.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE that this Letter of Intent will become a binding Subcontract Agreement for the above work, conditioned upon (1) the Bidder/Proposer's receipt of a signed contract from the County of Cook; (2) Undersigned Subcontractor remaining compliant with all relevant credentials, codes, ordinances and statutes required by Contractor, Cook County, and the State to participate as a MBE/WBE firm for the above work. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they did not affix their signatures to this document until all areas under Description of Service/ Supply and Fee/Cost were completed.

  
Signature (M/WBE)

Rodney Zech, Managing Member  
Print Name

Clarity Partners, LLC  
Firm Name

11/26/2025  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me

this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Notary Public

  
Signature (Prime Bidder/Proposer)

Rodney Zech Managing Member  
Print Name

Clarity Partners, LLC  
Firm Name

11/26/2025  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me

this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

Notary Public

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CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

MAY 18 2021

David C. Namkung  
Clarity Partners, LLC  
20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600.  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Mr. Namkung:

We are pleased to inform you that **Clarity Partners, LLC** is recertified as a **Minority-Owned Business Enterprise ("MBE")** by the City of Chicago ("City"). This **MBE** certification is valid until **5/15/2026**; however, your firm's certification must be revalidated annually. In the past the City has provided you with an annual letter confirming your certification; such letters will no longer be issued. Therefore, we require you to be even more diligent in filing your **annual No-Change Affidavit 60 days** before your annual anniversary date.

It is now your responsibility to check the City's certification directory and verify your certification status. As a condition of continued certification during the five year period stated above, you must file an **annual No-Change Affidavit**. Your firm's annual No-Change Affidavit is due by **5/15/2022, 5/15/2023, 5/15/2024 and 5/15/2025**. Please remember, you have an affirmative duty to file your No-Change Affidavit 60 days prior to the date of expiration. Failure to file your annual No-Change Affidavit may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification.

Your firm's five year certification will expire on **5/15/2026**. You have an affirmative duty to file for recertification **60 days** prior to the date of the five year anniversary date. Therefore, you must file for recertification by **3/15/2026**.

It is important to note that you also have an ongoing affirmative duty to notify the City of any changes in ownership or control of your firm, or any other fact affecting your firm's eligibility for certification **within 10 days** of such change. These changes may include but are not limited to a change of address, change of business structure, change in ownership or ownership structure, change of business operations, gross receipts and or personal net worth that exceed the program threshold. Failure to provide the City with timely notice of such changes may result in the suspension or rescission of your certification. In addition, you may be liable for civil penalties under Chapter 1-22, "False Claims", of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Please note – you shall be deemed to have had your certification lapse and will be ineligible to participate as an **MBE** if you fail to:

- File your annual No-Change Affidavit within the required time period;
- Provide financial or other records requested pursuant to an audit within the required time period;
- Notify the City of any changes affecting your firm's certification **within 10 days** of such change; or
- File your recertification within the required time period.



Please be reminded of your contractual obligation to cooperate with the City with respect to any reviews, audits or investigation of its contracts and affirmative action programs. We strongly encourage you to assist us in maintaining the integrity of our programs by reporting instances or suspicions of fraud or abuse to the **City's Inspector General at [chicagoinspectorgeneral.org](http://chicagoinspectorgeneral.org), or 866-IG-TIPLINE (866-448-4754)**.

Be advised that if you or your firm is found to be involved in certification, bidding and/or contractual fraud or abuse, the City will pursue decertification and debarment. In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, any person who knowingly obtains, or knowingly assists another in obtaining a contract with the City by falsely representing the individual or entity, or the individual or entity assisted is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months, or a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000 or both.

Your firm's name will be listed in the City's Directory of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises in the specialty area(s) of:

**NAICS Code(s):**

**518210 – Data Entry Services**

**518210 – Web Hosting**

**541511 – Custom Computer Programming Services**

**541512 – Computer Systems Design Services**

**541611 – Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services**

Your firm's participation on City contracts will be credited only toward **MBE** goals in your area(s) specialty. While your participation on City contracts is not limited to your area of specialty, credit toward goals will be given only for work that is self-performed and providing a commercially useful function that is done in the approved specialty category.

Thank you for your interest in the City's Minority, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise and Business Enterprise Owned or Operated by People with Disabilities (MBE/WBE/VBE/BEPD) Program.

Sincerely,



Monica Jimenez

Acting Chief Procurement Officer

MJ/lj

**PETITION FOR PARTIAL OR FULL WAIVER – FORM 3**

Bidder/Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No./Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**A. BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY REQUESTS:**

FULL MBE WAIVER

PARTIAL MBE WAIVER

FULL WBE WAIVER

PARTIAL WBE WAIVER

FULL DBE WAIVER

PARTIAL DBE WAIVER

**B. REASON FOR PARTIAL/FULL WAIVER REQUEST:**

Bidder/Proposer shall check each item applicable to its overall reason for a waiver request. Additionally, supporting documentation shall be submitted with this request.

- (1) Lack of sufficient qualified MBEs and/or WBEs capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract.
- (2) The specifications and necessary requirements for performing the contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the contract to enable the contractor to utilize MBEs and/or WBEs in accordance with the applicable participation.
- (3) Price(s) quoted by potential MBEs and/or WBEs are above competitive levels and increase cost of doing business and would make acceptance of such MBE and/or WBE bid economically impracticable, taking into consideration the percentage of total contract price represented by such MBE and/or WBE bid.
- (4) There are other relevant factors making it impossible or economically infeasible to utilize MBE and/or WBE firms.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORT TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

**C. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PARTICIPATION (attach sheets as necessary as Schedule 1)**  
Bidder/Proposer shall explain and detail the following Good Faith Efforts undertook to meet Cook County's contract specific goals.

1. Please attach to this form a detailed list of any and all PCEs, stating the PCE certification (MBE and/or WBE as defined by the Cook County Municipal Code) and with whom from the contacted PCEs the Bidder/Proposer engaged, contacted, and/or communicated with in the County's Market Place;

Timelines:

- a. When the Bidder/Proposer knew of the bid;
- b. When the Bidder/Proposer contacted the PCE(s);
- c. When the Bidder/Proposer formulated its bid and utilization plan; and
- d. When was the bid request due date.

2. The number of timely attempts to contact PCEs providing the type of supplies, equipment, goods, and/or services required for the Procurement, including but not limited to;
  - a. Dates of each contact attempt for each contacted PCE;
  - b. Whom, if anyone, the Bidder/Proposer communicated and/or corresponded (including written, virtual, digital, electronic, and other feasible methods of communication);
  - c. The number of unsuccessful attempts to communicate or correspond with PCEs; and
  - d. Attach copies of all solicitations to contacted PCEs.
3. How the Bidder/Proposer proposed to divide the procurement requirements into small tasks and/or quantities into economically feasible units to promote PCE participation.
4. Whether and to what degree the requesting party will endeavor to maximize indirect participation.
5. Detailed explanation of use, if any, of the Center of Business Enterprise Development Compliance services and staff.
6. Detailed explanation of timely notification and usage of services and assistance provided by community, minority, and/or women business organizations.
7. Attach any other documentation relative to Good Faith Efforts in complying with MBE and WBE participation.

**GOOD FAITH EFFORT TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

By signing below, I affirm under penalty of perjury the information provided in the Petition for Full or Partial Waiver/Good Faith Effort Transparency Report is truthful, accurate, and complete, to the best of my knowledge and capacity. I agree any finding of false, fraudulent, and/or otherwise misleading information will automatically disqualify the request for a waiver and County's Center of Business Enterprise Development reserves the right to pursue additional actions and/or remedies against the requesting Bidder/Proposer.

N/A

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Signature and Title of Bidder/Proposer

Title

Date

## Cook County MBE/WBE Non-Construction Certification Reciprocal Affidavit

Firm Name Clarity Partners, LLC

Address 20 N. Clark St, Suite 3600 City Chicago

County Cook State Illinois Zip 60602

Phone (312)920-0550 Email r.zech@claritypartners.com

I Rodney S. Zech, Managing Member  
(Authorized Representative) (Print Title)

of Clarity Partners, LLC do hereby affirm:  
(Name of Firm)

- 1) Clarity Partners, LLC is a Minority and/or Women Business Enterprise currently  
(Name of Firm) certified by the City of Chicago as: [ ] Black- [ ] Hispanic-  Asian- [ ] Woman-owned business.
- 2) With respect to Clarity Partners, LLC, the personal net worth of the qualifying  
(Name of Firm) individual(s) does not exceed \$2,767,082.23, excluding the individual's ownership interest in the M/WBE firm and the equity of the owner's primary residence, and otherwise meets the requirements of Chapter 34, Article IV of the Cook County Procurement Code. (As per Section 34-263 of the Cook County Procurement Code, an individual's personal net worth includes only his or her own Share of assets held jointly or as community/marital property with the individual's spouse.)
- 3) The average annual gross receipts of Clarity Partners, LLC,  
(Name of Firm) as derived from tax filings over the five most recent years, does not exceed the Small Business Size Standards published by the U.S. Small Business Administration found in Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121. (<http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-size-standards>)

Upon penalty of perjury, I Rodney S. Zech affirm that, to the best of my knowledge  
(Authorized Representative) and belief, the information herein is true and accurate.

Signature Rodney S. Zech Title Managing Member Date 11/26/2025

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of November / 2025  
(Month) (Year)

Rodney S. Zech  
(Notary's Signature)

Notary's Seal

My Commission Expires May 15, 2029





## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERs NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER	Launchways 5401 W Lawrence Avenue PO Box 300417 Chicago, IL 60630	CONTACT Tim Taylor NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (312) 867-1100 206 E-MAIL ADDRESS: ttaylor@launchways.com	FAX (A/C, No): (773) 409-5033
		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
INSURED	Clarity Partners, LLC 20 N Clark St #3600 Chicago, IL 60602	INSURER A : Twin City Fire Insurance Company	29459
		INSURER B : Rated by Mutliple Companies	00914
		INSURER C : Lloyds of London	15792
		INSURER D : CNA Central/Group	
		INSURER E :	
		INSURER F :	

## COVERAGES

## CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

## REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
A	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR		X	83SBAAD5652	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,000
							DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	\$ 50,000
							MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 10,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000
							GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000,000
							PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$ 2,000,000
							\$	
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO- JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident)	\$ 1,000,000
	OTHER:						BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$ 500,000
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ANY AUTO OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY		X	83SBAAD5652	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$ 500,000
							PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$ 500,000
							\$	
A	UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE		X	83SBAAD5652	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 9,000,000
							AGGREGATE	\$
							\$	9,000,000
B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in N/A) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	X 83WECAD4T8B	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	X PER STATUTE	OTHE- R
							E.L. EACH ACCIDENT	\$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE	\$ 1,000,000
							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ 1,000,000
C	Cyber/Tech E&O	X	PF00544C24	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	Occurrence		10,000,000
D	Errors and Omissions	X	794119845	7/15/2025	7/15/2026	Occurrence		2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Cook County, its officials, employees and agents as additional insureds with respect to operations performed on a primary and non-contributory basis with any insurance maintained by Cook County.

Policy Includes a waiver of subrogation in favor of Cook County.

## CERTIFICATE HOLDER

## CANCELLATION

Cook County  
161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2300  
Chicago, IL 60601

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE  
*Timothy Taylor*



**THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

## **WAIVER OF OUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OTHERS ENDORSEMENT**

**Policy Number:** 83 WEC AD4T8B

**Endorsement Number:**

**Effective Date:** 07/15/24      Effective hour is the same as stated on the Information Page of the policy.

**Named Insured and Address:** CLARITY PARTNERS LLC  
20 N CLARK ST STE 3600  
CHICAGO IL 60602

We have the right to recover our payments from anyone liable for an injury covered by this policy. We will not enforce our right against the person or organization named in the Schedule.

This agreement shall not operate directly or indirectly to benefit anyone not named in the Schedule.

### **SCHEDULE**

Any person or organization for whom you are required by contract or agreement to obtain this waiver from us.  
Endorsement is not applicable in KY, NH, NJ or for any MO construction risk

Countersigned by \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative

**Form WC 00 03 13** Printed in U.S.A.

**Process Date:** 06/05/24

**Policy Expiration Date:** 07/15/25



# BUSINESS LIABILITY COVERAGE FORM

Various provisions in this policy restrict coverage. Read the entire policy carefully to determine rights, duties and what is and is not covered.

Throughout this policy the words "you" and "your" refer to the Named Insured shown in the Declarations. The words "we", "us" and "our" refer to the stock insurance company member of The Hartford providing this insurance.

The word "insured" means any person or organization qualifying as such under Section **C**. - Who Is An Insured.

Other words and phrases that appear in quotation marks have special meaning. Refer to Section **G**. - Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions.

## A. COVERAGES

### 1. BUSINESS LIABILITY COVERAGE (BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL AND ADVERTISING INJURY)

#### Insuring Agreement

a. We will pay those sums that the insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages because of "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" to which this insurance applies. We will have the right and duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking those damages. However, we will have no duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking damages for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" to which this insurance does not apply.

We may, at our discretion, investigate any "occurrence" or offense and settle any claim or "suit" that may result. But:

- (1) The amount we will pay for damages is limited as described in Section **D**. - Liability And Medical Expenses Limits Of Insurance; and
- (2) Our right and duty to defend ends when we have used up the applicable limit of insurance in the payment of judgments, settlements or medical expenses to which this insurance applies.

No other obligation or liability to pay sums or perform acts or services is covered unless explicitly provided for under Coverage Extension - Supplementary Payments.

b. This insurance applies:

- (1) To "bodily injury" and "property damage" only if:

(a) The "bodily injury" or "property damage" is caused by an "occurrence" that takes place in the "coverage territory";

(b) The "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs during the policy period; and

(c) Prior to the policy period, no insured listed under Paragraph 1. of Section **C**. – Who Is An Insured and no "employee" authorized by you to give or receive notice of an "occurrence" or claim, knew that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" had occurred, in whole or in part. If such a listed insured or authorized "employee" knew, prior to the policy period, that the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurred, then any continuation, change or resumption of such "bodily injury" or "property damage" during or after the policy period will be deemed to have been known prior to the policy period.

(2) To "personal and advertising injury" caused by an offense arising out of your business, but only if the offense was committed in the "coverage territory" during the policy period.

c. "Bodily injury" or "property damage" will be deemed to have been known to have occurred at the earliest time when any insured listed under Paragraph 1. of Section **C**. – Who Is An Insured or any "employee" authorized by you to give or receive notice of an "occurrence" or claim:

(1) Reports all, or any part, of the "bodily injury" or "property damage" to us or any other insurer;

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- (2) Receives a written or verbal demand or claim for damages because of the "bodily injury" or "property damage"; or
- (3) Becomes aware by any other means that "bodily injury" or "property damage" has occurred or has begun to occur.
- d. Damages because of "bodily injury" include damages claimed by any person or organization for care, loss of services or death resulting at any time from the "bodily injury".

### e. Incidental Medical Malpractice

- (1) "Bodily injury" arising out of the rendering of or failure to render professional health care services as a physician, dentist, nurse, emergency medical technician or paramedic shall be deemed to be caused by an "occurrence", but only if:
  - (a) The physician, dentist, nurse, emergency medical technician or paramedic is employed by you to provide such services; and
  - (b) You are not engaged in the business or occupation of providing such services.
- (2) For the purpose of determining the limits of insurance for incidental medical malpractice, any act or omission together with all related acts or omissions in the furnishing of these services to any one person will be considered one "occurrence".

## 2. MEDICAL EXPENSES

### Insuring Agreement

- a. We will pay medical expenses as described below for "bodily injury" caused by an accident:
  - (1) On premises you own or rent;
  - (2) On ways next to premises you own or rent; or
  - (3) Because of your operations;provided that:
  - (1) The accident takes place in the "coverage territory" and during the policy period;
  - (2) The expenses are incurred and reported to us within three years of the date of the accident; and
  - (3) The injured person submits to examination, at our expense, by physicians of our choice as often as we reasonably require.

- b. We will make these payments regardless of fault. These payments will not exceed the applicable limit of insurance. We will pay reasonable expenses for:
  - (1) First aid administered at the time of an accident;
  - (2) Necessary medical, surgical, x-ray and dental services, including prosthetic devices; and
  - (3) Necessary ambulance, hospital, professional nursing and funeral services.

## 3. COVERAGE EXTENSION - SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

- a. We will pay, with respect to any claim or "suit" we investigate or settle, or any "suit" against an insured we defend:
  - (1) All expenses we incur.
  - (2) Up to \$1,000 for the cost of bail bonds required because of accidents or traffic law violations arising out of the use of any vehicle to which Business Liability Coverage for "bodily injury" applies. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
  - (3) The cost of appeal bonds or bonds to release attachments, but only for bond amounts within the applicable limit of insurance. We do not have to furnish these bonds.
  - (4) All reasonable expenses incurred by the insured at our request to assist us in the investigation or defense of the claim or "suit", including actual loss of earnings up to \$500 a day because of time off from work.
  - (5) All costs taxed against the insured in the "suit".
  - (6) Prejudgment interest awarded against the insured on that part of the judgment we pay. If we make an offer to pay the applicable limit of insurance, we will not pay any prejudgment interest based on that period of time after the offer.
  - (7) All interest on the full amount of any judgment that accrues after entry of the judgment and before we have paid, offered to pay, or deposited in court the part of the judgment that is within the applicable limit of insurance.

Any amounts paid under (1) through (7) above will not reduce the limits of insurance.

**b.** If we defend an insured against a "suit" and an indemnitee of the insured is also named as a party to the "suit", we will defend that indemnitee if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1)** The "suit" against the indemnitee seeks damages for which the insured has assumed the liability of the indemnitee in a contract or agreement that is an "insured contract";
- (2)** This insurance applies to such liability assumed by the insured;
- (3)** The obligation to defend, or the cost of the defense of, that indemnitee, has also been assumed by the insured in the same "insured contract";
- (4)** The allegations in the "suit" and the information we know about the "occurrence" are such that no conflict appears to exist between the interests of the insured and the interest of the indemnitee;
- (5)** The indemnitee and the insured ask us to conduct and control the defense of that indemnitee against such "suit" and agree that we can assign the same counsel to defend the insured and the indemnitee; and
- (6)** The indemnitee:
  - (a)** Agrees in writing to:
    - (i)** Cooperate with us in the investigation, settlement or defense of the "suit";
    - (ii)** Immediately send us copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with the "suit";
    - (iii)** Notify any other insurer whose coverage is available to the indemnitee; and
    - (iv)** Cooperate with us with respect to coordinating other applicable insurance available to the indemnitee; and
  - (b)** Provides us with written authorization to:
    - (i)** Obtain records and other information related to the "suit"; and
    - (ii)** Conduct and control the defense of the indemnitee in such "suit".

So long as the above conditions are met, attorneys' fees incurred by us in the defense of that indemnitee, necessary litigation expenses incurred by us and necessary litigation expenses incurred by the indemnitee at our request will be paid as Supplementary Payments.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph **1.b.(b)** of Section **B**. – Exclusions, such payments will not be deemed to be damages for "bodily injury" and "property damage" and will not reduce the Limits of Insurance.

Our obligation to defend an insured's indemnitee and to pay for attorneys' fees and necessary litigation expenses as Supplementary Payments ends when:

- (1)** We have used up the applicable limit of insurance in the payment of judgments or settlements; or
- (2)** The conditions set forth above, or the terms of the agreement described in Paragraph **(6)** above, are no longer met.

## B. EXCLUSIONS

### 1. Applicable To Business Liability Coverage

This insurance does not apply to:

#### a. Expected Or Intended Injury

- (1)** "Bodily injury" or "property damage" expected or intended from the standpoint of the insured. This exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" or "property damage" resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property; or
- (2)** "Personal and advertising injury" arising out of an offense committed by, at the direction of or with the consent or acquiescence of the insured with the expectation of inflicting "personal and advertising injury".

#### b. Contractual Liability

- (1)** "Bodily injury" or "property damage"; or
- (2)** "Personal and advertising injury" for which the insured is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement.

This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages because of:

- (a)** "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" that the insured would have in the absence of the contract or agreement; or

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(b) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" assumed in a contract or agreement that is an "insured contract", provided the "bodily injury" or "property damage" occurs subsequent to the execution of the contract or agreement. Solely for the purpose of liability assumed in an "insured contract", reasonable attorneys' fees and necessary litigation expenses incurred by or for a party other than an insured are deemed to be damages because of "bodily injury" or "property damage" provided:

- (i) Liability to such party for, or for the cost of, that party's defense has also been assumed in the same "insured contract", and
- (ii) Such attorneys' fees and litigation expenses are for defense of that party against a civil or alternative dispute resolution proceeding in which damages to which this insurance applies are alleged.

### c. Liquor Liability

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which any insured may be held liable by reason of:

- (1) Causing or contributing to the intoxication of any person;
- (2) The furnishing of alcoholic beverages to a person under the legal drinking age or under the influence of alcohol; or
- (3) Any statute, ordinance or regulation relating to the sale, gift, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages.

This exclusion applies only if you are in the business of manufacturing, distributing, selling, serving or furnishing alcoholic beverages.

### d. Workers' Compensation And Similar Laws

Any obligation of the insured under a workers' compensation, disability benefits or unemployment compensation law or any similar law.

### e. Employer's Liability

"Bodily injury" to:

- (1) An "employee" of the insured arising out of and in the course of:
  - (a) Employment by the insured; or

(b) Performing duties related to the conduct of the insured's business, or

- (2) The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that "employee" as a consequence of (1) above.

This exclusion applies:

- (1) Whether the insured may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity; and
- (2) To any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury.

This exclusion does not apply to liability assumed by the insured under an "insured contract".

### f. Pollution

(1) "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, seepage, migration, release or escape of "pollutants":

- (a) At or from any premises, site or location which is or was at any time owned or occupied by, or rented or loaned to any insured. However, this subparagraph does not apply to:

- (i) "Bodily injury" if sustained within a building and caused by smoke, fumes, vapor or soot produced by or originating from equipment that is used to heat, cool or dehumidify the building, or equipment that is used to heat water for personal use, by the building's occupants or their guests;

- (ii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which you may be held liable, if you are a contractor and the owner or lessee of such premises, site or location has been added to your policy as an additional insured with respect to your ongoing operations performed for that additional insured at that premises, site or location and such premises, site or location is not and never was owned or occupied by, or rented or loaned to, any insured, other than that additional insured; or

- (iii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of heat, smoke or fumes from a "hostile fire";
- (b) At or from any premises, site or location which is or was at any time used by or for any insured or others for the handling, storage, disposal, processing or treatment of waste;
- (c) Which are or were at any time transported, handled, stored, treated, disposed of, or processed as waste by or for:
  - (i) Any insured; or
  - (ii) Any person or organization for whom you may be legally responsible;
- (d) At or from any premises, site or location on which any insured or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on any insured's behalf are performing operations if the "pollutants" are brought on or to the premises, site or location in connection with such operations by such insured, contractor or subcontractor. However, this subparagraph does not apply to:
  - (i) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the escape of fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids which are needed to perform the normal electrical, hydraulic or mechanical functions necessary for the operation of "mobile equipment" or its parts, if such fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids escape from a vehicle part designed to hold, store or receive them. This exception does not apply if the "bodily injury" or "property damage" arises out of the intentional discharge, dispersal or release of the fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids, or if such fuels, lubricants or other operating fluids are brought on or to the premises, site or location with the intent that they be discharged, dispersed or released as part of the operations being performed by such insured, contractor or subcontractor;
  - (ii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" sustained within a building and caused by the release of gases, fumes or vapors from materials brought into that building in connection with operations being performed by you or on your behalf by a contractor or subcontractor; or
  - (iii) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of heat, smoke or fumes from a "hostile fire"; or
- (e) At or from any premises, site or location on which any insured or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on any insured's behalf are performing operations if the operations are to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants".

(2) Any loss, cost or expense arising out of any:

- (a) Request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement that any insured or others test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of, "pollutants"; or
- (b) Claim or suit by or on behalf of a governmental authority for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing, or in any way responding to, or assessing the effects of, "pollutants".

However, this paragraph does not apply to liability for damages because of "property damage" that the insured would have in the absence of such request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement, or such claim or "suit" by or on behalf of a governmental authority.

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### g. Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft, "auto" or watercraft owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured. Use includes operation and "loading or unloading".

This exclusion applies even if the claims against any insured allege negligence or other wrongdoing in the supervision, hiring, employment, training or monitoring of others by that insured, if the "occurrence" which caused the "bodily injury" or "property damage" involved the ownership, maintenance, use or entrustment to others of any aircraft, "auto" or watercraft that is owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- (1) A watercraft while ashore on premises you own or rent;
- (2) A watercraft you do not own that is:
  - (a) Less than 51 feet long; and
  - (b) Not being used to carry persons for a charge;
- (3) Parking an "auto" on, or on the ways next to, premises you own or rent, provided the "auto" is not owned by or rented or loaned to you or the insured;
- (4) Liability assumed under any "insured contract" for the ownership, maintenance or use of aircraft or watercraft;
- (5) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the operation of any of the equipment listed in Paragraph f.(2) or f.(3) of the definition of "mobile equipment"; or
- (6) An aircraft that is not owned by any insured and is hired, chartered or loaned with a paid crew. However, this exception does not apply if the insured has any other insurance for such "bodily injury" or "property damage", whether the other insurance is primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis.

### h. Mobile Equipment

"Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of:

- (1) The transportation of "mobile equipment" by an "auto" owned or operated by or rented or loaned to any insured; or

- (2) The use of "mobile equipment" in, or while in practice or preparation for, a prearranged racing, speed or demolition contest or in any stunting activity.

### i. War

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury", however caused, arising, directly or indirectly, out of:

- (1) War, including undeclared or civil war;
- (2) Warlike action by a military force, including action in hindering or defending against an actual or expected attack, by any government, sovereign or other authority using military personnel or other agents; or
- (3) Insurrection, rebellion, revolution, usurped power, or action taken by governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.

### j. Professional Services

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of or failure to render any professional service. This includes but is not limited to:

- (1) Legal, accounting or advertising services;
- (2) Preparing, approving, or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, designs or drawings and specifications;
- (3) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities;
- (4) Medical, surgical, dental, x-ray or nursing services treatment, advice or instruction;
- (5) Any health or therapeutic service treatment, advice or instruction;
- (6) Any service, treatment, advice or instruction for the purpose of appearance or skin enhancement, hair removal or replacement or personal grooming;
- (7) Optical or hearing aid services including the prescribing, preparation, fitting, demonstration or distribution of ophthalmic lenses and similar products or hearing aid devices;

- (8) Optometry or optometric services including but not limited to examination of the eyes and the prescribing, preparation, fitting, demonstration or distribution of ophthalmic lenses and similar products;
- (9) Any:
  - (a) Body piercing (not including ear piercing);
  - (b) Tattooing, including but not limited to the insertion of pigments into or under the skin; and
  - (c) Similar services;
- (10) Services in the practice of pharmacy; and
- (11) Computer consulting, design or programming services, including web site design.

Paragraphs (4) and (5) of this exclusion do not apply to the Incidental Medical Malpractice coverage afforded under Paragraph 1.e. in Section A. - Coverages.

**k. Damage To Property**

"Property damage" to:

- (1) Property you own, rent or occupy, including any costs or expenses incurred by you, or any other person, organization or entity, for repair, replacement, enhancement, restoration or maintenance of such property for any reason, including prevention of injury to a person or damage to another's property;
- (2) Premises you sell, give away or abandon, if the "property damage" arises out of any part of those premises;
- (3) Property loaned to you;
- (4) Personal property in the care, custody or control of the insured;
- (5) That particular part of real property on which you or any contractors or subcontractors working directly or indirectly on your behalf are performing operations, if the "property damage" arises out of those operations; or
- (6) That particular part of any property that must be restored, repaired or replaced because "your work" was incorrectly performed on it.

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" (other than damage by fire) to premises, including the contents of such premises, rented to you for a period of 7 or fewer consecutive days. A separate Limit of Insurance applies to Damage To Premises Rented To You as described in Section D. - Limits Of Insurance.

Paragraph (2) of this exclusion does not apply if the premises are "your work" and were never occupied, rented or held for rental by you.

Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to the use of elevators.

Paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this exclusion do not apply to liability assumed under a sidetrack agreement.

Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this exclusion do not apply to "property damage" to borrowed equipment while not being used to perform operations at a job site.

Paragraph (6) of this exclusion does not apply to "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard".

**l. Damage To Your Product**

"Property damage" to "your product" arising out of it or any part of it.

**m. Damage To Your Work**

"Property damage" to "your work" arising out of it or any part of it and included in the "products-completed operations hazard".

This exclusion does not apply if the damaged work or the work out of which the damage arises was performed on your behalf by a subcontractor.

**n. Damage To Impaired Property Or Property Not Physically Injured**

"Property damage" to "impaired property" or property that has not been physically injured, arising out of:

- (1) A defect, deficiency, inadequacy or dangerous condition in "your product" or "your work"; or
- (2) A delay or failure by you or anyone acting on your behalf to perform a contract or agreement in accordance with its terms.

This exclusion does not apply to the loss of use of other property arising out of sudden and accidental physical injury to "your product" or "your work" after it has been put to its intended use.

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### **o. Recall Of Products, Work Or Impaired Property**

Damages claimed for any loss, cost or expense incurred by you or others for the loss of use, withdrawal, recall, inspection, repair, replacement, adjustment, removal or disposal of:

- (1) "Your product";
- (2) "Your work"; or
- (3) "Impaired property";

if such product, work or property is withdrawn or recalled from the market or from use by any person or organization because of a known or suspected defect, deficiency, inadequacy or dangerous condition in it.

### **p. Personal And Advertising Injury**

"Personal and advertising injury":

- (1) Arising out of oral, written or electronic publication of material, if done by or at the direction of the insured with knowledge of its falsity;
- (2) Arising out of oral, written or electronic publication of material whose first publication took place before the beginning of the policy period;
- (3) Arising out of a criminal act committed by or at the direction of the insured;
- (4) Arising out of any breach of contract, except an implied contract to use another's "advertising idea" in your "advertisement";
- (5) Arising out of the failure of goods, products or services to conform with any statement of quality or performance made in your "advertisement";
- (6) Arising out of the wrong description of the price of goods, products or services;

- (7) Arising out of any violation of any intellectual property rights such as copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, trade secret, service mark or other designation of origin or authenticity.

However, this exclusion does not apply to infringement, in your "advertisement", of

- (a) Copyright;
- (b) Slogan, unless the slogan is also a trademark, trade name, service mark or other designation of origin or authenticity; or

- (c) Title of any literary or artistic work;

- (8) Arising out of an offense committed by an insured whose business is:

- (a) Advertising, broadcasting, publishing or telecasting;

- (b) Designing or determining content of web sites for others; or

- (c) An Internet search, access, content or service provider.

However, this exclusion does not apply to Paragraphs **a.**, **b.** and **c.** under the definition of "personal and advertising injury" in Section **G.** – Liability And Medical Expenses Definitions.

For the purposes of this exclusion, placing an "advertisement" for or linking to others on your web site, by itself, is not considered the business of advertising, broadcasting, publishing or telecasting;

- (9) Arising out of an electronic chat room or bulletin board the insured hosts, owns, or over which the insured exercises control;

- (10) Arising out of the unauthorized use of another's name or product in your e-mail address, domain name or metatags, or any other similar tactics to mislead another's potential customers;

- (11) Arising out of the violation of a person's right of privacy created by any state or federal act.

However, this exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the insured would have in the absence of such state or federal act;

- (12) Arising out of:

- (a) An "advertisement" for others on your web site;

- (b) Placing a link to a web site of others on your web site;

- (c) Content from a web site of others displayed within a frame or border on your web site. Content includes information, code, sounds, text, graphics or images; or

- (d) Computer code, software or programming used to enable:

- (i) Your web site; or

- (ii) The presentation or functionality of an "advertisement" or other content on your web site;

- (13) Arising out of a violation of any anti-trust law;
- (14) Arising out of the fluctuation in price or value of any stocks, bonds or other securities; or
- (15) Arising out of discrimination or humiliation committed by or at the direction of any "executive officer", director, stockholder, partner or member of the insured.

**q. Electronic Data**

Damages arising out of the loss of, loss of use of, damage to, corruption of, inability to access, or inability to manipulate "electronic data".

**r. Employment-Related Practices**

"Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" to:

- (1) A person arising out of any:
  - (a) Refusal to employ that person;
  - (b) Termination of that person's employment; or
  - (c) Employment-related practices, policies, acts or omissions, such as coercion, demotion, evaluation, reassignment, discipline, defamation, harassment, humiliation or discrimination directed at that person; or
- (2) The spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that person as a consequence of "bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury" to the person at whom any of the employment-related practices described in Paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) above is directed.

This exclusion applies:

- (1) Whether the insured may be liable as an employer or in any other capacity; and
- (2) To any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury.

**s. Asbestos**

- (1) "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the "asbestos hazard".
- (2) Any damages, judgments, settlements, loss, costs or expenses that:

- (a) May be awarded or incurred by reason of any claim or suit alleging actual or threatened injury or damage of any nature or kind to persons or property which would not have occurred in whole or in part but for the "asbestos hazard";
- (b) Arise out of any request, demand, order or statutory or regulatory requirement that any insured or others test for, monitor, clean up, remove, encapsulate, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize or in any way respond to or assess the effects of an "asbestos hazard"; or
- (c) Arise out of any claim or suit for damages because of testing for, monitoring, cleaning up, removing, encapsulating, containing, treating, detoxifying or neutralizing or in any way responding to or assessing the effects of an "asbestos hazard".

**t. Violation Of Statutes That Govern E-Mails, Fax, Phone Calls Or Other Methods Of Sending Material Or Information**

"Bodily injury", "property damage", or "personal and advertising injury" arising directly or indirectly out of any action or omission that violates or is alleged to violate:

- (1) The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), including any amendment of or addition to such law;
- (2) The CAN-SPAM Act of 2003, including any amendment of or addition to such law; or
- (3) Any statute, ordinance or regulation, other than the TCPA or CAN-SPAM Act of 2003, that prohibits or limits the sending, transmitting, communicating or distribution of material or information.

**Damage To Premises Rented To You – Exception For Damage By Fire, Lightning or Explosion**

Exclusions c. through h. and k. through o. do not apply to damage by fire, lightning or explosion to premises rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner. A separate Limit of Insurance applies to this coverage as described in Section D. - Liability And Medical Expenses Limits Of Insurance.

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### 2. Applicable To Medical Expenses Coverage

We will not pay expenses for "bodily injury":

#### a. Any Insured

To any insured, except "volunteer workers".

#### b. Hired Person

To a person hired to do work for or on behalf of any insured or a tenant of any insured.

#### c. Injury On Normally Occupied Premises

To a person injured on that part of premises you own or rent that the person normally occupies.

#### d. Workers' Compensation And Similar Laws

To a person, whether or not an "employee" of any insured, if benefits for the "bodily injury" are payable or must be provided under a workers' compensation or disability benefits law or a similar law.

#### e. Athletics Activities

To a person injured while practicing, instructing or participating in any physical exercises or games, sports or athletic contests.

#### f. Products-Completed Operations Hazard

Included with the "products-completed operations hazard".

#### g. Business Liability Exclusions

Excluded under Business Liability Coverage.

## C. WHO IS AN INSURED

### 1. If you are designated in the Declarations as:

- a. An individual, you and your spouse are insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of a business of which you are the sole owner.
- b. A partnership or joint venture, you are an insured. Your members, your partners, and their spouses are also insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of your business.
- c. A limited liability company, you are an insured. Your members are also insureds, but only with respect to the conduct of your business. Your managers are insureds, but only with respect to their duties as your managers.
- d. An organization other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company, you are an insured. Your "executive officers" and directors are insureds, but only with respect to their duties as your officers or directors. Your stockholders are also insureds, but only with respect to their liability as stockholders.

e. A trust, you are an insured. Your trustees are also insureds, but only with respect to their duties as trustees.

### 2. Each of the following is also an insured:

#### a. Employees And Volunteer Workers

Your "volunteer workers" only while performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or your "employees", other than either your "executive officers" (if you are an organization other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company) or your managers (if you are a limited liability company), but only for acts within the scope of their employment by you or while performing duties related to the conduct of your business.

However, none of these "employees" or "volunteer workers" are insureds for:

#### (1) "Bodily injury" or "personal and advertising injury":

(a) To you, to your partners or members (if you are a partnership or joint venture), to your members (if you are a limited liability company), or to a co-"employee" while in the course of his or her employment or performing duties related to the conduct of your business, or to your other "volunteer workers" while performing duties related to the conduct of your business;

(b) To the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of that co-"employee" or that "volunteer worker" as a consequence of Paragraph (1)(a) above;

(c) For which there is any obligation to share damages with or repay someone else who must pay damages because of the injury described in Paragraphs (1)(a) or (b) above; or

(d) Arising out of his or her providing or failing to provide professional health care services.

If you are not in the business of providing professional health care services, Paragraph (d) does not apply to any nurse, emergency medical technician or paramedic employed by you to provide such services.

#### (2) "Property damage" to property:

(a) Owned, occupied or used by,

(b) Rented to, in the care, custody or control of, or over which physical control is being exercised for any purpose by you, any of your "employees", "volunteer workers", any partner or member (if you are a partnership or joint venture), or any member (if you are a limited liability company).

**b. Real Estate Manager**

Any person (other than your "employee" or "volunteer worker"), or any organization while acting as your real estate manager.

**c. Temporary Custodians Of Your Property**

Any person or organization having proper temporary custody of your property if you die, but only:

(1) With respect to liability arising out of the maintenance or use of that property; and

(2) Until your legal representative has been appointed.

**d. Legal Representative If You Die**

Your legal representative if you die, but only with respect to duties as such. That representative will have all your rights and duties under this insurance.

**e. Unnamed Subsidiary**

Any subsidiary and subsidiary thereof, of yours which is a legally incorporated entity of which you own a financial interest of more than 50% of the voting stock on the effective date of this Coverage Part.

The insurance afforded herein for any subsidiary not shown in the Declarations as a named insured does not apply to injury or damage with respect to which an insured under this insurance is also an insured under another policy or would be an insured under such policy but for its termination or upon the exhaustion of its limits of insurance.

**3. Newly Acquired Or Formed Organization**

Any organization you newly acquire or form, other than a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company, and over which you maintain financial interest of more than 50% of the voting stock, will qualify as a Named Insured if there is no other similar insurance available to that organization. However:

a. Coverage under this provision is afforded only until the 180th day after you acquire or form the organization or the end of the policy period, whichever is earlier; and

b. Coverage under this provision does not apply to:

(1) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" that occurred; or

(2) "Personal and advertising injury" arising out of an offense committed before you acquired or formed the organization.

**4. Operator Of Mobile Equipment**

With respect to "mobile equipment" registered in your name under any motor vehicle registration law, any person is an insured while driving such equipment along a public highway with your permission. Any other person or organization responsible for the conduct of such person is also an insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the operation of the equipment, and only if no other insurance of any kind is available to that person or organization for this liability. However, no person or organization is an insured with respect to:

a. "Bodily injury" to a co-"employee" of the person driving the equipment; or

b. "Property damage" to property owned by, rented to, in the charge of or occupied by you or the employer of any person who is an insured under this provision.

**5. Operator of Nonowned Watercraft**

With respect to watercraft you do not own that is less than 51 feet long and is not being used to carry persons for a charge, any person is an insured while operating such watercraft with your permission. Any other person or organization responsible for the conduct of such person is also an insured, but only with respect to liability arising out of the operation of the watercraft, and only if no other insurance of any kind is available to that person or organization for this liability.

However, no person or organization is an insured with respect to:

a. "Bodily injury" to a co-"employee" of the person operating the watercraft; or

b. "Property damage" to property owned by, rented to, in the charge of or occupied by you or the employer of any person who is an insured under this provision.

**6. Additional Insureds When Required By Written Contract, Written Agreement Or Permit**

The person(s) or organization(s) identified in Paragraphs a. through f. below are additional insureds when you have agreed, in a written

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contract, written agreement or because of a permit issued by a state or political subdivision, that such person or organization be added as an additional insured on your policy, provided the injury or damage occurs subsequent to the execution of the contract or agreement, or the issuance of the permit.

A person or organization is an additional insured under this provision only for that period of time required by the contract, agreement or permit.

However, no such person or organization is an additional insured under this provision if such person or organization is included as an additional insured by an endorsement issued by us and made a part of this Coverage Part, including all persons or organizations added as additional insureds under the specific additional insured coverage grants in Section F. – Optional Additional Insured Coverages.

### a. Vendors

Any person(s) or organization(s) (referred to below as vendor), but only with respect to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of "your products" which are distributed or sold in the regular course of the vendor's business and only if this Coverage Part provides coverage for "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

(1) The insurance afforded to the vendor is subject to the following additional exclusions:

This insurance does not apply to:

- (a) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which the vendor is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the vendor would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- (b) Any express warranty unauthorized by you;
- (c) Any physical or chemical change in the product made intentionally by the vendor;
- (d) Repackaging, except when unpacked solely for the purpose of inspection, demonstration, testing, or the substitution of parts under instructions from the manufacturer, and then repackaged in the original container;

(e) Any failure to make such inspections, adjustments, tests or servicing as the vendor has agreed to make or normally undertakes to make in the usual course of business, in connection with the distribution or sale of the products;

(f) Demonstration, installation, servicing or repair operations, except such operations performed at the vendor's premises in connection with the sale of the product;

(g) Products which, after distribution or sale by you, have been labeled or relabeled or used as a container, part or ingredient of any other thing or substance by or for the vendor; or

(h) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the sole negligence of the vendor for its own acts or omissions or those of its employees or anyone else acting on its behalf. However, this exclusion does not apply to:

- (i) The exceptions contained in Subparagraphs (d) or (f); or
- (ii) Such inspections, adjustments, tests or servicing as the vendor has agreed to make or normally undertakes to make in the usual course of business, in connection with the distribution or sale of the products.

(2) This insurance does not apply to any insured person or organization from whom you have acquired such products, or any ingredient, part or container, entering into, accompanying or containing such products.

### b. Lessors Of Equipment

(1) Any person or organization from whom you lease equipment; but only with respect to their liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your maintenance, operation or use of equipment leased to you by such person or organization.

(2) With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after you cease to lease that equipment.

**c. Lessors Of Land Or Premises**

(1) Any person or organization from whom you lease land or premises, but only with respect to liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the land or premises leased to you.

(2) With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to:

(a) Any "occurrence" which takes place after you cease to lease that land or be a tenant in that premises; or

(b) Structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by or on behalf of such person or organization.

**d. Architects, Engineers Or Surveyors**

(1) Any architect, engineer, or surveyor, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

(a) In connection with your premises; or

(b) In the performance of your ongoing operations performed by you or on your behalf.

(2) With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusion applies:

This insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of or the failure to render any professional services by or for you, including:

(a) The preparing, approving, or failure to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, designs or drawings and specifications; or

(b) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

**e. Permits Issued By State Or Political Subdivisions**

(1) Any state or political subdivision, but only with respect to operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or political subdivision has issued a permit.

(2) With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to:

(a) "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of operations performed for the state or municipality; or

(b) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

**f. Any Other Party**

(1) Any other person or organization who is not an insured under Paragraphs **a.** through **e.** above, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

(a) In the performance of your ongoing operations;

(b) In connection with your premises owned by or rented to you; or

(c) In connection with "your work" and included within the "products-completed operations hazard", but only if

(i) The written contract or written agreement requires you to provide such coverage to such additional insured; and

(ii) This Coverage Part provides coverage for "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

(2) With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to:

"Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services, including:

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- (a) The preparing, approving, or failure to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, designs or drawings and specifications; or
- (b) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

The limits of insurance that apply to additional insureds are described in Section D. – Limits Of Insurance.

How this insurance applies when other insurance is available to an additional insured is described in the Other Insurance Condition in Section E. – Liability And Medical Expenses General Conditions.

No person or organization is an insured with respect to the conduct of any current or past partnership, joint venture or limited liability company that is not shown as a Named Insured in the Declarations.

## D. LIABILITY AND MEDICAL EXPENSES LIMITS OF INSURANCE

### 1. The Most We Will Pay

The Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations and the rules below fix the most we will pay regardless of the number of:

- a. Insureds;
- b. Claims made or "suits" brought; or
- c. Persons or organizations making claims or bringing "suits".

### 2. Aggregate Limits

The most we will pay for:

- a. Damages because of "bodily injury" and "property damage" included in the "products-completed operations hazard" is the Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit shown in the Declarations.
- b. Damages because of all other "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury", including medical expenses, is the General Aggregate Limit shown in the Declarations.

This General Aggregate Limit applies separately to each of your "locations" owned by or rented to you.

"Location" means premises involving the same or connecting lots, or premises whose connection is interrupted only by a street, roadway or right-of-way of a railroad.

This General Aggregate limit does not apply to "property damage" to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner, arising out of fire, lightning or explosion.

### 3. Each Occurrence Limit

Subject to 2.a. or 2.b above, whichever applies, the most we will pay for the sum of all damages because of all "bodily injury", "property damage" and medical expenses arising out of any one "occurrence" is the Liability and Medical Expenses Limit shown in the Declarations.

The most we will pay for all medical expenses because of "bodily injury" sustained by any one person is the Medical Expenses Limit shown in the Declarations.

### 4. Personal And Advertising Injury Limit

Subject to 2.b. above, the most we will pay for the sum of all damages because of all "personal and advertising injury" sustained by any one person or organization is the Personal and Advertising Injury Limit shown in the Declarations.

### 5. Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit

The Damage To Premises Rented To You Limit is the most we will pay under Business Liability Coverage for damages because of "property damage" to any one premises, while rented to you, or in the case of damage by fire, lightning or explosion, while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner.

In the case of damage by fire, lightning or explosion, the Damage to Premises Rented To You Limit applies to all damage proximately caused by the same event, whether such damage results from fire, lightning or explosion or any combination of these.

### 6. How Limits Apply To Additional Insureds

The most we will pay on behalf of a person or organization who is an additional insured under this Coverage Part is the lesser of:

- a. The limits of insurance specified in a written contract, written agreement or permit issued by a state or political subdivision; or
- b. The Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations.

Such amount shall be a part of and not in addition to the Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations and described in this Section.

If more than one limit of insurance under this policy and any endorsements attached thereto applies to any claim or "suit", the most we will pay under this policy and the endorsements is the single highest limit of liability of all coverages applicable to such claim or "suit". However, this paragraph does not apply to the Medical Expenses limit set forth in Paragraph 3. above.

The Limits of Insurance of this Coverage Part apply separately to each consecutive annual period and to any remaining period of less than 12 months, starting with the beginning of the policy period shown in the Declarations, unless the policy period is extended after issuance for an additional period of less than 12 months. In that case, the additional period will be deemed part of the last preceding period for purposes of determining the Limits of Insurance.

## **E. LIABILITY AND MEDICAL EXPENSES GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **1. Bankruptcy**

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured or of the insured's estate will not relieve us of our obligations under this Coverage Part.

### **2. Duties In The Event Of Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit**

#### **a. Notice Of Occurrence Or Offense**

You or any additional insured must see to it that we are notified as soon as practicable of an "occurrence" or an offense which may result in a claim. To the extent possible, notice should include:

- (1) How, when and where the "occurrence" or offense took place;
- (2) The names and addresses of any injured persons and witnesses; and
- (3) The nature and location of any injury or damage arising out of the "occurrence" or offense.

#### **b. Notice Of Claim**

If a claim is made or "suit" is brought against any insured, you or any additional insured must:

- (1) Immediately record the specifics of the claim or "suit" and the date received; and
- (2) Notify us as soon as practicable.

You or any additional insured must see to it that we receive a written notice of the claim or "suit" as soon as practicable.

#### **c. Assistance And Cooperation Of The Insured**

You and any other involved insured must:

- (1) Immediately send us copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with the claim or "suit";
- (2) Authorize us to obtain records and other information;
- (3) Cooperate with us in the investigation, settlement of the claim or defense against the "suit"; and
- (4) Assist us, upon our request, in the enforcement of any right against any person or organization that may be liable to the insured because of injury or damage to which this insurance may also apply.

#### **d. Obligations At The Insured's Own Cost**

No insured will, except at that insured's own cost, voluntarily make a payment, assume any obligation, or incur any expense, other than for first aid, without our consent.

#### **e. Additional Insured's Other Insurance**

If we cover a claim or "suit" under this Coverage Part that may also be covered by other insurance available to an additional insured, such additional insured must submit such claim or "suit" to the other insurer for defense and indemnity.

However, this provision does not apply to the extent that you have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or permit that this insurance is primary and non-contributory with the additional insured's own insurance.

#### **f. Knowledge Of An Occurrence, Offense, Claim Or Suit**

Paragraphs a. and b. apply to you or to any additional insured only when such "occurrence", offense, claim or "suit" is known to:

- (1) You or any additional insured that is an individual;
- (2) Any partner, if you or an additional insured is a partnership;
- (3) Any manager, if you or an additional insured is a limited liability company;
- (4) Any "executive officer" or insurance manager, if you or an additional insured is a corporation;
- (5) Any trustee, if you or an additional insured is a trust; or
- (6) Any elected or appointed official, if you or an additional insured is a political subdivision or public entity.

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This Paragraph f. applies separately to you and any additional insured.

### 3. Financial Responsibility Laws

- a. When this policy is certified as proof of financial responsibility for the future under the provisions of any motor vehicle financial responsibility law, the insurance provided by the policy for "bodily injury" liability and "property damage" liability will comply with the provisions of the law to the extent of the coverage and limits of insurance required by that law.
- b. With respect to "mobile equipment" to which this insurance applies, we will provide any liability, uninsured motorists, underinsured motorists, no-fault or other coverage required by any motor vehicle law. We will provide the required limits for those coverages.

### 4. Legal Action Against Us

No person or organization has a right under this Coverage Form:

- a. To join us as a party or otherwise bring us into a "suit" asking for damages from an insured; or
- b. To sue us on this Coverage Form unless all of its terms have been fully complied with.

A person or organization may sue us to recover on an agreed settlement or on a final judgment against an insured; but we will not be liable for damages that are not payable under the terms of this insurance or that are in excess of the applicable limit of insurance. An agreed settlement means a settlement and release of liability signed by us, the insured and the claimant or the claimant's legal representative.

### 5. Separation Of Insureds

Except with respect to the Limits of Insurance, and any rights or duties specifically assigned in this policy to the first Named Insured, this insurance applies:

- a. As if each Named Insured were the only Named Insured; and
- b. Separately to each insured against whom a claim is made or "suit" is brought.

### 6. Representations

#### a. When You Accept This Policy

By accepting this policy, you agree:

- (1) The statements in the Declarations are accurate and complete;
- (2) Those statements are based upon representations you made to us; and

- (3) We have issued this policy in reliance upon your representations.

#### b. Unintentional Failure To Disclose Hazards

If unintentionally you should fail to disclose all hazards relating to the conduct of your business at the inception date of this Coverage Part, we shall not deny any coverage under this Coverage Part because of such failure.

### 7. Other Insurance

If other valid and collectible insurance is available for a loss we cover under this Coverage Part, our obligations are limited as follows:

#### a. Primary Insurance

This insurance is primary except when b. below applies. If other insurance is also primary, we will share with all that other insurance by the method described in c. below.

#### b. Excess Insurance

This insurance is excess over any of the other insurance, whether primary, excess, contingent or on any other basis:

##### (1) Your Work

That is Fire, Extended Coverage, Builder's Risk, Installation Risk or similar coverage for "your work";

##### (2) Premises Rented To You

That is fire, lightning or explosion insurance for premises rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner;

##### (3) Tenant Liability

That is insurance purchased by you to cover your liability as a tenant for "property damage" to premises rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner;

##### (4) Aircraft, Auto Or Watercraft

If the loss arises out of the maintenance or use of aircraft, "autos" or watercraft to the extent not subject to Exclusion g. of Section A. – Coverages.

##### (5) Property Damage To Borrowed Equipment Or Use Of Elevators

If the loss arises out of "property damage" to borrowed equipment or the use of elevators to the extent not subject to Exclusion k. of Section A. – Coverages.

**(6) When You Are Added As An Additional Insured To Other Insurance**

That is other insurance available to you covering liability for damages arising out of the premises or operations, or products and completed operations, for which you have been added as an additional insured by that insurance; or

**(7) When You Add Others As An Additional Insured To This Insurance**

That is other insurance available to an additional insured.

However, the following provisions apply to other insurance available to any person or organization who is an additional insured under this Coverage Part:

**(a) Primary Insurance When Required By Contract**

This insurance is primary if you have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or permit that this insurance be primary. If other insurance is also primary, we will share with all that other insurance by the method described in **c.** below.

**(b) Primary And Non-Contributory To Other Insurance When Required By Contract**

If you have agreed in a written contract, written agreement or permit that this insurance is primary and non-contributory with the additional insured's own insurance, this insurance is primary and we will not seek contribution from that other insurance.

Paragraphs **(a)** and **(b)** do not apply to other insurance to which the additional insured has been added as an additional insured.

When this insurance is excess, we will have no duty under this Coverage Part to defend the insured against any "suit" if any other insurer has a duty to defend the insured against that "suit". If no other insurer defends, we will undertake to do so, but we will be entitled to the insured's rights against all those other insurers.

When this insurance is excess over other insurance, we will pay only our share of the amount of the loss, if any, that exceeds the sum of:

- (1)** The total amount that all such other insurance would pay for the loss in the absence of this insurance; and
- (2)** The total of all deductible and self-insured amounts under all that other insurance.

We will share the remaining loss, if any, with any other insurance that is not described in this Excess Insurance provision and was not bought specifically to apply in excess of the Limits of Insurance shown in the Declarations of this Coverage Part.

**c. Method Of Sharing**

If all the other insurance permits contribution by equal shares, we will follow this method also. Under this approach, each insurer contributes equal amounts until it has paid its applicable limit of insurance or none of the loss remains, whichever comes first.

If any of the other insurance does not permit contribution by equal shares, we will contribute by limits. Under this method, each insurer's share is based on the ratio of its applicable limit of insurance to the total applicable limits of insurance of all insurers.

**8. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery Against Others To Us**

**a. Transfer Of Rights Of Recovery**

If the insured has rights to recover all or part of any payment, including Supplementary Payments, we have made under this Coverage Part, those rights are transferred to us. The insured must do nothing after loss to impair them. At our request, the insured will bring "suit" or transfer those rights to us and help us enforce them. This condition does not apply to Medical Expenses Coverage.

**b. Waiver Of Rights Of Recovery (Waiver Of Subrogation)**

If the insured has waived any rights of recovery against any person or organization for all or part of any payment, including Supplementary Payments, we have made under this Coverage Part, we also waive that right, provided the insured waived their rights of recovery against such person or organization in a contract, agreement or permit that was executed prior to the injury or damage.

**F. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INSURED COVERAGES**

If listed or shown as applicable in the Declarations, one or more of the following Optional Additional Insured Coverages also apply. When any of these Optional Additional Insured Coverages apply, Paragraph 6. (Additional Insureds When Required by Written Contract, Written Agreement or Permit) of Section C., Who Is An Insured, does not apply to the person or organization shown in the Declarations. These coverages are subject to the terms and conditions applicable to Business Liability Coverage in this policy, except as provided below:

**1. Additional Insured - Designated Person Or Organization**

WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

- a. In the performance of your ongoing operations; or
- b. In connection with your premises owned by or rented to you.

**2. Additional Insured - Managers Or Lessors Of Premises**

- a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured - Designated Person Or Organization; but only with respect to liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the premises leased to you and shown in the Declarations.
- b. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to:

- (1) Any "occurrence" which takes place after you cease to be a tenant in that premises; or
- (2) Structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by or on behalf of such person or organization.

**3. Additional Insured - Grantor Of Franchise**

WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured - Grantor Of Franchise, but only with respect to their liability as grantor of franchise to you.

**4. Additional Insured - Lessor Of Leased Equipment**

- a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured - Lessor of Leased Equipment, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your maintenance, operation or use of equipment leased to you by such person(s) or organization(s).
- b. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to any "occurrence" which takes place after you cease to lease that equipment.

**5. Additional Insured - Owners Or Other Interests From Whom Land Has Been Leased**

- a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured - Owners Or Other Interests From Whom Land Has Been Leased, but only with respect to liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of that part of the land leased to you and shown in the Declarations.

- b. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to:

- (1) Any "occurrence" that takes place after you cease to lease that land; or
- (2) Structural alterations, new construction or demolition operations performed by or on behalf of such person or organization.

**6. Additional Insured - State Or Political Subdivision - Permits**

- a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the state or political subdivision shown in the Declarations as an Additional

Insured – State Or Political Subdivision - Permits, but only with respect to operations performed by you or on your behalf for which the state or political subdivision has issued a permit.

b. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, the following additional exclusions apply:

This insurance does not apply to:

- (1) "Bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of operations performed for the state or municipality; or
- (2) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" included in the "product-completed operations" hazard.

## 7. Additional Insured – Vendors

a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) (referred to below as vendor) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured - Vendor, but only with respect to "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of "your products" which are distributed or sold in the regular course of the vendor's business and only if this Coverage Part provides coverage for "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

b. The insurance afforded to the vendor is subject to the following additional exclusions:

(1) This insurance does not apply to:

- (a) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" for which the vendor is obligated to pay damages by reason of the assumption of liability in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the vendor would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- (b) Any express warranty unauthorized by you;
- (c) Any physical or chemical change in the product made intentionally by the vendor;
- (d) Repackaging, unless unpacked solely for the purpose of inspection, demonstration, testing, or the substitution of parts under instructions from the manufacturer, and then repackaged in the original container;

- (e) Any failure to make such inspections, adjustments, tests or servicing as the vendor has agreed to make or normally undertakes to make in the usual course of business, in connection with the distribution or sale of the products;
- (f) Demonstration, installation, servicing or repair operations, except such operations performed at the vendor's premises in connection with the sale of the product;
- (g) Products which, after distribution or sale by you, have been labeled or relabeled or used as a container, part or ingredient of any other thing or substance by or for the vendor; or
- (h) "Bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of the sole negligence of the vendor for its own acts or omissions or those of its employees or anyone else acting on its behalf. However, this exclusion does not apply to:
  - (i) The exceptions contained in Subparagraphs (d) or (f); or
  - (ii) Such inspections, adjustments, tests or servicing as the vendor has agreed to make or normally undertakes to make in the usual course of business, in connection with the distribution or sale of the products.

(2) This insurance does not apply to any insured person or organization from whom you have acquired such products, or any ingredient, part or container, entering into, accompanying or containing such products.

## 8. Additional Insured – Controlling Interest

WHO IS AN INSURED under Section C. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured – Controlling Interest, but only with respect to their liability arising out of:

- a. Their financial control of you; or
- b. Premises they own, maintain or control while you lease or occupy these premises.

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This insurance does not apply to structural alterations, new construction and demolition operations performed by or for that person or organization.

### 9. Additional Insured – Owners, Lessees Or Contractors – Scheduled Person Or Organization

a. WHO IS AN INSURED under Section **C**. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured – Owner, Lessees Or Contractors, but only with respect to liability for "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" caused, in whole or in part, by your acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of those acting on your behalf:

- (1) In the performance of your ongoing operations for the additional insured(s); or
- (2) In connection with "your work" performed for that additional insured and included within the "products-completed operations hazard", but only if this Coverage Part provides coverage for "bodily injury" or "property damage" included within the "products-completed operations hazard".

b. With respect to the insurance afforded to these additional insureds, this insurance does not apply to "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, any professional architectural, engineering or surveying services, including:

- (1) The preparing, approving, or failure to prepare or approve, maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, designs or drawings and specifications; or
- (2) Supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

### 10. Additional Insured – Co-Owner Of Insured Premises

WHO IS AN INSURED under Section **C**. is amended to include as an additional insured the person(s) or Organization(s) shown in the Declarations as an Additional Insured – Co-Owner Of Insured Premises, but only with respect to their liability as co-owner of the premises shown in the Declarations.

The limits of insurance that apply to additional insureds are described in Section **D**. – Limits Of Insurance.

How this insurance applies when other insurance is available to an additional insured is described in the Other Insurance Condition in Section **E**. – Liability And Medical Expenses General Conditions.

## G. LIABILITY AND MEDICAL EXPENSES DEFINITIONS

1. "Advertisement" means the widespread public dissemination of information or images that has the purpose of inducing the sale of goods, products or services through:

- a. (1) Radio;
- (2) Television;
- (3) Billboard;
- (4) Magazine;
- (5) Newspaper;

b. The Internet, but only that part of a web site that is about goods, products or services for the purposes of inducing the sale of goods, products or services; or

c. Any other publication that is given widespread public distribution.

However, "advertisement" does not include:

a. The design, printed material, information or images contained in, on or upon the packaging or labeling of any goods or products; or

b. An interactive conversation between or among persons through a computer network.

2. "Advertising idea" means any idea for an "advertisement".

3. "Asbestos hazard" means an exposure or threat of exposure to the actual or alleged properties of asbestos and includes the mere presence of asbestos in any form.

4. "Auto" means a land motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer designed for travel on public roads, including any attached machinery or equipment. But "auto" does not include "mobile equipment".

5. "Bodily injury" means physical:

- a. Injury;
- b. Sickness; or
- c. Disease

sustained by a person and, if arising out of the above, mental anguish or death at any time.

6. "Coverage territory" means:

- a.** The United States of America (including its territories and possessions), Puerto Rico and Canada;
- b.** International waters or airspace, but only if the injury or damage occurs in the course of travel or transportation between any places included in **a.** above;
- c.** All other parts of the world if the injury or damage arises out of:
  - (1)** Goods or products made or sold by you in the territory described in **a.** above;
  - (2)** The activities of a person whose home is in the territory described in **a.** above, but is away for a short time on your business; or
  - (3)** "Personal and advertising injury" offenses that take place through the Internet or similar electronic means of communication

provided the insured's responsibility to pay damages is determined in the United States of America (including its territories and possessions), Puerto Rico or Canada, in a "suit" on the merits according to the substantive law in such territory, or in a settlement we agree to.

- 7.** "Electronic data" means information, facts or programs:
  - a.** Stored as or on;
  - b.** Created or used on; or
  - c.** Transmitted to or from computer software, including systems and applications software, hard or floppy disks, CD-ROMS, tapes, drives, cells, data processing devices or any other media which are used with electronically controlled equipment.
- 8.** "Employee" includes a "leased worker". "Employee" does not include a "temporary worker".
- 9.** "Executive officer" means a person holding any of the officer positions created by your charter, constitution, by-laws or any other similar governing document.
- 10.** "Hostile fire" means one which becomes uncontrollable or breaks out from where it was intended to be.
- 11.** "Impaired property" means tangible property, other than "your product" or "your work", that cannot be used or is less useful because:
  - a.** It incorporates "your product" or "your work" that is known or thought to be defective, deficient, inadequate or dangerous; or

- b.** You have failed to fulfill the terms of a contract or agreement;

if such property can be restored to use by:

- a.** The repair, replacement, adjustment or removal of "your product" or "your work"; or
- b.** Your fulfilling the terms of the contract or agreement.

**12. "Insured contract" means:**

- a.** A contract for a lease of premises. However, that portion of the contract for a lease of premises that indemnifies any person or organization for damage by fire, lightning or explosion to premises while rented to you or temporarily occupied by you with permission of the owner is subject to the Damage To Premises Rented To You limit described in Section **D. – Liability and Medical Expenses Limits of Insurance.**
- b.** A sidetrack agreement;
- c.** Any easement or license agreement, including an easement or license agreement in connection with construction or demolition operations on or within 50 feet of a railroad;
- d.** Any obligation, as required by ordinance, to indemnify a municipality, except in connection with work for a municipality;
- e.** An elevator maintenance agreement; or
- f.** That part of any other contract or agreement pertaining to your business (including an indemnification of a municipality in connection with work performed for a municipality) under which you assume the tort liability of another party to pay for "bodily injury" or "property damage" to a third person or organization, provided the "bodily injury" or "property damage" is caused, in whole or in part, by you or by those acting on your behalf. Tort liability means a liability that would be imposed by law in the absence of any contract or agreement.

Paragraph **f.** includes that part of any contract or agreement that indemnifies a railroad for "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of construction or demolition operations within 50 feet of any railroad property and affecting any railroad bridge or trestle, tracks, road-beds, tunnel, underpass or crossing.

However, Paragraph **f.** does not include that part of any contract or agreement:

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(1) That indemnifies an architect, engineer or surveyor for injury or damage arising out of:

- (a) Preparing, approving or failing to prepare or approve maps, shop drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders, designs or drawings and specifications; or
- (b) Giving directions or instructions, or failing to give them, if that is the primary cause of the injury or damage; or

(2) Under which the insured, if an architect, engineer or surveyor, assumes liability for an injury or damage arising out of the insured's rendering or failure to render professional services, including those listed in (1) above and supervisory, inspection, architectural or engineering activities.

13. "Leased worker" means a person leased to you by a labor leasing firm under an agreement between you and the labor leasing firm, to perform duties related to the conduct of your business. "Leased worker" does not include a "temporary worker".

14. "Loading or unloading" means the handling of property:

- (a) After it is moved from the place where it is accepted for movement into or onto an aircraft, watercraft or "auto";
- (b) While it is in or on an aircraft, watercraft or "auto"; or
- (c) While it is being moved from an aircraft, watercraft or "auto" to the place where it is finally delivered;

but "loading or unloading" does not include the movement of property by means of a mechanical device, other than a hand truck, that is not attached to the aircraft, watercraft or "auto".

15. "Mobile equipment" means any of the following types of land vehicles, including any attached machinery or equipment:

- (a) Bulldozers, farm machinery, forklifts and other vehicles designed for use principally off public roads;
- (b) Vehicles maintained for use solely on or next to premises you own or rent;
- (c) Vehicles that travel on crawler treads;
- (d) Vehicles, whether self-propelled or not, on which are permanently mounted:

(1) Power cranes, shovels, loaders, diggers or drills; or

(2) Road construction or resurfacing equipment such as graders, scrapers or rollers;

e. Vehicles not described in a., b., c., or d. above that are not self-propelled and are maintained primarily to provide mobility to permanently attached equipment of the following types:

- (1) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning, geophysical exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment; or
- (2) Cherry pickers and similar devices used to raise or lower workers;

f. Vehicles not described in a., b., c., or d. above maintained primarily for purposes other than the transportation of persons or cargo.

However, self-propelled vehicles with the following types of permanently attached equipment are not "mobile equipment" but will be considered "autos":

- (1) Equipment, of at least 1,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, designed primarily for:
  - (a) Snow removal;
  - (b) Road maintenance, but not construction or resurfacing; or
  - (c) Street cleaning;
- (2) Cherry pickers and similar devices mounted on automobile or truck chassis and used to raise or lower workers; and
- (3) Air compressors, pumps and generators, including spraying, welding, building cleaning, geophysical exploration, lighting and well servicing equipment.

16. "Occurrence" means an accident, including continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general harmful conditions.

17. "Personal and advertising injury" means injury, including consequential "bodily injury", arising out of one or more of the following offenses:

- a. False arrest, detention or imprisonment;
- b. Malicious prosecution;

- c. The wrongful eviction from, wrongful entry into, or invasion of the right of private occupancy of a room, dwelling or premises that the person occupies, committed by or on behalf of its owner, landlord or lessor;
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- e. Oral, written or electronic publication of material that violates a person's right of privacy;
- f. Copying, in your "advertisement", a person's or organization's "advertising idea" or style of "advertisement";
- g. Infringement of copyright, slogan, or title of any literary or artistic work, in your "advertisement"; or
- h. Discrimination or humiliation that results in injury to the feelings or reputation of a natural person.

18. "Pollutants" means any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste includes materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

19. "Products-completed operations hazard";

- a. Includes all "bodily injury" and "property damage" occurring away from premises you own or rent and arising out of "your product" or "your work" except:
  - (1) Products that are still in your physical possession; or
  - (2) Work that has not yet been completed or abandoned. However, "your work" will be deemed to be completed at the earliest of the following times:
    - (a) When all of the work called for in your contract has been completed.
    - (b) When all of the work to be done at the job site has been completed if your contract calls for work at more than one job site.
    - (c) When that part of the work done at a job site has been put to its intended use by any person or organization other than another contractor or subcontractor working on the same project.

Work that may need service, maintenance, correction, repair or replacement, but which is otherwise complete, will be treated as completed.

The "bodily injury" or "property damage" must occur away from premises you own or rent, unless your business includes the selling, handling or distribution of "your product" for consumption on premises you own or rent.

- b. Does not include "bodily injury" or "property damage" arising out of:

- (1) The transportation of property, unless the injury or damage arises out of a condition in or on a vehicle not owned or operated by you, and that condition was created by the "loading or unloading" of that vehicle by any insured; or
  - (2) The existence of tools, uninstalled equipment or abandoned or unused materials.

20. "Property damage" means:

- a. Physical injury to tangible property, including all resulting loss of use of that property. All such loss of use shall be deemed to occur at the time of the physical injury that caused it; or
- b. Loss of use of tangible property that is not physically injured. All such loss of use shall be deemed to occur at the time of "occurrence" that caused it.

As used in this definition, "electronic data" is not tangible property.

21. "Suit" means a civil proceeding in which damages because of "bodily injury", "property damage" or "personal and advertising injury" to which this insurance applies are alleged. "Suit" includes:

- a. An arbitration proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured must submit or does submit with our consent; or
- b. Any other alternative dispute resolution proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured submits with our consent.

22. "Temporary worker" means a person who is furnished to you to substitute for a permanent "employee" on leave or to meet seasonal or short-term workload conditions.

23. "Volunteer worker" means a person who:

- a. Is not your "employee";

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b. Donates his or her work;

c. Acts at the direction of and within the scope of duties determined by you; and

d. Is not paid a fee, salary or other compensation by you or anyone else for their work performed for you.

**24. "Your product":**

a. Means:

(1) Any goods or products, other than real property, manufactured, sold, handled, distributed or disposed of by:

(a) You;

(b) Others trading under your name; or

(c) A person or organization whose business or assets you have acquired; and

(2) Containers (other than vehicles), materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such goods or products.

b. Includes:

(1) Warranties or representations made at any time with respect to the fitness, quality, durability, performance or use of "your product"; and

(2) The providing of or failure to provide warnings or instructions.

c. Does not include vending machines or other property rented to or located for the use of others but not sold.

5. "Your work":

a. Means:

(1) Work or operations performed by you or on your behalf; and

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Contract #: 1950-17746 A4

Address: 20 N Clark St, Suite 3600

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Phone: 312-920-0550

Email: r.zech@claritypartners.com

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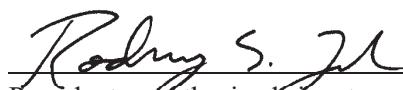
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By: Clarity Partners, LLC

(Print or type legal name of Applicant/Holder)

  
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President or authorized signatory (Signature)

Date: 11/26/2025

Print or type name of President or authorized signatory:

Rodney S. Zech

Title of signatory:

Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26th day of November, 2025

Notary Public Signature:  Seal:

OFFICIAL SEAL  
ROBYN ANNIE KAUFMAN  
Notary Public, State of Illinois  
Commission No. 1010309  
My Commission Expires May 15, 2029



**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602  
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

### **FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION**

#### **Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:**

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

#### **Additional Definitions:**

*“Familial relationship”* means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

Parent  
 Child  
 Brother  
 Sister  
 Aunt  
 Uncle  
 Niece  
 Nephew

N/A

Grandparent  
 Grandchild  
 Father-in-law  
 Mother-in-law  
 Son-in-law  
 Daughter-in-law  
 Brother-in-law  
 Sister-in-law

N/A

Stepfather  
 Stepmother  
 Stepson  
 Stepdaughter  
 Stepbrother  
 Stepsister  
 Halfbrother  
 Halfsister

N/A

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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**A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: Clarity Partners, LLC

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 20 N Clark St, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: +1-312-920-0550

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: r.zech@claritypartners.com

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:

Rodney Zech , Title: Managing Member, Address: 20 N Clark St, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602

Email: r.zech@claritypartners.com

**B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

*Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:*

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: 1950-17746 - A4

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The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$ 868,940.00

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Oumaima Khalil-Elouadghiri, Contract Negotiator, oumaima.khalil-elouadghiri@cookcountyil.gov

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Jessica Garcia, Director of Finance and Administration of Cook County Public Guardian Office , Jessica.Garcia2@cookcountyil.gov

**C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed*

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**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Signature of Recipient

11/28/2025

Date

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Zip: 60602

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Email: r.zech@claritypartners.com

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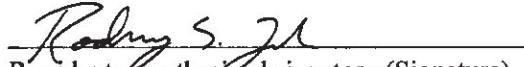
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Date: 11/12/2024

  
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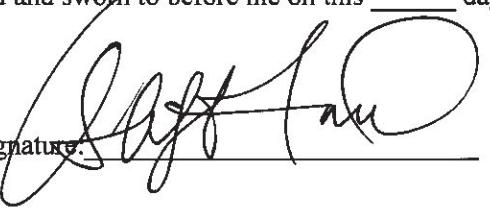
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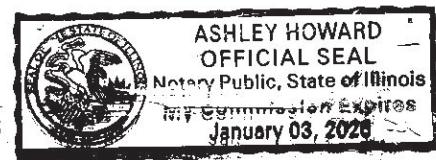
Title of signatory:

Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of November, 2024

Notary Public Signature: 

Seal:



**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
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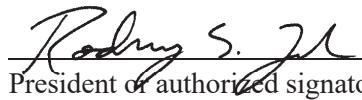
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Date: 12/22/2023

(Print or type legal name of Applicant/Holder)

  
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President or authorized signatory (Signature)

Print or type name of President or authorized signatory:

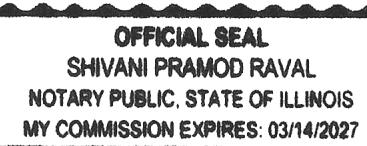
Rodney S. Zech

Title of signatory:

Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22th day of December, 2023

Notary Public Signature: Shivani Raval Seal:





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**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION**

**Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:**

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

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The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

**Additional Definitions:**

*“Familial relationship”* means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather
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<input type="checkbox"/> Brother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson
<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepdaughter
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<input type="checkbox"/> Uncle	<input type="checkbox"/> Daughter-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Stepsister
<input type="checkbox"/> Niece	<input type="checkbox"/> Brother-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Halfbrother
<input type="checkbox"/> Nephew	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister-in-law	<input type="checkbox"/> Halfsister

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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**A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: Clarity Partners, LLC

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: (312) 920-0550

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: r.zech@claritypartners.com

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:

Rodney Zech, Managing Member, (312) 920-0550, r.zech@claritypartners.com

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**B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

*Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:*

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: 1950-17746 A2

The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$ 868,940.00

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Lorely Ortiz, Senior Contract Negotiator

Lorely.Ortiz@cookcountylil.gov, 161 N Clark Street, Suite 2300, Chicago, IL 60602

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Peter Kocerka, CFO

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**C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed*

- The Person Doing Business with the County is **an individual** and there is **no familial relationship** between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.
- The Person Doing Business with the County is **a business entity** and there is **no familial relationship** between any member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

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NA			

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NA			

Name of Person Responsible for the General Administration of the Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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NA

Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
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Rodney S. M.  
Signature of Recipient

12/22/2023

Date

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:**

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**Cook County**  
**Office of the Chief Procurement Officer**

**Economic Disclosure Statement Recertification Affidavit**

Applicant/Holder Name: Clarity Partners, LLC

Contract #: 1950-17746

Address: 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600

City: Chicago

County: Cook

State: Illinois

Zip: 60602

Phone: (312) 920-0550

Email: r.zech@claritypartners.com

**Instructions**

If the Applicant is a corporation, the President must execute this affidavit. If executed by someone other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or other authorization, satisfactory to the County that permits the person to execute this affidavit for the corporation.

If the Applicant is a partnership or joint venture, all partners or joint venturers must execute this affidavit, unless one partner or joint venturer has been authorized to sign.

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This recertification is being submitted in connection with

Contract Name: Consulting Services for Juvenile Client Services Management System

Under penalty of perjury, the person signing below: (1) warrants that he/she is authorized to execute this Economic Disclosure Statement ("EDS") recertification on behalf of the Applicant/Holder, (2) warrants that all certifications and statements contained in the Applicant/Holder's last submitted EDS dated 4/21/2020 are true, accurate and complete as of the date furnished to the County and continue to be true, accurate and complete as of the date of this recertification, and (3) reaffirms its acknowledgments.

Recertification of:

- Certifications (SECTION 2), if applicable, as updated on:
- Economic and Other Disclosures (SECTION 3), if applicable, as updated on:
- Cook County Child Support Affidavit (Please submit any additional Child Support Obligations as an attachment to this form), if applicable, as updated on:
- Cook County Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement, if applicable, as updated on:
- Cook County Board of Ethics Familial Relationship Disclosure Form, if applicable, as updated on: 8/24/2022
- Cook County Affidavit for Wage Theft Ordinance (SECTION 4), if applicable, as updated on:

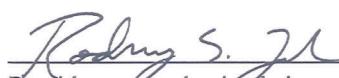
If your recertification of any of the above is related to information contained in an updated form submitted after the last submitted full EDS, please indicate the date such information was updated.

IMPORTANT: If you are unable to re-certify any section(s) of your previous EDS, please submit a truthful, fully updated version of that section(s) of the EDS including separate signatures where required.

By: Clarity Partners, LLC

Date: 8/24/2022

(Print or type legal name of Applicant/Holder)



President or authorized signatory (Signature)

Print or type name of President or authorized signatory:

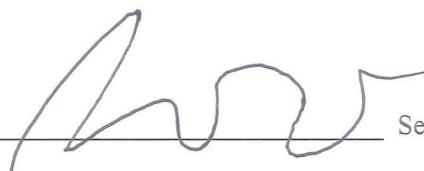
Rodney S. Zech

Title of signatory:

Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 24th day of August, 2022

Notary Public Signature:



Seal:





**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602  
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

### **FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION**

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- Sister-in-law

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- Stepmother
- Stepson
- Stepdaughter
- Stepbrother
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The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$748,540.00

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Anna Epps, Senior Contract Negotiator, 312-603-5818, anna.epps@cookcountylil.gov

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: LaToya Hoines, Director of Finance & Administration, 312-603-0804, latoya.hoines@cookcountylil.gov

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**N/A**

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Signature of Recipient

8/24/2022  
Date

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**EXHIBIT VII**  
**COOK COUNTY**  
**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**  
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**SECTION 1**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF**  
**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

This Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document ("EDS") is to be completed and executed by every Bidder on a County contract, every Proposer responding to a Request for Proposals, and every Respondent responding to a Request for Qualifications, and others as required by the Chief Procurement Officer. The execution of the EDS shall serve as the execution of a contract awarded by the County. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to request that the Bidder or Proposer, or Respondent provide an updated EDS on an annual basis.

**Definitions.** Terms used in this EDS and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Request for Proposals, Request for Qualifications, as applicable.

*Affiliate* means a person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls is Controlled by, or is under common Control with the Person specified.

*Applicant* means a person who executes this EDS.

*Bidder* means any person who submits a Bid.

*Code* means the Code of Ordinances, Cook County, Illinois available on municode.com.

*Contract* shall include any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

*Contractor or Contracting Party* means a person that enters into a Contract with the County.

*Control* means the unfettered authority to directly or indirectly manage governance, administration, work, and all other aspects of a business.

*EDS* means this complete Economic Disclosure Statement and Execution Document, including all sections listed in the Index and any attachments.

*Joint Venture* means an association of two or more Persons proposing to perform a for-profit business enterprise. Joint Ventures must have an agreement in writing specifying the terms and conditions of the relationship between the partners and their relationship and respective responsibility for the Contract

*Lobby* or *lobbying* means to, for compensation, attempt to influence a County official or County employee with respect to any County matter.

*Lobbyist* means any person who lobbies.

*Person or Persons* means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, Limited Liability Company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

*Prohibited Acts* means any of the actions or occurrences which form the basis for disqualification under the Code, or under the Certifications hereinafter set forth.

*Proposal* means a response to an RFP.

*Proposer* means a person submitting a Proposal.

*Response* means response to an RFQ.

*Respondent* means a person responding to an RFQ.

*RFP* means a Request for Proposals issued pursuant to this Procurement Code.

*RFQ* means a Request for Qualifications issued to obtain the qualifications of interested parties.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF**  
**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCUMENT**

**Section 1: Instructions.** Section 1 sets forth the instructions for completing and executing this EDS.

**Section 2: Certifications.** Section 2 sets forth certifications that are required for contracting parties under the Code and other applicable laws. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the statements and certifications contained, and all the facts stated, in the Certifications are true, correct and complete as of the date of execution.

**Section 3: Economic and Other Disclosures Statement.** Section 3 is the County's required Economic and Other Disclosures Statement form. Execution of this EDS constitutes a warranty that all the information provided in the EDS is true, correct and complete as of the date of execution, and binds the Applicant to the warranties, representations, agreements and acknowledgements contained therein.

**Required Updates.** The Applicant is required to keep all information provided in this EDS current and accurate. In the event of any change in the information provided, including but not limited to any change which would render inaccurate or incomplete any certification or statement made in this EDS, the Applicant shall supplement this EDS up to the time the County takes action, by filing an amended EDS or such other documentation as is required.

**Additional Information.** The County's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking County contracts, work, business, or transactions, and the Applicant is expected to comply fully with these ordinances. For further information please contact the Director of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 (69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040, Chicago, IL 60602) or visit the web-site at cookcountyil.gov/ethics-board-of.

**Authorized Signers of Contract and EDS Execution Page.** If the Applicant is a corporation, the President and Secretary must execute the EDS. In the event that this EDS is executed by someone other than the President, attach hereto a certified copy of that section of the Corporate By-Laws or other authorization by the Corporation, satisfactory to the County that permits the person to execute EDS for said corporation. If the corporation is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of the Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a partnership or joint venture, all partners or joint venturers must execute the EDS, unless one partner or joint venture has been authorized to sign for the partnership or joint venture, in which case, the partnership agreement, resolution or evidence of such authority satisfactory to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a member-managed LLC all members must execute the EDS, unless otherwise provided in the operating agreement, resolution or other corporate documents. If the Applicant is a manager-managed LLC, the manager(s) must execute the EDS. The Applicant must attach either a certified copy of the operating agreement, resolution or other authorization, satisfactory to the County, demonstrating such person has the authority to execute the EDS on behalf of the LLC. If the LLC is not registered in the State of Illinois, a copy of a current Certificate of Good Standing from the state of incorporation must be submitted with this Signature Page.

If the Applicant is a Sole Proprietorship, the sole proprietor must execute the EDS.

A "Partnership" "Joint Venture" or "Sole Proprietorship" operating under an Assumed Name must be registered with the Illinois county in which it is located, as provided in 805 ILCS 405 (2012), and documentation evidencing registration must be submitted with the EDS.

Effective October 1, 2016 all foreign corporations and LLCs must be registered with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office unless a statutory exemption applies to the applicant. Applicants who are exempt from registering must provide a written statement explaining why they are exempt from registering as a foreign entity with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

**SECTION 2****CERTIFICATIONS**

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS ARE MADE PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND THE CODE. THE APPLICANT IS CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY READ THESE CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE. SIGNING THE SIGNATURE PAGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A WARRANTY BY THE APPLICANT THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SET FORTH WITHIN THESE CERTIFICATIONS ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT AS OF THE DATE THE SIGNATURE PAGE IS SIGNED. THE APPLICANT IS NOTIFIED THAT IF THE COUNTY LEARNS THAT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATIONS WERE FALSELY MADE, THAT ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO WITH THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMINATION.

**A. PERSONS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION**

No person or business entity shall be awarded a contract or sub-contract, for a period of five (5) years from the date of conviction or entry of a plea or admission of guilt, civil or criminal, if that person or business entity:

- 1) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State of Illinois, of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of a unit of state, federal or local government or school district in the State of Illinois in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- 2) Has been convicted by federal, state or local government of an act of bid-rigging or attempting to rig bids as defined in the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.*;
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- 4) Has been convicted of an act committed, within the State, of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices as defined by the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and the Clayton Act. 15 U.S.C. Section 1, *et seq.*;
- 5) Has been convicted of price-fixing or attempting to fix prices under the laws the State;
- 6) Has been convicted of defrauding or attempting to defraud any unit of state or local government or school district within the State of Illinois;
- 7) Has made an admission of guilt of such conduct as set forth in subsections (1) through (6) above which admission is a matter of record, whether or not such person or business entity was subject to prosecution for the offense or offenses admitted to; or
- 8) Has entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to charge of bribery, price-fixing, bid-rigging, or fraud, as set forth in sub-paragraphs (1) through (6) above.

In the case of bribery or attempting to bribe, a business entity may not be awarded a contract if an official, agent or employee of such business entity committed the Prohibited Act on behalf of the business entity and pursuant to the direction or authorization of an officer, director or other responsible official of the business entity, and such Prohibited Act occurred within three years prior to the award of the contract. In addition, a business entity shall be disqualified if an owner, partner or shareholder controlling, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of the business entity, or an officer of the business entity has performed any Prohibited Act within five years prior to the award of the Contract.

**THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Applicant has read the provisions of Section A, Persons and Entities Subject to Disqualification, that the Applicant has not committed any Prohibited Act set forth in Section A, and that award of the Contract to the Applicant would not violate the provisions of such Section or of the Code.

**B. BID-RIGGING OR BID ROTATING**

**THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *In accordance with 720 ILCS 5/33 E-11, neither the Applicant nor any Affiliated Entity is barred from award of this Contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid-rigging or bid rotating.*

**C. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT**

**THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** The Applicant will provide a drug free workplace, as required by (30 ILCS 580/3).

**D. DELINQUENCY IN PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *The Applicant is not an owner or a party responsible for the payment of any tax or fee administered by Cook County, by a local municipality, or by the Illinois Department of Revenue, which such tax or fee is delinquent, such as bar award of a contract or subcontract pursuant to the Code, Chapter 34, Section 34-171.*

**E. HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE**

No person who is a party to a contract with Cook County ("County") shall engage in unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment against any individual in the terms or conditions of employment, credit, public accommodations, housing, or provision of County facilities, services or programs (Code Chapter 42, Section 42-30 *et seq.*).

**F. ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

**THE APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT:** *It is in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/2-105), and agrees to abide by the requirements of the Act as part of its contractual obligations.*

**G. INSPECTOR GENERAL (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-174 and Section 34-250)**

The Applicant has not willfully failed to cooperate in an investigation by the Cook County Independent Inspector General or to report to the Independent Inspector General any and all information concerning conduct which they know to involve corruption, or other criminal activity, by another county employee or official, which concerns his or her office of employment or County related transaction.

The Applicant has reported directly and without any undue delay any suspected or known fraudulent activity in the County's Procurement process to the Office of the Cook County Inspector General.

**H. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-585)**

**THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT:** It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning campaign contributions, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 585, and can be read in its entirety at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).

**I. GIFT BAN, (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-574)**

**THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT:** It has read and shall comply with the Cook County's Ordinance concerning receiving and soliciting gifts and favors, which is codified at Chapter 2, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 574, and can be read in its entirety at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com).

**J. LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE PREFERENCE (COOK COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-160;**

Unless expressly waived by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Code requires that a living wage must be paid to individuals employed by a Contractor which has a County Contract and by all subcontractors of such Contractor under a County Contract, throughout the duration of such County Contract. The amount of such living wage is annually by the Chief Financial Officer of the County, and shall be posted on the Chief Procurement Officer's website.

The term "Contract" as used in Section 4, I, of this EDS, specifically excludes contracts with the following:

- 1) Not-For Profit Organizations (defined as a corporation having tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code and recognized under the Illinois State not-for -profit law);
- 2) Community Development Block Grants;
- 3) Cook County Works Department;
- 4) Sheriff's Work Alternative Program; and
- 5) Department of Correction inmates.

**SECTION 3****REQUIRED DISCLOSURES****1. DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST CONTACTS**

List all persons that have made lobbying contacts on your behalf with respect to this contract:

Name	Address
None	_____
	_____
	_____

**2. LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE STATEMENT (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-230)**

*Local business* means a Person, including a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in Illinois, having a bona fide establishment located within the County at which it is transacting business on the date when a Bid is submitted to the County, and which employs the majority of its regular, full-time work force within the County. A Joint Venture shall constitute a Local Business if one or more Persons that qualify as a "Local Business" hold interests totaling over 50 percent in the Joint Venture, even if the Joint Venture does not, at the time of the Bid submittal, have such a bona fide establishment within the County.

a) Is Applicant a "Local Business" as defined above?

Yes:  No: \_\_\_\_\_

b) If yes, list business addresses within Cook County:

20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600 \_\_\_\_\_

Chicago, IL 60602 \_\_\_\_\_

c) Does Applicant employ the majority of its regular full-time workforce within Cook County?

Yes:  No: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE (CODE, CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-172)**

Every Applicant for a County Privilege shall be in full compliance with any child support order before such Applicant is entitled to receive or renew a County Privilege. When delinquent child support exists, the County shall not issue or renew any County Privilege, and may revoke any County Privilege.

All Applicants are required to review the Cook County Affidavit of Child Support Obligations attached to this EDS (EDS-5) and complete the Affidavit, based on the instructions in the Affidavit.

#### 4. REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES.

The Applicant must indicate by checking the appropriate provision below and providing all required information that either:

a) The following is a complete list of all real estate owned by the Applicant in Cook County:

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S): NA

(ATTACH SHEET IF NECESSARY TO LIST ADDITIONAL INDEX NUMBERS)

ORI

b)  The Applicant owns no real estate in Cook County.

5. EXCEPTIONS TO CERTIFICATIONS OR DISCLOSURES.

If the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the Certifications or any other statements contained in this EDS and not explained elsewhere in this EDS, the Applicant must explain below:

N/A

If the letters, "NA", the word "None" or "No Response" appears above, or if the space is left blank, it will be conclusively presumed that the Applicant certified to all Certifications and other statements contained in this EDS.

## COOK COUNTY DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST STATEMENT

The Cook County Code of Ordinances (§2-610 *et seq.*) requires that any Applicant for any County Action must disclose information concerning ownership interests in the Applicant. This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be completed with all information current as of the date this Statement is signed. Furthermore, this Statement must be kept current, by filing an amended Statement, until such time as the County Board or County Agency shall take action on the application. The information contained in this Statement will be maintained in a database and made available for public viewing. **County reserves the right to request additional information to verify the veracity of information contained in this statement.**

If you are asked to list names, but there are no applicable names to list, you must state NONE. An incomplete Statement will be returned and any action regarding this contract will be delayed. A failure to fully comply with the ordinance may result in the action taken by the County Board or County Agency being voided.

"*Applicant*" means any Entity or person making an application to the County for any County Action.

"*County Action*" means any action by a County Agency, a County Department, or the County Board regarding an ordinance or ordinance amendment, a County Board approval, or other County agency approval, with respect to contracts, leases, or sale or purchase of real estate.

"*Person*" "*Entity*" or "*Legal Entity*" means a sole proprietorship, corporation, partnership, association, business trust, estate, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, trustee of a land trust, other commercial or legal entity or any beneficiary or beneficiaries thereof.

This Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement must be submitted by :

1. An Applicant for County Action and
2. A Person that holds stock or a beneficial interest in the Applicant and is listed on the Applicant's Statement (a "Holder") must file a Statement and complete #1 only under **Ownership Interest Declaration**.

Please print or type responses clearly and legibly. Add additional pages if needed, being careful to identify each portion of the form to which each additional page refers.

**This Statement is being made by the**  **Applicant** **or**  **Stock/Beneficial Interest Holder**

**This Statement is an:**  **Original Statement** **or**  **Amended Statement**

**Identifying Information:**

Name Clarity Partners, LLC

D/B/A: N/A

FEIN # Only.: 80-0123899

Street Address: 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600

City: Chicago

State: IL

Zip Code: 60602

Phone No.: (312) 920-0550

Fax Number: (312) 920-0554

Email: d.namkung@claritypartners.com

Cook County Business Registration Number: N/A

(Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture Partnership)

Corporate File Number (if applicable): Illinois LLC File Number - 01141198

**Form of Legal Entity:**

Sole Proprietor  Partnership  Corporation  Trustee of Land Trust

Business Trust  Estate  Association  Joint Venture

Other (describe) Limited Liability Company

**Ownership Interest Declaration:**

1. List the name(s), address, and percent ownership of each Person having a legal or beneficial interest (including ownership) of more than five percent (5%) in the Applicant/Holder.

Name	Address	Percentage Interest in Applicant/Holder
David C. Namkung	20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602	51%
Rodney S. Zech	20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602	49%

2. If the interest of any Person listed in (1) above is held as an agent or agents, or a nominee or nominees, list the name and address of the principal on whose behalf the interest is held.

Name of Agent/Nominee N/A	Name of Principal	Principal's Address
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3. Is the Applicant constructively controlled by another person or Legal Entity?  Yes  No

If yes, state the name, address and percentage of beneficial interest of such person, and the relationship under which such control is being or may be exercised.

Name N/A	Address	Percentage of Beneficial Interest	Relationship
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**Corporate Officers, Members and Partners Information:**

For all corporations, list the names, addresses, and terms for all corporate officers. For all limited liability companies, list the names, addresses for all members. For all partnerships and joint ventures, list the names, addresses, for each partner or joint venture.

Name	Address	Title (specify title of Office, or whether manager or partner/joint venture)	Term of Office
David C. Namkung	20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602	Managing Member	Perpetual
Rodney S. Zech	20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602	Managing Member	Perpetual

**Declaration (check the applicable box):**

I state under oath that the Applicant has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest in the Applicant nor reserved any information, data or plan as to the intended use or purpose for which the Applicant seeks County Board or other County Agency action.

I state under oath that the Holder has withheld no disclosure as to ownership interest nor reserved any information required to be disclosed.

David C. Namkung  
Name of Authorized Applicant/Holder Representative (please print or type)

David C. Namkung  
Signature

d.namkung@claritypartners.com  
E-mail address

Subscribed to and sworn before me  
this 21 day of April, 2020.

Rosell Edeleberg  
Notary Public Signature

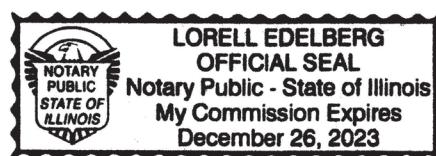
Managing Member  
Title

4/21/2020  
Date

(312) 920-0550  
Phone Number

My commission expires: 12/26/23

Notary Seal





**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**  
 69 W. WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3040  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602  
 312/603-4304 Office 312/603-9988 Fax

**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION**

**Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:**

Doing a significant amount of business with the County requires that you disclose to the Board of Ethics the existence of any familial relationships with any County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County, or in any municipality within the County. The Ethics Ordinance defines a significant amount of business for the purpose of this disclosure requirement as more than \$25,000 in aggregate County leases, contracts, purchases or sales in any calendar year.

If you are unsure of whether the business you do with the County or a County agency will cross this threshold, err on the side of caution by completing the attached familial disclosure form because, among other potential penalties, any person found guilty of failing to make a required disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be prohibited from doing any business with the County for a period of three years. The required disclosure should be filed with the Board of Ethics by January 1 of each calendar year in which you are doing business with the County and again with each bid/proposal/quotation to do business with Cook County. The Board of Ethics may assess a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

The person that is doing business with the County must disclose his or her familial relationships. If the person on the County lease or contract or purchasing from or selling to the County is a business entity, then the business entity must disclose the familial relationships of the individuals who are and, during the year prior to doing business with the County, were:

- its board of directors,
- its officers,
- its employees or independent contractors responsible for the general administration of the entity,
- its agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the entity, and
- its employees who directly engage or engaged in doing work with the County on behalf of the entity.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

**Additional Definitions:**

*"Familial relationship"* means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a County employee or State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an employee or official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

Parent  
 Child  
 Brother  
 Sister  
 Aunt  
 Uncle  
 Niece  
 Nephew

Grandparent  
 Grandchild  
 Father-in-law  
 Mother-in-law  
 Son-in-law  
 Daughter-in-law  
 Brother-in-law  
 Sister-in-law

Stepfather  
 Stepmother  
 Stepson  
 Stepdaughter  
 Stepbrother  
 Stepsister  
 Half-brother  
 Half-sister

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**FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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**A. PERSON DOING OR SEEKING TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

Name of Person Doing Business with the County: Clarity Partners, LLC

Address of Person Doing Business with the County: 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone number of Person Doing Business with the County: (312) 920-0550

Email address of Person Doing Business with the County: d.namkung@claritypartners.com

If Person Doing Business with the County is a Business Entity, provide the name, title and contact information for the individual completing this disclosure on behalf of the Person Doing Business with the County:  
David Namkung, Managing Member, (312) 920-0550, d.namkung@claritypartners.com

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**B. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY**

*Append additional pages as needed and for each County lease, contract, purchase or sale sought and/or obtained during the calendar year of this disclosure (or the proceeding calendar year if disclosure is made on January 1), identify:*

The lease number, contract number, purchase order number, request for proposal number and/or request for qualification number associated with the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: 1950-17746

The aggregate dollar value of the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: \$589,700.00

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in negotiating the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: Jorge Robles, Senior Contract Negotiator, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, IL 60602

The name, title and contact information for the County official(s) or employee(s) involved in managing the business you are doing or seeking to do with the County: TBD

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**C. DISCLOSURE OF FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Check the box that applies and provide related information where needed*

The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and there is **no familial relationship** between this individual and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and there is **no familial relationship** between any member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, and any Cook County employee or any person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, or any municipality within Cook County.

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The Person Doing Business with the County **is an individual** and **there is a familial relationship** between this individual and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person or persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Individual Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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*If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.*

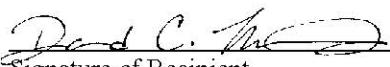
The Person Doing Business with the County **is a business entity** and **there is a familial relationship** between at least one member of this business entity's board of directors, officers, persons responsible for general administration of the business entity, agents authorized to execute documents on behalf of the business entity and/or employees directly engaged in contractual work with the County on behalf of the business entity, on the one hand, and at least one Cook County employee and/or a person holding elective office in the State of Illinois, Cook County, and/or any municipality within Cook County, on the other. **The familial relationships are as follows:**

Name of Member of Board of Director for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Name of Officer for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of Person Responsible for the General Administration of the Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Name of Agent Authorized to Execute Documents for Business Entity Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Name of Employee of Business Entity Directly Engaged in Doing Business with the County	Name of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Title and Position of Related County Employee or State, County or Municipal Elected Official	Nature of Familial Relationship*
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet following the above format.*

**VERIFICATION:** To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this disclosure form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure is punishable by law, including but not limited to fines and debarment.

  
Signature of Recipient

4/21/2020  
Date

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:**

Cook County Board of Ethics  
69 West Washington Street, Suite 3040, Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Office (312) 603-4304 – Fax (312) 603-9988  
CookCounty.Ethics@cookcountyil.gov

\* Spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner or parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild by blood, marriage (*i.e.* in laws and step relations) or adoption.



**IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction**

If Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction or waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

*There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner*  
 YES or  NO

*Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation*  
 YES or  NO

*Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default*  
 YES or  NO

*Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant.*  
 YES or  NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

**V. Affirmation**

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

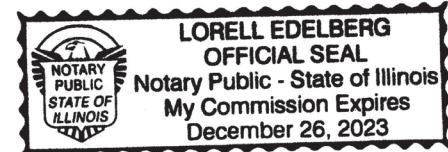
Signature: David C. Namkung Date: 4/21/2020

Name of Person signing (Print): David C. Namkung Title: Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of April, 2020

x Lorell Edeleberg Notary Public Signature Notary Seal

**Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.**



## SECTION 4

COOK COUNTY AFFIDAVIT FOR WAGE THEFT ORDINANCE

Effective May 1, 2015, every Person, including Substantial Owners, seeking a Contract with Cook County must comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance set forth in Chapter 34, Article IV, Section 179. Any Person/Substantial Owner, who fails to comply with Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance, may request that the Chief Procurement Officer grant a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d).

"Contract" means any written document to make Procurements by or on behalf of Cook County.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, Joint Venture, trust, association, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or other legal entity.

"Procurement" means obtaining supplies, equipment, goods, or services of any kind.

"Substantial Owner" means any person or persons who own or hold a twenty-five percent (25%) or more percentage of interest in any business entity seeking a County Privilege, including those shareholders, general or limited partners, beneficiaries and principals; except where a business entity is an individual or sole proprietorship, Substantial Owner means that individual or sole proprietor.

All Persons/Substantial Owners are required to complete this affidavit and comply with the Cook County Wage Theft Ordinance before any Contract is awarded. Signature of this form constitutes a certification the information provided below is correct and complete, and that the individual(s) signing this form has/have personal knowledge of such information.

I. **Contract Information:**

Contract Number: 1950-17746

County Using Agency (requesting Procurement): Cook County, Public Guardian Office

II. **Person/Substantial Owner Information:**

Person (Corporate Entity Name): Clarity Partners, LLC

Substantial Owner Complete Name: David C. Namkung

FEIN# 80-0123899

E-mail address: d.namkung@claritypartners.com

Street Address: 20 N. Clark Street, Suite 3600

State: IL Zip: 60602

III. **Compliance with Wage Laws:**

Within the past five years has the Person/Substantial Owner, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, been convicted of, entered a plea, made an admission of guilt or liability, or had an administrative finding made for committing a repeated or willful violation of any of the following laws:

Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act, 820 ILCS 115/1 et seq., YES or  NO

Illinois Minimum Wage Act, 820 ILCS 105/1 et seq., YES or  NO

Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 820 ILCS 65/1 et seq., YES or  NO

Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1 et seq., YES or  NO

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq., YES or  NO

Any comparable state statute or regulation of any state, which governs the payment of wages, YES or  NO

If the Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it is ineligible to enter into a Contract with Cook County, but can request a reduction or waiver under **Section IV**.

**IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction**

If Person/Substantial Owner answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, it may request a reduction or waiver in accordance with Section 34-179(d), provided that the request for reduction or waiver is made on the basis of one or more of the following actions that have taken place:

*There has been a bona fide change in ownership or Control of the ineligible Person or Substantial Owner*  
 YES or  NO

*Disciplinary action has been taken against the individual(s) responsible for the acts giving rise to the violation*  
 YES or  NO

*Remedial action has been taken to prevent a recurrence of the acts giving rise to the disqualification or default*  
 YES or  NO

*Other factors that the Person or Substantial Owner believe are relevant.*  
 YES or  NO

The Person/Substantial Owner must submit documentation to support the basis of its request for a reduction or waiver. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to make additional inquiries and request additional documentation.

**V. Affirmation**

The Person/Substantial Owner affirms that all statements contained in the Affidavit are true, accurate and complete.

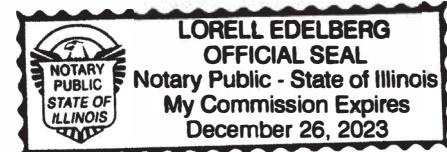
Signature: David C. Namkung Date: 4/21/2020

Name of Person signing (Print): David C. Namkung Title: Managing Member

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of April, 2020

x Lorell Edeleberg Notary Public Signature Notary Seal

**Note: The above information is subject to verification prior to the award of the Contract.**





**IV. Request for Waiver or Reduction**

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 YES or  NO

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 YES or  NO

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 YES or  NO

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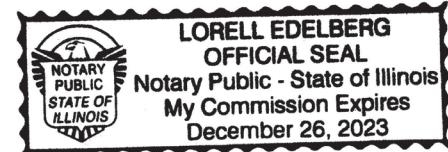
Signature: Rodney S. Zech \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/21/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person signing (Print): Rodney S. Zech \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Managing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of April, 2020

x Lorell Edeleberg \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Seal \_\_\_\_\_

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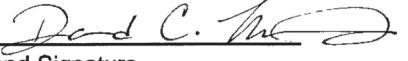
**CONTRACT AND EDS EXECUTION PAGE**  
**PLEASE EXECUTE THREE ORIGINAL PAGES OF EDS**

The Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all of the statements, certifications and representations set forth in this EDS are true, complete and correct; that the Applicant is in full compliance and will continue to be in compliance throughout the term of the Contract or County Privilege issued to the Applicant with all the policies and requirements set forth in this EDS; and that all facts and information provided by the Applicant in this EDS are true, complete and correct. The Applicant agrees to inform the Chief Procurement Officer in writing if any of such statements, certifications, representations, facts or information becomes or is found to be untrue, incomplete or incorrect during the term of the Contract or County Privilege.

**Execution by Corporation**

N/A	N/A
Corporation's Name	President's Printed Name and Signature
N/A	N/A
Telephone	Email
N/A	N/A
Secretary Signature	Date

**Execution by LLC**

Clarity Partners, LLC	David C. Namkung	
LLC Name	*Member/Manager Printed Name and Signature	
4/21/2020	(312) 920-0550, d.namkung@claritypartners.com	
Date	Telephone and Email	

**Execution by Partnership/Joint Venture**

N/A	N/A
Partnership/Joint Venture Name	*Partner/Joint Venturer Printed Name and Signature
N/A	N/A
Date	Telephone and Email

**Execution by Sole Proprietorship**

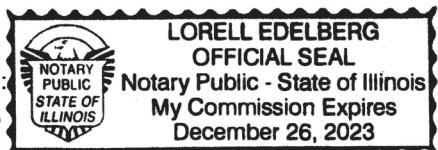
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Printed Name Signature	Assumed Name (if applicable)
N/A	N/A
Date	Telephone and Email

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
 21 day of April, 2020.

  
 Notary Public Signature

Notary Seal

My commission expires:  
 12/26/23



\*If the operating agreement, partnership agreement or governing documents requiring execution by multiple members, managers, partners, or joint venturers, please complete and execute additional Contract and EDS Execution Pages.