

September 1, 2021

Ms. Kristen Huntley, Interim Director of Finance CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA 212 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street Lawton, Oklahoma

We appreciate your selection of **BKD**, LLP as your service provider and are pleased to confirm the arrangements of our engagement in this contract. Within the requirements of our professional standards and any duties owed to the public, regulatory, or other authorities, our goal is to provide you **Unmatched** Client Service<sup>®</sup>.

In addition to the terms set forth in this contract, including the detailed **Scope of Services**, our engagement is governed by the following, incorporated fully by this reference:

• Terms and Conditions Addendum

#### **Summary Scope of Services**

As described in the attached Scope of Services, our services will include the following:

#### CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

• Agreed-Upon Procedure Services for the year ended June 30, 2021

### **Engagement Fees**

Our fees are included in the engagement letter of the City's financial statement audit dated August 26, 2021.

#### **Contract Agreement**

Please sign and return this contract to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our services including our respective responsibilities.

BKD, LLP

BKD,LLP



Acknowledged and agreed to as it relates to the entire contract, including the **Scope of Services** and **Terms and Conditions Addendum**, on behalf of CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA.

BY <u>Stanley Booker, Mayor</u>

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BY Kristen Huntley, Interim Director of Finance

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Traci L. Hushbeck, City Clerk

APPROVED as to form and legality this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2021.

John Ratliff, City Attorney

## Scope of Services

The following apply for all services:

Assistance	Our timely completion of services depends on the assistance you, or the responsible party(ies), provide us in accumulating information and responding to our inquiries. Inaccuracies or delays in providing this information or the responses may result in untimely filings or inability to meet other deadlines.
Responsibility for Outcomes	We may perform additional services for you that are not covered by this contract. You agree to assume full responsibility for the substantive outcomes of the contracted services and for any other services we may provide, including any findings that may result.
	You also acknowledge these services are adequate for your purposes, and you will establish and monitor the performance of these services to ensure they meet management's objectives. All decisions involving management responsibilities related to these services will be made by you, and you accept full responsibility for such decisions.
	We understand you have designated (or will) a management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the performance of these services, and you have determined (or will) this individual is qualified to conduct such oversight.
Performance of Nonattest Services – SEC & PCAOB	Our performance of certain nonattest services may not be permitted under the SEC and PCAOB independence rules, to which we are <u>not</u> currently subject. Accordingly, if we perform services that are not permitted under those rules, you would not be permitted to use our reports in a registration statement or other document requiring compliance with those rules.
	You agree to inform us promptly if you are considering any future public offering of securities, use of our reports to comply with the Investment Advisers Act custody rule, or other action that would necessitate our future compliance with the independence rules of the SEC and PCAOB.

## Agreed-Upon Procedure Services

We will apply the procedures enumerated in the attachment to this contract to the City's compliance with Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 252: 515-27-82(h)(3) as of June 30, 2021. The management of CITY OF LAWTON is responsible for compliance with Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 252.

CITY OF LAWTON has agreed to these procedures and acknowledged that the procedures to be performed are appropriate for the intended purpose of assisting CITY of LAWTON with respect to the requirements of Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 252: 515-27-82(h)(3). Our responsibility is to carry out these procedures and report on our findings. It is understood that we make no representation regarding the appropriateness of these procedures for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we will perform may not address all the items of interest to a user of our report and may not meet the needs of all users of our report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our engagement to perform agreed-upon procedures is not designed to constitute an examination or a review of the subject matter, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the subject matter. Accordingly, the report will not express an opinion or a conclusion on the City's compliance with Oklahoma Administrative Code Title 252. If additional procedures were to be performed, other matters might have come to our attention. In addition, we have no obligation to perform any procedures beyond those listed in the attachment to this letter.

Cynthia Burns, director, is responsible for supervising the engagement and authorizing the signing of the report or reports.

We will issue a written report summarizing the procedures performed and the results of those procedures to the following:

#### **Entity Name** CITY OF LAWTON

The report will be intended for use by and restricted to the use of the specified parties and our report will contain such restricted use language.

The following apply for the agreed-upon procedure services described above:

Our Responsibilities	We will conduct our agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
Limitations & Fraud	Our engagement will not include a detailed examination of all transactions and cannot be relied upon to disclose misstatements that might exist due to error, fraud, and illegal acts. However, we will inform you of any such matters, if material, that come to our attention.
	You accept that these procedures are not a substitute for management's responsibility to ensure controls are in place to prevent and detect theft and all other forms of fraud and illegal acts. Therefore, you agree we are not responsible for the cost of damages or any liability arising from errors or irregularities, fraud,

defalcations, or any other form of noncompliance or theft, caused by current or former employees, directors, owners, or third parties. Report If, for any reason, we are unable to complete our procedures, we may decline to issue a report as a result of this engagement. The management of CITY OF LAWTON is responsible for the following: Management Responsibilities Proper recording of transactions and preparation of financial statements Establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial • reporting Setting the proper tone Creating and maintaining a culture of honesty and high ethical standards Establishing appropriate controls to prevent, deter, and detect fraud and illegal acts Identifying and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations applicable to • its activities Establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance Implementing and monitoring controls • To facilitate our engagement, management of CITY OF LAWTON is responsible for supplying us with all necessary information and for allowing us access to personnel to assist in performing our services. It should be understood that management is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of these items and for the subject matter. Written At the conclusion of our engagement, we will request certain written

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## **BKD, LLP Terms and Conditions Addendum**

#### GENERAL

1. Overview. This addendum describes BKD, LLP's standard terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions") applicable to Our provision of services to the Client ("You"). The Terms and Conditions are a part of the contract between You and BKD, LLP. For the purposes of the Terms and Conditions, any reference to "Firm," "We," "Us," or "Our" is a reference to BKD, LLP ("BKD"), and any reference to "You" or "Your" is a reference to the party or parties that have engaged Us to provide services.

#### **BILLING, PAYMENT, & TERMINATION**

2. **Billing and Payment Terms.** We will bill You for Our professional fees and costs as outlined in Our contract. Interest will be charged on any unpaid balance after 30 days at the rate of 10 percent per annum, or as allowed by law at the earliest date thereafter, and highest applicable rate if less than 10 percent.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate Our work for this engagement or any other engagement for nonpayment of fees. If Our work is suspended or terminated, You agree that We will not be responsible for Your failure to meet governmental and other deadlines, for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against You resulting from Your failure to meet such deadlines, and for any other damages (including but not limited to consequential, indirect, lost profits, or punitive damages) incurred as a result of the suspension or termination of Our services.

Our fees may increase if Our duties or responsibilities are increased by rulemaking of any regulatory body or any additional new accounting or auditing standards. Our engagement fees do not include any time for post-engagement consultation with Your personnel or third parties, consent letters and related procedures for the use of Our reports in offering documents, inquiries from regulators, or testimony or deposition regarding any subpoena. Charges for such services will be billed separately.

- 3. **Billing Records.** If these services are determined to be within the scope and authority of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, We agree to make available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to the U.S. Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, such of Our books, documents, and records that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of Our services, until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of these services. This contract allows access to contracts of a similar nature between subcontractors and related organizations of the subcontractor, and to their books, documents, and records.
- 4. **Termination.** Either party may terminate these services in good faith at any time for any reason, including Your failure to comply with the terms of Our contract or as We determine professional standards require. Both parties must agree, in writing, to any future modifications or extensions. If services are terminated, You agree to pay BKD for time expended to date. In addition, You will be billed costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as an administrative fee of four (4) percent to cover items such as copies, postage and other delivery charges, supplies, technology-related costs such as software licensing, user access, and research tools, and similar expense items.

#### **DISPUTES & DISCLAIMERS**

- 5. **Mediation.** Any dispute arising out of or related to this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for nonbinding mediation upon written request by either party. Both parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute in mediation. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") will administer any such mediation in accordance with its Commercial Mediation Rules. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. If We cannot agree, a mediator shall be designated by the AAA. The mediation proceeding shall be confidential. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation, but the fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally.
- 6. **Indemnification.** Unless disallowed by law or applicable professional standards, You agree to hold BKD harmless from any and all claims which arise from knowing misrepresentations to BKD, or the intentional withholding or concealment of information from BKD by Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. You also agree to indemnify BKD for any claims made against BKD by third parties, which arise from any wrongful actions of Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. You also agree to any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the nature of the claim.
- 7. **Statute of Limitations.** You agree that any claim or legal action arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder shall be commenced no more than one (1) year from the date of delivery of the work product to You or the termination of the services described herein (whichever is earlier), regardless of any statute of limitations prescribing a longer period of time for commencing such a claim under law. This time limitation shall apply regardless of whether BKD performs other or subsequent services for You. A claim is understood to be a demand for money or services, demand for mediation, or the service of suit based on a breach of this contract or the acts or omissions of BKD in performing the services provided herein. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.
- 8. Limitation of Liability. You agree that BKD's liability, if any, arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder, shall be limited to the amount of the fees paid by You for services rendered under this contract. This limitation shall not apply to the extent it is finally, judicially determined that the liability resulted from the intentional or willful misconduct of BKD or if enforcement of this provision is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.
- 9. Waiver of Certain Damages. In no event shall BKD be liable to You or a third party for any indirect, special, consequential, punitive, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to lost profits, loss of revenue, interruption, loss of use, damage to goodwill or reputation, regardless of whether You were advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether such damages were reasonably foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise.
- 10. **Severability.** If any portion of this contract is deemed invalid or unenforceable, said finding shall not operate to invalidate the remainder of the terms set forth in this contract.

- 11. Assignment. You acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding upon and inure to the parties' successors and assigns, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
- 12. **Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice.** Our services do not constitute legal or investment advice.

# RECORDS, WORKPAPERS, DELIVERABLES, & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

- 13. **Maintenance of Records.** You agree to assume full responsibility for maintaining Your original data and records and that BKD has no responsibility to maintain this information. You agree You will not rely on BKD to provide hosting, electronic security, or backup services, *e.g.*, business continuity or disaster recovery services, to You unless separately engaged to do so. You understand that Your access to data, records, and information from BKD's servers, *i.e.*, BKDconnect, can be terminated at any time and You will not rely on using this to host Your data and records.
- 14. **BKD Workpapers.** Our workpapers and documentation retained in any form of media for this engagement are the property of BKD. We can be compelled to provide information under legal process. In addition, We may be requested by regulatory or enforcement bodies (including any State Board) to make certain workpapers available to them pursuant to authority granted by law or regulation. Unless We are prohibited from doing so by law or regulation, BKD will inform You of any such legal process or request. You agree We have no legal responsibility to You in the event We determine We are obligated to provide such documents or information. In addition, You agree to compensate or reimburse BKD for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, associated with BKD's compliance with requests or demands for its workpapers or other information related to this engagement, and for any testimony required by summons or subpoena.
- 15. Use of Deliverables and Drafts. You agree You will not modify any deliverables or drafts prepared by Us for internal use or for distribution to third parties. You also understand that We may on occasion send You documents marked as draft and understand that those are for Your review purpose only, should not be distributed in any way, and should be destroyed as soon as possible.

Our report on any financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of Our engagement. You may make copies of Our report, but only if the entire financial statements (exactly as attached to Our report, including related footnotes and supplementary information, as appropriate) are reproduced and distributed with Our report. You agree not to reproduce or associate Our report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of Our engagement.

16. **Proprietary Information.** You acknowledge that proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property are a material source of the services We perform and were developed prior to Our association with You. Any new forms, software, documents, or intellectual property We develop during this engagement for Your use shall belong to Us, and You shall have the limited right to use them solely within Your business. All reports, templates, manuals, forms, checklists, questionnaires, letters, agreements, and other documents which We make available to You

are confidential and proprietary to Us. Neither You, nor any of Your agents, will copy, electronically store, reproduce, or make available to anyone other than Your personnel, any such documents. This provision will apply to all materials whether in digital, "hard copy" format, or other medium.

#### REGULATORY

- 17. U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Bodies. Where We are providing services either for (a) an entity that is registered with the SEC, (b) an affiliate of such registrant, or (c) an entity or affiliate that is subject to rules, regulations, or standards beyond those of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), any term of this contract that would be prohibited by or impair Our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.
- 18. **Offering Document.** You may wish to include Our report(s) on financial statements in an exempt offering document. You agree that any report, including any auditor's report, or reference to Our firm, will not be included in any such offering document without notifying us. Any agreement to perform work in connection with an exempt offering document, including providing agreement for the use of the auditor's report in the exempt offering document, will be a separate engagement.

Any exempt offering document issued by You with which We are not involved will clearly indicate that We are not involved by including a disclosure such as, "**BKD**, LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. **BKD**, LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document."

19. **BKD Not a Municipal Advisor.** BKD is not acting as Your municipal advisor under Section 15B of the *Securities Exchange Act* of 1934, as amended. As such, BKD is not recommending any action to You and does not owe You a fiduciary duty with respect to any information or communications regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities. You should discuss such matters with internal or external advisors and experts You deem appropriate before acting on any such information or material provided by BKD.

#### TECHNOLOGY

- 20. **Electronic Sites.** You agree to notify Us if You desire to place Our report(s), including any reports on Your financial statements, along with other information, such as a report by management or those charged with governance on operations, financial summaries or highlights, financial ratios, etc., on an electronic site. You recognize that We have no responsibility to review information contained in electronic sites.
- 21. Electronic Signatures and Counterparts. This contract and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this

contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this contract or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature by facsimile transmission (including a facsimile delivered via the internet), by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.

22. Electronic Data Communication and Storage. In the interest of facilitating Our services to You, We may send data over the internet, temporarily store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Your confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, We employ measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with Our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

You recognize and accept that We have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us. You consent to Our use of these electronic devices and applications during this engagement.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- 23. Third-Party Service Providers. BKD may from time to time utilize third-party service providers, *e.g.*, domestic software processors or legal counsel, or disclose confidential information about You to third-party service providers in serving Your account. BKD maintains, however, internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of Your information. In addition, BKD will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of Your information. If We are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, You will be asked to consent prior to BKD sharing Your confidential information with the third-party service provider.
- 24. **Independent Contractor.** When providing services to You, We will be functioning as an independent contractor; and in no event will We or any of Our employees be an officer of You, nor will Our relationship be that of joint venturers, partners, employer and employee, principal and agent, or any similar relationship giving rise to a fiduciary duty to You.
- 25. Use of BKD Name. Any time You intend to reference BKD's firm name in any manner in any published materials, including on an electronic site, You agree to provide Us with draft materials for review and approval before publishing or posting such information.
- 26. Praxity. BKD is an independent accounting firm allowed to use the name "Praxity" in relation to its practice. BKD is not connected, however, by ownership with any other firm using the name "Praxity." BKD will be solely responsible for all work carried out on Your behalf. In deciding to engage BKD, You acknowledge that We have not represented to You that any other firm using the name "Praxity" will in any way be responsible for Our work.

- 27. **BKD Status as LLP.** BKD is a registered limited liability partnership under Missouri law. Under applicable professional standards, partners of **BKD**, LLP have the same responsibilities as do partners in a general accounting and consulting partnership with respect to conformance by themselves and other professionals in BKD with their professional and ethical obligations. However, partners in a registered limited liability partnership do not have individual civil liability, directly or indirectly, for any debts, obligations, or liabilities of or chargeable to the registered limited liability partnership or each other, whether arising in tort, contract, or otherwise.
- 28. Entire Agreement. The contract, including this *Terms and Conditions Addendum* and any other attachments or addenda, encompasses the entire agreement between You and BKD and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written. Any modification to the terms of this contract must be made in writing and signed by both You and BKD.
- 29. Force Majeure. We shall not be held responsible for any failure to fulfill Our obligations if such failure was caused by circumstances beyond Our control.

## City of Lawton, Oklahoma Schedule of Agreed-upon Procedures

- 1. Agree the City's estimated construction and demolition landfill closure and post-closure costs reported in the June 30, 2021 basic financial statements to correspondence from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ).
- Using information obtained from the Standard and Poor website, determine whether the City was in compliance with the bond ratings required by OAC Title 252: 515-27-82 local government financial test, item (d)(1). If not, using information from the most recent audited financial statements, recalculate the City's required financial ratios as per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) Title 252: 515-27-82 local government financial test, items (d)(2)(A) and (B) as of June 30, 2021.
- 3. Read the independent auditor's report on the City's basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, to determine the financial statements the City prepared are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the Unites States of America.
- 4. Determine whether the City was in default at June 30, 2021, on any of its general obligation debt by observing debt service transactions in the underlying financial statements and making inquiries of city personnel and bond trustees.
- 5. Determine whether the City operated at a deficit financial condition as defined in OAC Title 252: 515-27-82 local government financial test, item (b)(3) for the last two fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, by reading the audited basic financial statements for those two years.
- 6. Determine whether the City received an unmodified opinion on its latest basic financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, by reading the relevant independent auditor's report.
- 7. Recalculate and verify that the total environmental obligations of the City do not exceed 43% of the City's total annual revenues as defined by OAC Title 252: 515-27-82 local government financial test, item (c)(2) for the year ended June 30, 2021, by reading the City's audited basic financial statements.
- 8. Observe whether the current municipal finance test materials have been placed in the City's landfill operating records. Management will ensure a reference to the closure and post-closure costs will be assured through the financial tests and will be included in the City's audited financial statements.