

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

BETWEEN

COUNTY OF ORANGE

AND

SILSBY STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.



Contract
with
Silsby Strategic Advisors, Inc.
for
Consultant Services

This Contract for Consultant Services (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is made and entered into upon full contract execution, between the County of Orange, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County") and Silsby Strategic Advisors, Inc, a California corporation ("Contractor"), with a County and Contractor sometimes referred to as "Party" or collectively as "Parties".

ATTACHMENTS

This Contract is comprised of this document and the following Attachments, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Contract:

- Attachment A – Scope of Services
- Attachment B – Payment/Compensation

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Contractor and County are entering into this Contract for Consultant Services under a firm fixed fee contract; and

WHEREAS, Contractor agrees to provide Consultant Services to the County as further set forth in the Scope of Work, attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, County agrees to pay Contractor as set forth in Payment/Compensation, attached hereto as Attachment B; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

DPA shall mean the Deputy Purchasing Agent assigned to this Contract.

ARTICLES

General Terms and Conditions:

- A. **Governing Law and Venue:** This Contract has been negotiated and executed in the state of California and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the state of California. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Contract, the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California, and the parties hereto agree to and do hereby submit to the jurisdiction of such court, notwithstanding Code of Civil Procedure Section 394. Furthermore, the parties specifically agree to waive any and all rights to request that an action be transferred for adjudication to another county.

- B. **Entire Contract:** This Contract contains the entire Contract between the parties with respect to the matters herein, and there are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings other than those set forth herein or referred to herein. No exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on County unless authorized by County in writing. Electronic acceptance of any additional terms, conditions or supplemental Contracts by any County employee or agent, including but not limited to installers of software, shall not be valid or binding on County unless accepted in writing by County's Purchasing Agent or designee.
- C. **Amendments:** No alteration or variation of the terms of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties; no oral understanding or agreement not incorporated herein shall be binding on either of the parties; and no exceptions, alternatives, substitutes or revisions are valid or binding on County unless authorized by County in writing.
- D. **Taxes:** Unless otherwise provided herein or by law, price quoted does not include California state sales or use tax. Out-of-state Contractors shall indicate California Board of Equalization permit number and sales permit number on invoices, if California sales tax is added and collectable. If no permit numbers are shown, sales tax will be deducted from payment. The Auditor-Controller will then pay use tax directly to the State of California in lieu of payment of sales tax to the Contractor.
- E. **Delivery:** Time of delivery of goods or services is of the essence in this Contract. County reserves the right to refuse any goods or services and to cancel all or any part of the goods not conforming to applicable specifications, drawings, samples or descriptions or services that do not conform to the prescribed statement of work. Acceptance of any part of the order for goods shall not bind County to accept future shipments nor deprive it of the right to return goods already accepted at Contractor's expense. Over shipments and under shipments of goods shall be only as agreed to in writing by County. Delivery shall not be deemed to be complete until all goods or services have actually been received and accepted in writing by County.
- F. **Acceptance Payment:** Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by County, 1) acceptance shall not be deemed complete unless in writing and until all the goods/services have actually been received, inspected, and tested to the satisfaction of County, and 2) payment shall be made in arrears after satisfactory acceptance.
- G. **Warranty:** Contractor expressly warrants that the goods covered by this Contract are 1) free of liens or encumbrances, 2) merchantable and good for the ordinary purposes for which they are used, and 3) fit for the particular purpose for which they are intended. Acceptance of this order shall constitute an agreement upon Contractor's part to indemnify, defend and hold County and its indemnitees as identified in paragraph "Z" below, and as more fully described in paragraph "Z," harmless from liability, loss, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, incurred or sustained by County by reason of the failure of the goods/services to conform to such warranties, faulty work performance, negligent or unlawful acts, and non-compliance with any applicable state or federal codes, ordinances, orders, or statutes, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the California Industrial Safety Act. Such remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
- H. **Patent/Copyright Materials/Proprietary Infringement:** Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, Contractor shall be solely responsible for clearing the right to use any patented or copyrighted materials in the performance of this Contract. Contractor warrants that any software as modified through services provided hereunder will not infringe upon or violate any patent, proprietary right, or trade secret right of any third party. Contractor agrees that, in accordance with the more specific requirement contained in paragraph "Z" below, it shall indemnify, defend and hold County and County Indemnitees harmless from any and all such claims and be responsible for payment of all costs, damages, penalties and

expenses related to or arising from such claim(s), including, costs and expenses but not including attorney's fees.

- I. **Assignment:** The terms, covenants, and conditions contained herein shall apply to and bind the heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the parties. Furthermore, neither the performance of this Contract nor any portion thereof may be assigned by Contractor without the express written consent of County. Any attempt by Contractor to assign the performance or any portion thereof of this Contract without the express written consent of County shall be invalid and shall constitute a breach of this Contract.
- J. **Non-Discrimination:** In the performance of this Contract, Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of Section 1735 of the California Labor Code and not engage nor permit any subcontractors to engage in discrimination in employment of persons because of the race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons. Contractor acknowledges that a violation of this provision shall subject Contractor to penalties pursuant to Section 1741 of the California Labor Code.
- K. **Termination:** In addition to any other remedies or rights it may have by law, County has the right to immediately terminate this Contract without penalty for cause or after 30 days' written notice without cause, unless otherwise specified. Cause shall be defined as any material breach of contract, any misrepresentation or fraud on the part of the Contractor. Exercise by County of its right to terminate the Contract shall relieve County of all further obligation.
- L. **Consent to Breach Not Waiver:** No term or provision of this Contract shall be deemed waived and no breach excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether express or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other different or subsequent breach.
- M. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor shall be considered an independent contractor and neither Contractor, its employees, nor anyone working under Contractor shall be considered an agent or an employee of County. Neither Contractor, its employees nor anyone working under Contractor shall qualify for workers' compensation or other fringe benefits of any kind through County.
- N. **Performance Warranty:** Contractor shall warrant all work under this Contract, taking necessary steps and precautions to perform the work to County's satisfaction. Contractor shall be responsible for the professional quality, technical assurance, timely completion and coordination of all documentation and other goods/services furnished by the Contractor under this Contract. Contractor shall perform all work diligently, carefully, and in a good and workmanlike manner; shall furnish all necessary labor, supervision, machinery, equipment, materials, and supplies, shall at its sole expense obtain and maintain all permits and licenses required by public authorities, including those of County required in its governmental capacity, in connection with performance of the work. If permitted to subcontract, Contractor shall be fully responsible for all work performed by subcontractors.
- O. **Insurance Requirements:** Prior to the provision of services under this Contract, the Contractor agrees to purchase all required insurance at Contractor's expense, including all endorsements required herein, necessary to satisfy the County that the insurance provisions of this Contract have been complied with. Contractor agrees to keep such insurance coverage, Certificates of Insurance, and endorsements on deposit with the County during the entire term of this Contract. In addition, all subcontractors performing work on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall obtain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for Contractor.

Contractor shall ensure that all subcontractors performing work on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Contract shall be covered under Contractor’s insurance as an Additional Insured or maintain insurance subject to the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for Contractor. Contractor shall not allow subcontractors to work if subcontractors have less than the level of coverage required by County from Contractor under this Contract. It is the obligation of Contractor to provide notice of the insurance requirements to every subcontractor and to receive proof of insurance prior to allowing any subcontractor to begin work. Such proof of insurance must be maintained by Contractor through the entirety of this Contract for inspection by County representative(s) at any reasonable time.

All self-insured retentions (SIRs) shall be clearly stated on the Certificate of Insurance. Any self-insured retention (SIR) in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) shall specifically be approved by the County’s Risk Manager, or designee, upon review of Contractor’s current audited financial report. If Contractor’s SIR is approved, Contractor, in addition to, and without limitation of, any other indemnity provision(s) in this Contract, agrees to all of the following:

- 1) In addition to the duty to indemnify and hold the County harmless against any and all liability, claim, demand or suit resulting from Contractor’s, its agents, employee’s or subcontractor’s performance of this Contract, Contractor shall defend the County at its sole cost and expense with counsel approved by Board of Supervisors against same; and
- 2) Contractor’s duty to defend, as stated above, shall be absolute and irrespective of any duty to indemnify or hold harmless; and
- 3) The provisions of California Civil Code Section 2860 shall apply to any and all actions to which the duty to defend stated above applies, and the Contractor’s SIR provision shall be interpreted as though the Contractor was an insurer and the County was the insured.

If the Contractor fails to maintain insurance acceptable to the County for the full term of this Contract, the County may terminate this Contract.

Qualified Insurer

The policy or policies of insurance must be issued by an insurer with a minimum rating of A- (Secure A.M. Best’s Rating) and VIII (Financial Size Category as determined by the most current edition of the **Best’s Key Rating Guide/Property-Casualty/United States or ambest.com**). It is preferred, but not mandatory, that the insurer be licensed to do business in the state of California (California Admitted Carrier).

If the insurance carrier does not have an A.M. Best Rating of A-/VIII, the CEO/Office of Risk Management retains the right to approve or reject a carrier after a review of the company’s performance and financial ratings.

The policy or policies of insurance maintained by the Contractor shall provide the minimum limits and coverage as set forth below:

Coverage

Minimum Limits

Professional Liability*

\$1,000,000 per claims-made
\$1,000,000 aggregate

All insurance policies required by this Contract shall waive all rights of subrogation against the County of Orange, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees when acting within the scope of their appointment or employment.

Contractor shall notify County in writing within thirty (30) days of any policy cancellation and ten (10) days for non-payment of premium and provide a copy of the cancellation notice to County. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation may constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

If Contractor's Professional Liability is a "Claims-Made" policy, Contractor shall agree to maintain coverage for two (2) years following the completion of the Contract.

Insurance certificates should be forwarded to the agency/department address listed on the solicitation.

If the Contractor fails to provide the insurance certificates and endorsements within seven (7) days of notification by CEO/Purchasing or the agency/department purchasing division, award may be made to the next qualified vendor.

County expressly retains the right to require Contractor to increase or decrease insurance of any of the above insurance types throughout the term of this Contract. Any increase or decrease in insurance will be as deemed by County of Orange Risk Manager as appropriate to adequately protect County.

County shall notify Contractor in writing of changes in the insurance requirements. If Contractor does not deposit copies of acceptable Certificates of Insurance and endorsements with County incorporating such changes within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, this Contract may be in breach without further notice to Contractor, and County shall be entitled to all legal remedies.

The procuring of such required policy or policies of insurance shall not be construed to limit Contractor's liability hereunder nor to fulfill the indemnification provisions and requirements of this Contract, nor act in any way to reduce the policy coverage and limits available from the insurer.

- P. **Changes:** Contractor shall make no changes in the work or perform any additional work without the County's specific written approval.
- Q. **Change of Ownership:** Contractor agrees that if there is a change or transfer in ownership of Contractor's business prior to completion of this Contract, and the County agrees to an assignment of the Contract, the new owners shall be required under terms of sale or other transfer to assume Contractor's duties and obligations contained in this Contract and complete them to the satisfaction of the County.

County reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contract in the event the County determines that the assignee is not qualified or is otherwise unacceptable to the County for the provision of services under the Contract.

- R. **Force Majeure:** Contractor shall not be assessed with liquidated damages or unsatisfactory performance penalties during any delay beyond the time named for the performance of this Contract caused by any act of God, war, civil disorder, employment strike or other cause beyond its reasonable control, provided Contractor gives written notice of the cause of the delay to County within 36 hours of the start of the delay and Contractor avails himself of any available remedies.
- S. **Confidentiality:** Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all County and County-related records and information pursuant to all statutory laws relating to privacy and confidentiality that currently

exist or exist at any time during the term of this Contract. All such records and information shall be considered confidential and kept confidential by Contractor and Contractor's staff, agents and employees.

- T. **Compliance with Laws:** Contractor represents and warrants that services to be provided under this Contract shall fully comply, at Contractor's expense, with all standards, laws, statutes, restrictions, ordinances, requirements, and regulations (collectively "laws"), including, but not limited to those issued by County in its governmental capacity and all other laws applicable to the services at the time services are provided to and accepted by County. Contractor acknowledges that County is relying on Contractor to ensure such compliance, and pursuant to the requirements of paragraph "Z" below, Contractor agrees that it shall defend, indemnify and hold County and County INDEMNITEES harmless from all liability, damages, costs and expenses arising from or related to a violation of such laws.
- U. **Intentionally left blank.**
- V. **Severability:** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.
- W. **Attorney Fees:** In any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret any provision of this Contract, each party shall bear their own attorney's fees, costs and expenses.
- X. **Interpretation:** This Contract has been negotiated at arm's length and between persons sophisticated and knowledgeable in the matters dealt with in this Contract. In addition, each party had been represented by experienced and knowledgeable independent legal counsel of their own choosing or has knowingly declined to seek such counsel despite being encouraged and given the opportunity to do so. Each party further acknowledges that they have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in executing this Contract by any other party hereto or by any person representing them, or both. Accordingly, any rule or law (including California Civil Code Section 1654) or legal decision that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Contract against the party that has drafted it is not applicable and is waived. The provisions of this Contract shall be interpreted in a reasonable manner to effect the purpose of the parties and this Contract.
- Y. **Employee Eligibility Verification:** The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in Federal statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal or State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by the law. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.
- Z. **Indemnification:** Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend with counsel approved in writing by County, and hold County, its elected and appointed officials, officers, employees, agents and those special districts and agencies which County's Board of Supervisors acts as the governing Board ("County Indemnitees") harmless from any claims, demands or liability of any kind or nature, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage, arising from or related to the services, products or other performance provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract. If judgment is entered against Contractor and County by a court

of competent jurisdiction because of the concurrent active negligence of County or County Indemnitees, Contractor and County agree that liability will be apportioned as determined by the court. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment.

AA. Audits/Inspections: Contractor agrees to permit the County's Auditor-Controller or the Auditor-Controller's authorized representative (including auditors from a private auditing firm hired by the County), Inspector General acting pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, or the Auditor General of the State of California access during normal working hours to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, financial records, supporting documentation, including payroll and accounts payable/receivable records, and other papers or property of Contractor for the purpose of auditing or inspecting any aspect of performance under this Contract. The inspection and/or audit will be confined to those matters connected with the performance of the Contract including, but not limited to, the costs of administering the Contract. The County will provide reasonable notice of such an audit or inspection.

The County reserves the right to audit and verify the Contractor's records before final payment is made.

Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of four years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated under this Contract or by law. Contractor agrees to allow interviews of any employees or others who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right to the County to audit records and interview staff of any subcontractor related to performance of this Contract.

Should the Contractor cease to exist as a legal entity, the Contractor's records pertaining to this Contract shall be forwarded to the County's project manager.

BB. Contingency of Funds: Contractor acknowledges that funding or portions of funding for this Contract may be contingent upon inclusion of sufficient funding for the services hereunder in the budget approved by County's Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year covered by this Contract. If such approval, funding or appropriations are not forthcoming, or are otherwise limited, County may immediately terminate or modify this Contract without penalty.

CC. Expenditure Limit: The Contractor shall notify the County of Orange assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent in writing when the expenditures against the Contract reach 75 percent of the dollar limit on the Contract. The County will not be responsible for any expenditure overruns and will not pay for work exceeding the dollar limit on the Contract unless a change order to cover those costs has been issued.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Scope of Contract:** This Contract specifies the contractual terms and conditions by which the County will procure Consultant Services from Contractor as further detailed in the Scope of Work, identified and incorporated herein by this reference as "Attachment A".
- 2. Term of Contract:** This Contract shall begin upon full execution and end on December 31, 2023, unless otherwise terminated as provided in this Contract.
- 3. Adjustments – Scope of Work:** No adjustments made to the Scope of Work will be authorized without prior written approval of the County assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent.
- 4. Breach of Contract:** The failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions, covenants or conditions of this Contract shall be a material breach of this Contract. In such event the County may, and in addition to any other remedies available at law, in equity, or otherwise specified in this Contract:

- a) Terminate the Contract immediately, pursuant to Section K herein;
 - b) Afford the Contractor written notice of the breach and ten (10) calendar days or such shorter time that may be specified in this Contract within which to cure the breach;
 - c) Discontinue payment to the Contractor for and during the period in which the Contractor is in breach; and
 - d) Offset against any monies billed by the Contractor but yet unpaid by the County those monies disallowed pursuant to the above.
5. **Civil Rights:** Contractor attests that services provided shall be in accordance with the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other applicable State and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability.
6. **Conflict of Interest – Contractor’s Personnel:** The Contractor shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent any actions or conditions that could result in a conflict with the best interests of the County. This obligation shall apply to the Contractor; the Contractor’s employees, agents, and subcontractors associated with accomplishing work and services hereunder. The Contractor’s efforts shall include, but not be limited to establishing precautions to prevent its employees, agents, and subcontractors from providing or offering gifts, entertainment, payments, loans or other considerations which could be deemed to influence or appear to influence County staff or elected officers from acting in the best interests of the County.
7. **Conflict of Interest – County Personnel:** The County of Orange Board of Supervisors policy prohibits its employees from engaging in activities involving a conflict of interest. The Contractor shall not, during the period of this Contract, employ any County employee for any purpose.
8. **Contractor’s Project Manager and Key Personnel:** Contractor shall appoint a Project Manager to direct the Contractor’s efforts in fulfilling Contractor’s obligations under this Contract. This Project Manager shall be subject to approval by the County and shall not be changed without the written consent of the County’s Project Manager, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- The Contractor’s Project Manager shall be assigned to this project for the duration of the Contract and shall diligently pursue all work and services to meet the project time lines. The County’s Project Manager shall have the right to require the removal and replacement of the Contractor’s Project Manager from providing services to the County under this Contract. The County’s Project manager shall notify the Contractor in writing of such action. The Contractor shall accomplish the removal within five (5) business days after written notice by the County’s Project Manager. The County’s Project Manager shall review and approve the appointment of the replacement for the Contractor’s Project Manager. The County is not required to provide any additional information, reason or rationale in the event it requires the removal of Contractor’s Project Manager from providing further services under the Contract.
9. **Contractor Personnel – Reference Checks:** The Contractor warrants that all persons employed to provide service under this Contract have satisfactory past work records indicating their ability to adequately perform the work under this Contract. Contractor’s employees assigned to this project must meet character standards as demonstrated by background investigation and reference checks, coordinated by the agency/department issuing this Contract.

10. Contractor's Expense: The Contractor will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications, fax communications, and parking while on County sites during the performance of work and services under this Contract. The County will not provide free parking for any service in the County Civic Center.

11. Contractor Personnel – Uniform/Badges/Identification: The Contractor warrants that all persons employed to provide service under this Contract have satisfactory past work records indicating their ability to accept the kind of responsibility under this Contract.

All Contractor's employees shall be required to wear uniforms, badges, or other means of identification which are to be furnished by the Contractor and must be work at all times while working on County property. The assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent must be notified in writing, within seven (7) days of notification of award of Contract of the uniform and/or badges and/or other identification to be worn by employees prior to beginning work and notified in writing seven (7) days prior to any changes in this procedure.

12. Contractor's Records: The Contractor shall keep true and accurate accounts, records, books and data which shall correctly reflect the business transacted by the Contractor in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These records shall be stored in Orange County for a period of three (3) years after final payment is received from the County. Storage of records in another county will require written approval from the County of Orange assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent.

13. Conditions Affecting Work: The Contractor shall be responsible for taking all steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work to be performed under this Contract and to know the general conditions which can affect the work or the cost thereof. Any failure by the Contractor to do so will not relieve Contractor from responsibility for successfully performing the work without additional cost to the County. The County assumes no responsibility for any understanding or representations concerning the nature, location(s) or general conditions made by any of its officers or agents prior to the execution of this Contract, unless such understanding or representations by the County are expressly stated in the Contract.

14. Cooperative Contract: The provisions and pricing of this Contract will be extended to other California local or state governmental entities. Governmental entities wishing to use this Contract will be responsible for issuing their own purchase documents/price agreements, providing for their own acceptance, and making any subsequent payments. Contractor shall be required to include in any Contract entered into with another agency or entity that is entered into as an extension of this Contract a Contract clause that will hold harmless the County of Orange from all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions of every kind resulting directly or indirectly, arising out of, or in any way connected with the use of this contract. Failure to do so will be considered a material breach of this Contract and grounds for immediate Contract termination. The cooperative entities are responsible for obtaining all certificates of insurance and bonds required. The Contractor is responsible for providing each cooperative entity a copy of the Contract upon request by the cooperative entity. The County of Orange makes no guarantee of usage by other users of this Contract.

The Contractor shall be required to maintain a list of the cooperative entities using this Contract. The list shall report dollar volumes spent annually and shall be provided on an annual basis to the County, at the County's request.

15. Data – Title To: All materials, documents, data or information obtained from the County data files or any County medium furnished to the Contractor in the performance of this Contract will at all times remain the property of the County. Such data or information may not be used or copied for direct or indirect use by the Contractor after completion or termination of this Contract without the express written

consent of the County. All materials, documents, data or information, including copies, must be returned to the County at the end of this Contract.

16. **Default – Reprocurement Costs:** In case of Contract breach by Contractor, resulting in termination by the County, the County may procure the goods and/or services from other sources. If the cost for those goods and/or services is higher than under the terms of the existing Contract, Contractor will be responsible for paying the County the difference between the Contract cost and the price paid, and the County may deduct this cost from any unpaid balance due the Contractor. The price paid by the County shall be the prevailing market price at the time such purchase is made. This is in addition to any other remedies available under this Contract and under law.

17. **Disputes – Contract:**

- A. The parties shall deal in good faith and attempt to resolve potential disputes informally. If the dispute concerning a question of fact arising under the terms of this Contract is not disposed of in a reasonable period of time by the Contractor’s Project Manager and the County’s Project Manager, such matter shall be brought to the attention of the County Deputy Purchasing Agent by way of the following process:
 - 1. The Contractor shall submit to the agency/department assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent a written demand for a final decision regarding the disposition of any dispute between the parties arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, unless the County, on its own initiative, has already rendered such a final decision.
 - 2. The Contractor’s written demand shall be fully supported by factual information, and, if such demand involves a cost adjustment to the Contract, the Contractor shall include with the demand a written statement signed by a senior official indicating that the demand is made in good faith, that the supporting data are accurate and complete, and that the amount requested accurately reflects the Contract adjustment for which the Contractor believes the County is liable.
- B. Pending the final resolution of any dispute arising under, related to, or involving this Contract, the Contractor agrees to diligently proceed with the performance of this Contract, including the delivery of goods and/or provision of services. The Contractor’s failure to diligently proceed shall be considered a material breach of this Contract.

Any final decision of the County shall be expressly identified as such, shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the County Deputy Purchasing Agent or his designee. If the County fails to render a decision within 90 days after receipt of the Contractor’s demand, it shall be deemed a final decision adverse to the Contractor’s contentions. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the County’s right to terminate the Contract for cause or termination for convenience as stated in section K herein.

18. **Drug-Free Workplace:** The Contractor hereby certifies compliance with Government Code Section 8355 in matters relating to providing a drug-free workplace. The Contractor will:

- 1. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations, as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(1).
- 2. Establish a drug-free awareness program as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(2) to inform employees about all of the following:

- a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Provide as required by Government Code Section 8355(a)(3) that every employee who works under this Contract:
- a. Will receive a copy of the company's drug-free policy statement; and
 - b. Will agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment under this Contract.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Contract or termination of the Contract or both, and the Contractor may be ineligible for award of any future County contracts if the County determines that any of the following has occurred:

1. The Contractor has made false certification, or
2. The Contractor violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

19. **EDD Independent Contractor Reporting Requirements:** Effective January 1, 2001, the County of Orange is required to file in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 6041A of the Internal Revenue Code for services received from a "service provider" to whom the County pays \$600 or more or with whom the County enters into a contract for \$600 or more within a single calendar year. The purpose of this reporting requirement is to increase child support collection by helping to locate parents who are delinquent in their child support obligations.

The term "service provider" is defined in California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.8, subparagraph B.2 as "an individual who is not an employee of the service recipient for California purposes and who received compensation or executes a contract for services performed for that service recipient within or without the state." The term is further defined by the California Employment Development Department to refer specifically to independent Contractors. An independent Contractor is defined as "an individual who is not an employee of the ... government entity for California purposes and who receives compensation or executes a contract for services performed for that ... government entity either in or outside of California."

The reporting requirement does not apply to corporations, general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited liability companies.

Additional information on this reporting requirement can be found at the California Employment Development Department web site located at http://www.edd.ca.gov/Employer_Services.htm

20. **Emergency/Declared Disaster Requirements:** In the event of an emergency or if Orange County is declared a disaster area by the County, state or federal government, this Contract may be subjected to unusual usage. The Contractor shall service the County during such an emergency or declared disaster under the same terms and conditions that apply during non-emergency/disaster conditions. The pricing

quoted by the Contractor shall apply to serving the County's needs regardless of the circumstances. If the Contractor is unable to supply the goods/services under the terms of the Contract, then the Contractor shall provide proof of such disruption and a copy of the invoice for the goods/services from the Contractor's supplier(s). Additional profit margin as a result of supplying goods/services during an emergency or a declared disaster shall not be permitted. In the event of an emergency or declared disaster, emergency purchase order numbers will be assigned. All applicable invoices from the Contractor shall show both the emergency purchase order number and the Contract number.

21. **Errors and Omissions:** All reports, files and other documents prepared and submitted by Contractor shall be complete and shall be carefully checked by the professional(s) identified by Contractor as project manager and key personnel attached hereto, prior to submission to the County. Contractor agrees that County review is discretionary and Contractor shall not assume that the County will discover errors and/or omissions. If the County discovers any errors or omissions prior to approving Contractor's reports, files and other written documents, the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction. Should the County or others discover errors or omissions in the reports, files or other written documents submitted by the Contractor after County approval thereof, County approval of Contractor's reports, files or documents shall not be used as a defense by Contractor in any action between the County and Contractor, and the reports, files or documents will be returned to Contractor for correction.
22. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** The Contractor shall comply with U.S. Executive Order 11246 entitled, "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR, Part 60) and applicable state of California regulations as may now exist or be amended in the future. The Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, political affiliation or physical or mental condition.

Regarding handicapped persons, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The Contractor agrees to provide equal opportunity to handicapped persons in employment or in advancement in employment or otherwise treat qualified handicapped individuals without discrimination based upon their physical or mental handicaps in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, promotions, transfers, recruitments, advertising, layoffs, terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, pertaining to prohibition of discrimination against qualified handicapped persons in all programs and/or activities as detailed in regulations signed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services effective June 3, 1977, and found in the Federal Register, Volume 42, No. 68 dated May 4, 1977, as may now exist or be amended in the future.

Regarding Americans with disabilities, Contractor agrees to comply with applicable provisions of Title 1 of the Americans with Disabilities Act enacted in 1990 as may now exist or be amended in the future.

23. **News/Information Release:** The Contractor agrees that it will not issue any news releases in connection with either the award of this Contract or any subsequent amendment of or effort under this Contract without first obtaining review and written approval of said news releases from the County through the County's Project Manager.
24. **Notices:** Any and all notices, requests demands and other communications contemplated, called for, permitted, or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing with a copy provided to the assigned Deputy Purchasing Agent (DPA), except through the course of the parties' project managers' routine exchange of information and cooperation during the terms of the work and services. Any written

communications shall be deemed to have been duly given upon actual in-person delivery, if delivery is by direct hand, or upon delivery on the actual day of receipt or no greater than four (4) calendar days after being mailed by US certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, whichever occurs first. The date of mailing shall count as the first day. All communications shall be addressed to the appropriate party at the address stated herein or such other address as the parties hereto may designate by written notice from time to time in the manner aforesaid.

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- 25. **Precedence:** The Contract documents consist of this Contract and its exhibits and attachments. In the event of a conflict between or among the Contract documents, the order of precedence shall be the provisions of the main body of this Contract, i.e., those provisions set forth in the recitals and articles of this Contract, and then the exhibits and attachments.

- 26. **Termination – Orderly:** After receipt of a termination notice from the County of Orange, the Contractor may submit to the County a termination claim, if applicable. Such claim shall be submitted promptly, but in no event later than 60 days from the effective date of the termination, unless one or more extensions in writing are granted by the County upon written request of the Contractor. Upon termination County agrees to pay the Contractor for all services performed prior to termination which meet the requirements of the Contract, provided, however, that such compensation combined with previously paid compensation shall not exceed the total compensation set forth in the Contract. Upon termination or other expiration of this Contract, each party shall promptly return to the other party all papers, materials, and other properties of the other held by each for purposes of performance of the Contract.

27. State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: This Contract is funded through the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) revenue loss under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”). Contractor must utilize funds provided in Attachment B in accordance with all Federal and State laws, including but not limited to ARPA, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 802, et seq., and all applicable regulations and guidelines implementing ARPA, including the regulations issued by the Department of Treasury at 31 CFR Part 35 regarding costs that are payable from SLFRF Funds.

- A. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance. Contractor must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards per 2 CFR Part 200 (the “Uniform Guidance”), including the procurement standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.318 through 2 CFR 200.327 when using the Grant Amount to procure goods and services.
- B. Single Audit Act. Since Federal funds are used in the performance of this Agreement, Contractor must, as applicable, adhere to the rules and regulations of the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sec. 7501 et seq.), OMB Circular A-133 and any administrative regulation or field memoranda implementing the Act.

Grant Amount	\$40,000
Entity Name:	Silsby Strategic Advisors, Inc.
Entity Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	N/A
Awarding County Agency	County Executive Office
County Contact Information	Oana Cosma (714) 834-7410
Assistance Listing Number (ALN) / Name	21.027 / Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	SLFRP1607
Awarding Federal Agency	US Treasury Department
Indirect Cost Rate	10% MTDC or Federally Approved Rate
Whether Award is R&D:	No

- C. Contractor shall provide Consultant Services to the County as further set forth in the Scope of Work, attached hereto as Attachment A.
- D. Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the modified total direct costs per 2 CFR section 200.68 or the federally approved indirect cost rate, if applicable.
- E. Political Activity Prohibited. None of the funds, materials, property or services provided directly or indirectly under this Contract may be used for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office. Funds provided under this Contract may not be used for any purpose designed to support or defeat any pending legislation or administrative regulation.
- F. SAM.gov Requirements. Contractor is required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (“SAM”) (<https://www.sam.gov>).

28. Reports: The Contractor shall submit written reports on August 31, 2023, and December 31, 2023, to the First Supervisorial District detailing the Contractor’s work under the Contract. The reports shall be in a format specified by the First Supervisorial District.

Attachment A

Scope of Work

Contractor will provide Consultant Services to assist the County with concept development, procurement, design & construction, and enhanced coordination with the City of Westminster (“City”) in the Little Saigon Arch/Gateway Initiative (“Project”). The Scope of Work associated with assisting the County in high-level strategy, project oversight, City liaison efforts, and follow up actions for this initiative includes:

Meetings, Research, and Initial Coordination

The Consultant Services will include meetings with the County and the City to clarify alignment on the primary actions and direction of focus to best position the project for success. These efforts will also include productively identifying and resolving known liabilities and facilitating enhanced coordination with key stakeholders. Stakeholder meetings with the targeted agencies or departments are presumed to be at the level of key decision-maker and /or applicable technical staff to complete and verify research for the proposed project elements or anticipated impacts. The Consultant Services will also include regular communication with the County to course correct throughout the initiative, as necessary, based upon new direction from the County and/or requested adjustments by key stakeholders. Deliverables for this portion of the scope of work will generally include information/materials for utilization in meetings for the County to use with key stakeholders or follow up actions from meetings with County or City team members and stakeholders.

Enhanced External Coordination and Reporting

As needed, Contractor will contact any other supporting consultant(s) hired by the County or the City to establish professional working terms, as well as providing flow-through information or reports as requested by the County.

Enhanced Communication

As communication is essential on these strategic initiatives, Contractor will assist the County in coordinating key stakeholder updates and presentations, as requested, along with the development of basic supporting materials and reports – as requested.

Primary Initiatives

Contractor will support the County by:

1. Development of Concepts: Work with County and City staff, and other contributing parties, to continue refinement of the Little Saigon Arch (“Project”), provide advice on implementation actions, and prepare the City for a formal procurement solicitation.
2. Field Investigations: Continue to review field conditions – as necessary – including the research/evaluation of existing right-of-way and utility documentation for the Bolsa Avenue corridor at the proposed Project location.
3. Delivery Method Recommendations: Gather information related to progressive design-build delivery methods, including a review of existing County design-build documents and City contract elements. Provide a recommendation to the City on the best delivery method to meet the discussed schedule and prepare a skeleton RFQ/P document for consideration by the City for solicitation of services.
4. Budget Development/Cost Review: Work with the Count and City representatives to refine the Project budget and, post procurement solicitation, review submitted cost proposals from submitting contractor teams for design and construction services.

5. Procurement Support: Through the First Supervisorial District office, partner with the City to finalize the RFQ/P procurement documents and associated base contract for release as a public solicitation for services. Participate in the City review/selection panel as an ex-officio member to answer questions provide continuity. Through the First Supervisorial District office, support City staff with the City Council public meeting and approval process.
6. Design Engineering Phase Oversight: During the design phase of the project, support the County and City staff in an oversight role and work with the external design team as necessary to answer questions and mitigate issues. Monitor schedule progress and adherence to the Project budget.
7. Construction Services Phase Oversight (high-level): During the construction phase of the project, support the County / City staff in an oversight role and work with the construction contractor as necessary to answer questions and mitigate issues. Monitor schedule progress, adherence to the Project budget, and assist with local stakeholder / property owner inquiries.
8. Liaison Efforts with County and City Representatives: As an ongoing effort, work with the County and City staff to provide Project updates, answer questions, provide recommendations, and enhance communications between the County and City representatives.
9. Presentation/Meeting Support Services: Support the County and City designated Project representatives with internal/external meeting preparation and follow up, including support – as requested – at City Council meetings.
10. Contractor or Contract Dispute Resolution (on behalf of the County): During the implementation phases of the Project, work to actively identify points of dispute and address organic disputes between the contractor and the City, including the provision of recommendations to resolve such disputes.

Additional Support Services

Contractor will provide applicable strategic services including, but not limited to, those outlined above. However, if the County requests that these services be enhanced in any way by the addition of tasks or the deletion of any specified tasks, all efforts will be made to accommodate those adjustments under terms of mutual agreement.

Attachment B

Payment/Compensation

1. **Compensation:** This is a firm-fixed fee Contract between the County and Contractor for Consultant Services as set forth in Attachment A, "Scope of Work."

The Contractor agrees to accept the specified compensation as set forth in this Contract as full payment for performing all services and furnishing all staffing and materials required, for any reasonably unforeseen difficulties which may arise or be encountered in the execution of the services until acceptance, for risks connected with the services, and for performance by the Contractor of all its duties and obligations hereunder. The Contractor shall only be compensated as set forth herein for work performed in accordance with the Scope of Work. **The County shall have no obligation to pay any sum in excess of the fixed rates specified herein unless authorized by amendment in accordance with the Contract.**

2. **Fees and Charges:** County will pay the following fees in accordance with the provisions of this Contract. Payment shall be \$40,000.
3. **Contractor's Expense:** The Contractor will be responsible for all costs related to photo copying, telephone communications and fax communications while on County sites during the performance of work and services under this Contract.
4. **Payment Terms:** If Contractor provides an invoice as provided in Paragraph 6 of this Attachment B, County shall pay fees under the contract on or before June 30, 2023. The Contractor shall reimburse the County of Orange for any monies paid to the Contractor for goods or services not provided or when goods or services do not meet the Contract requirements.

Payments made by the County shall not preclude the right of the County from thereafter disputing any services provided under this Contract and shall not be construed as acceptance of any part of the services.

5. **Taxpayer ID Number:** The Contractor shall include its taxpayer ID number on all invoices submitted to the County for payment to ensure compliance with IRS requirements and to expedite payment processing.
6. **Payment – Invoicing Instructions:** The Contractor shall provide an invoice on the Contractor's letterhead by May 31, 2023, for services to be rendered. The invoice will have a number and will include the following information:
 - a. Contractor's name and address
 - b. Contractor's remittance address
 - c. Contractor's Taxpayer ID Number
 - d. Name of County Agency/Department
 - e. Delivery/service address
 - f. Contract Name
 - g. Agency/Department's Account Number
 - h. Date of invoice
 - i. Product/service description and price
 - j. Total

Invoice and support documentation are to be forwarded to:

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