

City of Moreno Valley

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Agreement is made by and between the **City of Moreno Valley**, California, a municipal corporation, with its principal place of business at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92552, hereinafter referred to as the “City”, and **Nationwide Cost Recovery Services, a Limited Liability Company**, with its principal place of business at 947 Longview Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor,” based upon City policies and the following legal citations:

RECITALS

- A. Government Code Section 53060 authorizes the engagement of persons to perform special services as independent contractors;
- B. Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of professional Residential Foreclosure Property Registration contracting services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is experienced in providing professional Residential Foreclosure Property Registration contracting services, is licensed in the State of California, if applicable;
- C. City desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the Residential Foreclosure Property Registration as set forth in this Agreement;
- D. The public interest, convenience, necessity and general welfare will be served by this Agreement; and
- E. This Agreement is made and entered into effective the date the City signs this Agreement.

TERMS

1. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Contractor’s Name: Nationwide Cost Recovery Services
Address: 947 Longview Drive
City: Diamond Bar State: CA Zip: 91765
Business Phone: 909-762-8135 Fax No. 909-752-3163
Business License Number: _____
Federal Tax I.D. Number: _____

2. CONTRACTOR SERVICES, FEES, AND RELEVANT DATES:

- A. The Contractor’s scope of service is described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- B. Payment terms are provided in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

C. The term of this Agreement shall be from the date it is signed to June 30, 2018 unless terminated earlier as provided herein. The City acknowledges that it will not unreasonably withhold approval of the Contractor's requests for extensions of time in which to complete the work required. The Contractor shall not be responsible for performance delays caused by others or delays beyond the Contractor's reasonable control (excluding delays caused by non-performance or unjustified delay by Contractor, his/her/its employees, or subcontractors), and such delays shall extend the time for performance of the work by the Contractor.

3. **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- A. Control of Work. Contractor is solely responsible for the content and sequence of the work, and will not be subject to control and direction as to the details and means for accomplishing the anticipated results of services. The City will not provide any training to Contractor or his/her/its employees.
- B. Intent of Parties. Contractor is, and at all times shall be, an independent contractor and nothing contained herein shall be construed as making the Contractor or any individual whose compensation for services is paid by the Contractor, an agent or employee of the City, or authorizing the Contractor to create or assume any obligation or liability for or on behalf of the City, or entitling the Contractor to any right, benefit, or privilege applicable to any officer or employee of the City.
- C. Subcontracting. Contractor may retain or subcontract for the services of other necessary contractors with the prior written approval of the City. Payment for such services shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. Any and all subcontractors shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, with the exception that the City shall have no obligation to pay for any subcontractor services rendered. Contractor shall be responsible for paying prevailing wages where required by law [See California Labor Code Sections 1770 through 1777.7].
- D. Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Contractor shall be subject to the approval of City.
- E. Substitution of Key Personnel. Contractor has represented to City that certain key personnel will perform and coordinate the services under this Agreement. Should one or more of such personnel become unavailable, Contractor may substitute other personnel of at least equal competence upon written approval of City. In the event that City and Contractor cannot agree as to the substitution of key personnel, City shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement for cause. As discussed below, any personnel who fail or refuse to perform the services in a manner acceptable to the City, or who are determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the project or a threat to the safety of persons or property, shall be promptly removed from the project by the Contractor at the request of the City. The key personnel for performance of this Agreement are as follows: **Neftali Cortez**.

- F. City's Representative. The City hereby designates the City Manager, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("City's Representative"). Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the City's Representative or his or her designee.
- G. Contractor's Representative. Contractor hereby designates **Neftali Cortez**, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Contractor's Representative"). Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Contractor for all purposes under this Agreement. The Contractor's Representative shall supervise and direct the services, using his or her best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the services under this Agreement.
- H. Legal Considerations. The Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws in the performance of this Agreement. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with services. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to the City, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold City, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.
- I. Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Contractor shall perform all services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the profession necessary to perform the services. Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractor shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the services assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the services and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. Any employee of the Contractor or its subcontractors who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the services in a manner acceptable to the City, shall be promptly removed from the project by the Contractor and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the services or to work on the project.
- J. Contractor Indemnification. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the Moreno Valley Community Services District (CSD), their officers, agents and employees harmless from any and all claims, damages, losses, causes of action and

demands, including, without limitation, the payment of all consequential damages, expert witness fees, reasonable attorney's fees and other related costs and expenses, incurred in connection with or in any manner arising out of Contractor's performance of the work contemplated by this Agreement and this Agreement. Acceptance of this Agreement signifies that the Contractor is not covered under the City's general liability insurance, employee benefits, or worker's compensation. It further establishes that the Contractor shall be fully responsible for such coverage. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement, and shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by the City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the CSD, and their officers, agents and employees.

- K. Additional Indemnity Obligations. Contractor shall defend, with counsel of City's choosing and at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all claims, suits, actions or other proceedings of every kind covered by Section "J" that may be brought or instituted against City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the CSD, and their officers, agents and employees. Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the CSD, and their officers, agents and employees as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Contractor shall also reimburse City for the cost of any settlement paid by City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the CSD, and their officers, agents and employees as part of any such claim, suit, action or other proceeding. Such reimbursement shall include payment for City's attorney's fees and costs, including expert witness fees. Contractor shall reimburse City, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the CSD, and their officers, agents and employees for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided.
- L. Insurance Requirements. The Contractor will comply with the following insurance requirements at its sole expense. Insurance companies shall be rated (A Minus: VII—Admitted) or better in Best's Insurance Rating Guide and shall be legally licensed and qualified to conduct business in the State of California:

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, at its sole expense, Workers' Compensation Insurance in such amounts as will fully comply with the laws of the State of California and which shall indemnify, insure and provide legal defense for the Contractor and the City, the Housing Authority and CSD against any loss, claim, or damage arising from any injuries or occupational diseases happening to any worker employed by the Contractor in the course of carrying out the Agreement. This coverage may be waived if the Contractor is determined to be functioning as a sole proprietor and the city provided form "Exception to Worker's Compensation Coverage" is signed, notarized and attached to this Agreement

□ General Liability Insurance—to protect against loss from liability imposed by law for damages on account of bodily injury, including death, and/or property damage suffered or alleged to be suffered by any person or persons whomever, resulting directly or indirectly from any act or activities of the Contractor, sub-Contractor, or any person acting for the Contractor or under its control or direction. Such insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect throughout the terms of the Agreement and any extension thereof in the minimum amounts provided below:

Bodily Injury	\$1,000,000 per occurrence/ \$2,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$500,000 per occurrence/ \$500,000 aggregate

□ Liability and Property Damage Insurance coverage for owned and non-owned automotive equipment operated on City/CSD/Housing Authority premises. Such coverage limits shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

□ A Certificate of Insurance and appropriate additional insured endorsement evidencing the above applicable insurance coverage shall be submitted to the City prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Certificate of Insurance or an appropriate binder shall bear an endorsement containing the following provisions:

Solely as respect to services done by or on behalf of the named insured for the City of Moreno Valley, it is agreed that the City of Moreno Valley, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the Moreno Valley Community Services District, their officers, employees and agents are included as additional insured under this policy and the coverage(s) provided shall be primary insurance and not contributing with any other insurance available to the City of Moreno Valley, the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, and the Moreno Valley Community Services District, its officers, employees and agents, under any third party liability policy

The terms of the insurance policy or policies issued to provide the above coverage shall neither be amended to reduce the required insurance limits and coverages nor shall such policies be canceled by the carrier without thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified or registered mail of amendment or cancellation to the City, except that cancellation for non-payment of premium shall require ten (10) days prior written notice by certified or registered mail. In the event the insurance is canceled, the Contractor shall, prior to the cancellation date, submit new evidence of insurance in the amounts established.

M. Intellectual Property. Any system or documents developed, produced or provided under this Agreement, including any intellectual property discovered or developed by Contractor in the course of performing or otherwise as a result of its work, shall become the sole property of the City unless explicitly stated otherwise in this Agreement. The Contractor may retain copies of any

and all material, including drawings, documents, and specifications, produced by the Contractor in performance of this Agreement. The City and the Contractor agree that to the extent permitted by law, until final approval by the City, all data shall be treated as confidential and will not be released to third parties without the prior written consent of both parties.

- N. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no understandings, agreements, or representations of warranties, expressed or implied, not specified in this Agreement. This Agreement applies only to the current proposal as attached. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a subsequent written Agreement signed by both parties. Assignment of this Agreement is prohibited without prior written consent.
- O. (a) The City may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time without cause by giving at least ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor. The written notice shall specify the date of termination. Upon receipt of such notice, the Contractor may continue work through the date of termination, provided that no work or service(s) shall be commenced or continued after receipt of the notice which is not intended to protect the interest of the City. The City shall pay the Contractor within thirty (30) days after receiving any invoice after the date of termination for all non-objected to services performed by the Contractor in accordance herewith through the date of termination.
- (b) Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause. In the event the City terminates this Agreement for cause, the Contractor shall perform no further work or service(s) under the Agreement unless the notice of termination authorizes such further work.
- (c) If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, City may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished documents and data and other information of any kind prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be required to provide such documents and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.
- (d) In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, similar to those terminated.
- P. Payment. Payments to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement will be reported to Federal and State taxing authorities as required. The City will not withhold any sums from compensation payable to Contractor. Contractor is independently responsible for the payment of all applicable taxes. Where the payment terms provide for compensation on a time and materials basis, the Contractor shall maintain adequate records to permit inspection and audit of the Contractor's time and materials charges under the Agreement. Such records shall be retained by the Contractor for three (3) years following completion of the services under the Agreement.
- Q. Restrictions on City Employees. The Contractor shall not employ any City employee or official in the work performed pursuant to this Agreement. No

officer or employee of the City shall have any financial interest in this Agreement in violation of federal, state, or local law.

- R. Choice of Law and Venue. The laws of the State of California shall govern the rights, obligations, duties, and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement, and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement. Any legal proceeding arising from this Agreement shall be brought in the appropriate court located in Riverside County, State of California.
- S. Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

Contractor:

Nationwide Cost Recovery Services
947 Longview Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
Attn: Neftali Cortez

City:

City of Moreno Valley
14177 Frederick Street
P.O. Box 88005
Moreno Valley, CA 92552
Attn: Building & Neighborhood Services Division Manager

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

- T. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.
- U. City's Right to Employ Other Contractors. City reserves right to employ other contractors in connection with this project.
- V. Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both parties.
- W. Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a party shall give the other party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.
- X. No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the parties.

- Y. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.
- Z. Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- AA. Assignment or Transfer. Contractor shall not assign, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have each caused their authorized representative to execute this Agreement.

City of Moreno Valley

Nationwide Cost Recovery Services

BY: _____
City Manager

BY: _____
Neftali Cortez
Owner

Date

Date

INTERNAL USE ONLY

ATTEST:

City Clerk
(only needed if Mayor signs)

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney

Date

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

Department Head
(if contract exceeds 15,000)

Date