

## RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Chair and Members, CRA Board of Commissioners

City of Riviera Beach, Florida

FROM: LaTony T. Brown, Executive Director, Riviera Beach CRA

**DATE:** June 6, 2016

CC: Michael Haygood, CRA General Counsel

SUBJECT: Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Constant Computing, LLC

(Constant Computing) for the Overall Maintenance of the Agency's IT

Infrastructure

#### **REQUEST:**

The Agency is requesting that the CRA Board approve a Professional Services Agreement with Constant Computing for the continuation of the Agency's Information Technology Infrastructure as stipulated in the Professional Services Agreement.

#### Background:

In 2013 the City's IT Department provided Technology Support Services to the CRA on a trial basis. In May 2014 the City's Purchasing Department advised the Agency that it did not have sufficient resources to provide the level of service required by the CRA and that they would assist with procuring a service provider that could do the job consistent with the expectations and the daily operational needs. In June 2014, after obtaining and reviewing quotes, the Executive Director pursuant to his authority under the CRA's Procurement Code, selected Constant Computing as the IT Consultant. The original contract was month-to-month for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per fiscal year and was originally structured to support a small network of users at the CRA's current main office. At the time, the CRA had 9 employees on site. The main objectives in 2014 were to improve responsiveness in IT support, catch up on network maintenance tasks that were behind schedule, maintain user workstations, and improve reliability of network services.

In the nearly two years since the CRA's relationship with Constant Computing began, much has changed. After first serving the CRA's initial operating needs, the CRA began expanding in other

areas as noted below. Additional staff was brought on and sub-entities of the CRA were created which required additional IT services. This expansion included the Clean & Safe location on Singer Island, the team of Clean & Safe Ambassadors, and the new Marina Event Center.

With these expansions to the CRA, the CRA's IT footprint and support needs have significantly changed. With the addition of new users and IT infrastructure, costs of IT maintenance and support have risen accordingly. These increases, special projects, and a more comprehensive set of services being offered by Constant Computing have necessitated the need for a higher budget for IT services through Constant Computing. The services required by the CRA are outlined below. The needs of the Agency to be provided are too significant to be managed by the City's IT Department. Thus, it was determined to work with an external vendor.

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

#### • MAIN OFFICE:

Over the last two years, the main CRA office has expanded in user count and IT infrastructure. The following additions have been made:

- A. User count on the network has grown from nine to 12 users. With the additional users, the amount of maintenance and user support requests have increased. Additionally, more upgrades and setups of PCs and mobile devices are required.
- B. Additional network printers/copiers have been added to the network to accommodate printing needs. Although these machines are serviced through another vendor, tasks such as user support and software installation/maintenance/management are serviced through the IT vendor.
- C. Enhanced Security To further protect the CRA from malicious threats, new security services have been enabled through use of a network security appliance.
- D. Virtual Private Network (VPN) support. Secure VPN connections have been set up to allow access to email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers between the main office and other sites.
- E. Multisite Domain The main CRA server has been set up to communicate with servers at other sites. This allows centralized management of users and enable features such as sharing and transportation of email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers through the secure VPN connections.
- F. Additional virtual server and workstation In addition to the existing physical server and two virtual servers, an additional virtual server and workstation have been added. The virtual server is used to manage the CRA's new Access Control System while the virtual workstation allows restricted remote access to the CRA's outside financial consultant.
- G. QuickBooks has been upgraded from a single user setup to the Enterprise level product. The newer configuration allows enhanced features, multiuser access, and is set up on six different workstations.
- H. Additional mobile devices To maintain connectivity to resources and enhance communication with CRA employees, additional mobile devices have been deployed.
- I. Maintenance Before engaging with Constant Computing, maintenance tasks such as patch management and software upgrade cycles were significantly behind. There is now a regular patch management and software upgrade process in place. This results in a much higher level of security and reliability of network resources.
- J. Monitoring Originally, monitoring of the CRA network comprised periodic checks of the servers, workstations and network devices. As the CRA has grown, reliability and security of its IT infrastructure has become even more critical. Constant Computing has improved

and enhanced the monitoring of the CRA's network by enabling real-time monitoring. This real-time monitoring gives us unique insight into our network and promotes a more proactive approach to maintenance as opposed to the traditional reactive approach. Through real-time monitoring alerts are generated in events of abnormal performance issues, abnormal activity such as attempted network hacking, outdated security software, hardware errors, and failed resources are also monitored. Many times, we can now address issues before they become bigger problems or affect CRA business continuity.

- K. SPAM controls Constant Computing has enhanced control over SPAM email. The amount of SPAM that reaches user inboxes has been greatly reduced. False-positive occurrences of SPAM have been reduced. Features have been set up for users to have more control over SPAM false positives and retrieve quarantined messages.
- L. Consultation, planning, and vendor management As needs have increased and the CRA network infrastructure has grown more complex, Constant Computing has been needed more for planning, consultation, and assistance in communication with other vendors in the areas of purchasing, utilities (such as internet and phones), services, and more.
- M. Backup As resources grow, the process of backing up those resources has increased in complexity.

#### CLEAN & SAFE OFFICE:

With the expansion of the Clean & Safe entity and the opening of its new location, many additions have been made:

- A. Connectivity Internet and phone service have been initiated for the remote office.
- B. Virtual Private Network (VPN) support Secure VPN connections have been set up to allow access to email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers between the Clean & Safe office and other sites.
- C. Network Security A network security appliance has been deployed. This network security appliance offers features such as gateway antivirus, content filtering, intrusion prevention, and firewall service.
- D. Servers One physical server and two virtual servers have been deployed. One virtual server has been set up to communicate with the main office. This allows centralized management of users and enable features such as sharing and transportation of email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers through the secure VPN connections. The other virtual server is used to manage the Clean & Safe Access Control system.
- E. New Workstations The Clean & Safe office has four workstations set up for employee use.
- F. Network printers and scanners have been deployed and are maintained.
- G. Wireless Two wireless networks have been deployed. One network is for employee access while the other enables guest internet access.
- H. Ambassador mailboxes Email accounts have been set up and are maintained for Ambassadors to communicate amongst each other and other CRA staff.
- I. Mobile Devices Mobile devices have been deployed for use by Ambassadors when out in the field.
- J. Maintenance There is a regular patch management and software upgrade process in place.
- K. Monitoring Real-time monitoring has been deployed to maintain active insight on the remote office resources.
- L. Backup Regular backup of Clean & Safe servers and workstations is maintained.
- M. Consultation, planning, and vendor management.

#### • MARINA EVENT CENTER:

With the addition of the new Marina Event Center, the CRA's IT needs continue to expand. The following items are new, recent additions that have been set up or are in the process of being added:

- A. Connectivity Internet and phone service have been initiated for the remote office.
- B. Virtual Private Network (VPN) support Secure VPN connections will be set up to allow access to email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers between the Event Center and other sites.
- C. Network Security A network security appliance will be deployed. This network security appliance offers features such as gateway antivirus, content filtering, intrusion prevention, and firewall service.
- D. Network Switches Network switches will be installed and configured along with UPS's (Uninterruptable Power Supplies.)
- E. Servers One physical server and two virtual servers have been deployed. One virtual server has been set up to communicate with the main office. This allows centralized management of users and enable features such as sharing and transportation of email, contacts, calendars, documents, and printers through the secure VPN connections. The other virtual server is used to run the Event Center reservation management system.
- F. New Workstations The Event Center will have workstations set up for employee use.
- G. Network printers and scanners will be deployed and maintained.

In addition to the previous items, the following are planned additional items:

- A. Wireless The Event Center has a comprehensive wireless infrastructure of nearly 50 access points. Once setup is finished, Constant Computing will assist as needed in the ongoing configuration, bandwidth management, security, troubleshooting and maintenance of the wireless system.
- B. Network switches and hardware Constant Computing will assist as needed in the ongoing configuration, maintenance, and troubleshooting on the network switches.
- C. Audio Video The Event Center is equipped with a comprehensive Audio Video system to supply the ballrooms with music and video options. Constant Computing will assist as needed with the ongoing operation, configuration, and basic troubleshooting needs associated with this system.
- D. Network Connectivity The Event Center has hundreds of connection points for internet access across the Event Center. Access to internet will be sold for use during events in the center. Constant Computing will assist as needed in the ongoing management, patching, and troubleshooting of this network.
- E. User Support Constant Computing will assist CRA employees for network support/IT issues at the Event Center.
- F. Additional Servers Additional virtual servers may be deployed as needed to support the various systems and functions of the Event Center.
- G. Maintenance There will be regular patch management and software upgrade process in place.
- H. Monitoring Real-time monitoring will be deployed to maintain active insight on the remote office resources.
- I. Backup Regular backup of the Event Center servers and workstations will be maintained.
- J. Consultation, planning, and vendor management.

#### Additional Needs:

With expansion of the CRA, increases in data/storage consumption, reliance of IT services, and evolving IT landscape, solutions to the following issues are required.

A. Backup - Prior to engaging with Constant Computing, the CRA purchased a backup solution in the second quarter of 2013 from Unitrends. Unitrends provides "hybrid cloud" backup solutions to ensure speedy disaster recovery and data restoration. A hybrid cloud backup solution is one that creates fast, local backups and then replicates those backups to a cloud service. This offers the best of both worlds as restoration can occur quickly using the local backup but also has the geographic security of cloud based backup for larger events such as hurricanes, fire, and flooding. The downside of a company such as Unitrends is that their backup appliances for local backup are proprietary and must be replaced with larger capacity units when you reach the capacity of the appliance. These upgrades are very pricey and require a large upfront cost in addition to monthly maintenance fees and cloud service fees.

As the CRA grew, it quickly reached capacity of the Unitrends appliance. As a temporary fix to avoid a significant lapse in coverage, some changes were made to the backup system. Although our temporary solution is providing basic backup and data security, it falls short of the disaster recovery goals of the CRA. In addition, it is disjointed, relying on multiple backup solutions to achieve a singular task. This can create opportunity for errors and gaps in coverage.

Constant Computing offers a hybrid cloud backup solution that meets the CRA's goals with the following benefits:

- 1. Secure, reliable cloud backups.
- 2. Ability to use non-proprietary local backup appliance. This appliance would cost the CRA significantly less to purchase and deploy, is simpler to manage, and easily upgradeable at a very low cost.
- 3. No large upfront costs. The only upfront costs are for the backup appliance and first month of cloud service.
- 4. Unified backup solution for all servers and workstations.
- 5. No limits on capacity/expandability.
- 6. Additional feature that allows for speedy recovery to an alternate site by continuously copying the backup to a disaster recovery location(such as from the main office to the Event Center)

Utilizing the Backup service from Constant Computing will save the CRA considerable money while benefiting from the same protective features. It will also enable the CRA to have greater control of their backup solution and substantially reduce time required in a disaster recovery solution.

- B. Email delivery and SPAM filtering The CRA has experienced troubles in the areas of email delivery and spam filtration. Although greatly improved, there is still a fair amount of room for improvement. Constant Computing can offer services that will greatly improve on the remaining email delivery and SPAM filtering issues at a low monthly cost.
- C. Email retention/archiving The CRA uses Microsoft Exchange server for their email system. Exchange is the standard for business email. When it comes to email retention and archiving, there are gaps in the coverage. Proper backup secures data in Exchange, but the restore process can be cumbersome and assumes that what you are looking for is known. Finding the unknown, can be much more difficult. A proper archival solution resolves this

by creating a separate, easily available, indestructible read-only copy of all communications. This gives the security of knowing that you are reviewing an untampered, complete set of records. Constant Computing can help the CRA implement a proper email archive solution that meets the CRA's data retention goals. This can be done with little upfront cost with subscription service through Constant Computing. Constant Computing's offerings also includes advanced email security, keeping email clean of viruses and other malware. Alternatively, Constant Computing can help deploy a more traditional on-site archival server to protect the integrity of email communications.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The CRA partnership with Constant Computing has helped improve responsiveness to IT issues, developed network security and maintenance processes that protect the CRA from external threats, improved reliability of network services, and tackles all of the challenges associated with growth. Constant Computing has met the CRA's IT needs while we have experienced a doubling of personnel and nearly tripling of our IT footprint in a two year span. The CRA's needs will continue to evolve along with its projects, community programs, and continuous changes in technology. Further, Constant Computing has designed and structured the CRA's technology program for the future. Thus, a negotiated sole-source contract is recommended at this time for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the period through September 30, 2016 and \$60,000.00 per fiscal year thereafter at a billable rate of \$115.00 per hour.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE AGENCY) APPROVING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CONSTANT COMPUTING, LLC ("CONSULTANT") TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY AND CONSISTENT TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND DESIRE OF THE AGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Agency desires Consultant to provide certain professional services for information technology services (the "Project") and the Consultant desires to provide such professional services to the Agency pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant was previously selected through a competitive process by the Executive Director, pursuant to the Agency's Procurement Code, to provide informational technology services; and

WHEREAS, because of the uniqueness of the service, existing programming, and extensive investment of equipment, the Agency has documented the need for these services through a Sole Source procurement process and selected the Consultant to continue to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant and the Agency desire to enter into a new agreement through the fiscal year 2016-2017 for a total annual compensation not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for fiscal year 2015-2016 and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for fiscal year 2016-2017 upon the terms and conditions contained therein.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THAT:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> The Agency hereby approves the Professional Service Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" with Constant Computing, LLC for professional informational technology services.

**SECTION 2.** The Chair and Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, execute and attest, respectively, the Professional Service Agreement by and between the Riviera Community Redevelopment Agency and Constant Computing, LLC attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

<u>SECTION 3.</u> This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

## PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

MOTION BY:

Miller-Anderson

SECONDED BY:

Davis Johnson

D. PARDO

T. DAVIS

L. HUBBARD

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K. MILLER-ANDERSON

RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Name: Terence Davis

Title: Chairperson

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J. Michael Haygood

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General Counsel to CRA

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CONSTANT COMPUTING, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of June, 2016, by and between Constant Computing, LLC hereinafter referred to as "Independent Contractor," whose mailing address is 1007 N Federal Hwy #2, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304, and the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, a body corporate and politic created pursuant to Part III, Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, hereinafter referred to as "CRA," whose address is 2001 Broadway, Suite 300, Riviera Beach, Florida, 33404.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises set forth herein, the parties to this agreement do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Independent Contractor agrees to perform professional information technology services for the CRA, its Clean and Safe Department and the Riviera Beach Events Center, LLC in four general areas: maintenance, new capabilities (planning, consulting, and assisting in setting up new technology and removal of any old technology), consultation, and optional IT related Value Added Services (VAS) as set out in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 2. Independent Contractor agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions as set forth in the Scope of Work.
- 3. The term of this agreement shall be beginning on the Effective Date through September 30, 2017, unless terminated sooner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Effective date of this Agreement shall be the date that the last of the parties executes the Agreement. The CRA shall have the option to renew this Agreement upon the same terms as this Agreement for one two year period by giving 30 days' written notice prior the end of the initial term of this agreement. Work must begin within (5) calendar days from the date of receipt of official notice to proceed with a work element and shall be carried on for the duration of the contract.
- 4. The CRA agrees to compensate the Independent Contractor at the rate of \$115.00 per hour for services as identified in the Scope of Work contained in Exhibit "A"

to this agreement. Total compensation to Independent Contractor shall not exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) from the Effective Date through September 30, 2016; and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) per year thereafter. The CRA shall not reimburse the Independent Contractor for any miscellaneous costs incurred as a direct result of the Independent Contractor providing deliverables to the CRA in accordance with the Scope of Work contained in Exhibit "A", unless such costs have been approved, in writing and in advance, by the CRA. The Independent Contractor shall provide the CRA with monthly invoices containing adequate documentation supporting amounts billed to the CRA. The CRA agrees to pay Independent Contractor invoices within 30 days of submission to the CRA. Services are to be on an on-call/as needed basis.

- 5. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event that the CRA terminates this Agreement, for any reason whatsoever, the Independent Contractor understands and agrees that it shall not receive any further compensation beyond the termination date.
- 6. Independent Contractor hereby represents that it has complied and shall continue to comply with all applicable Federal and State statutes and local ordinances. Further, Independent Contractor shall be solely responsible for obtaining and complying with all necessary permits, approvals and authorizations, required for the work to be performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement from any federal, state, regional, county, or city agency.
- 7. The Independent Contractor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel, equipment and materials required to perform the services under this agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the CRA.
- 8. All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the Independent Independent Contractor or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.
- 9. The Independent Contractor agrees that it is fully responsible to the CRA for the acts and omissions of subcontractors and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by the Independent Contractor. Nothing contained herein shall create any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the CRA.

- 10. All of the Independent Contractor's personnel (and all subcontractors) while on CRA premises will comply with all CRA requirements governing conduct, safety and security.
- 11. The CRA is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The CRA will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the Independent Contractor. The Independent Contractor shall not be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the CRA, nor is the Independent Contractor authorized to use the CRA's Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.
- 12. The Independent Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless and defend the CRA, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, liability, losses, and/or causes of action which may arise from any negligent act or omission of the Independent Contractor, its agents, servants, or employees in the performance of services under this Agreement.
- 13. The Independent Contractor further agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend the CRA, its agents, servants and employees from and against any claim, demand or cause of action of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of any conduct or misconduct of the Independent Contractor not included in the paragraph above and for which the CRA, its agents, servants or employees are alleged to be liable. Nothing contained in this provision shall be construed or interpreted as consent by the CRA to be sued, nor as a Waiver of sovereign immunity beyond the waiver provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- 14. The Independent Contractor shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the Independent Contractor or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God; natural or public health emergencies; labor disputes; freight embargoes; and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions. Upon the Independent Contractor's request, the CRA shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the Independent Contractor's failure to perform was without it or its subcontractors fault or negligence, as determined by the CRA, the Agreement Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Agreement shall be revised accordingly; subject to the CRA'S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time. If the Independent Contractor is delayed at any time in the process of the work by any act or neglect of the CRA or its employees, or by any other Independent Contractor employed by the CRA, or by

changes ordered by the CRA or in an unusual delay in transportation, unavoidable casualties, or any causes beyond the Independent Contractor's control, then the time of completion shall be extended for any reasonable time the CRA may decide. In the case of continuing cause of delay, only one (1) claim is necessary.

- 15. The Independent Contractor does not have the power or authority to bind the CRA in any promise, agreement or representation other than as specifically provided for in this Agreement.
- 16. The CRA reserves the right to make changes in the scope of work, including alterations, réductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the Independent Contractor of the CRA's notification of a contemplated change, the Independent Contractor shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the CRA of any estimated change in the completion date, and (3) advise the CRA if the contemplated change shall affect the Independent Contractor's ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Agreement. If the CRA so instructs in writing, the Independent Contractor shall suspend work on that portion of the work affected by a contemplated change, pending the CRA's decision to proceed with the change.
- 17. If the CRA elects to make the change, the CRA shall initiate an Agreement Amendment and the Independent Contractor shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the Independent Contractor and approved and executed by the Board of Commissioners of the Agency.
- 18. All materials and/or work to be furnished and/or installed by the Independent Contractor under this Agreement shall be guaranteed by the Independent Contractor for a period of one year from the date of final acceptance thereof by the CRA against defects including workmanship or materials. Upon receipt of notice from the CRA of failure or defect of any part covered under such warranty/guaranty period, the affected part, parts, or materials shall be replaced promptly with new parts or materials by the Independent Contractor at no expense to the CRA, including any time and labor to replace said parts. In the event the Independent Contractor fails to make the necessary repairs or replacements within 30 days after notification by the CRA, the CRA may accomplish the work at the expense of the Independent Contractor. The services rendered in the execution of this agreement do not relieve the Independent Contractor from any obligations related to any prior agreements. All work produced under any previous agreements will be held to that agreement, and a one year inspection must occur.

- 19. The CRA's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation for its purpose by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.
- 20. The Consultant shall deliver to the Agency's representative for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the Agency under this Agreement.

All drawings, charts, sketches, programs, data base, reports and other data developed, or purchased, under this Agreement for or at the Agency's expense shall be and remain the Agency's property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the Agency.

- 21. The Independent Contractor shall continuously maintain adequate protection of all work from damage, and shall protect such work and the CRA's property from injury or loss arising during the term of the Agreement.
- 22. This Agreement and any dispute, disagreement, or issue of construction or interpretation arising hereunder whether relating to its execution, its validity, the obligations provided herein, performance or breach shall be governed and interpreted according to laws of the State of Florida. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement will be held in Palm Beach County.
- 23. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given here under or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.
- 24. If any action, whether in law, equity or otherwise, is brought for any dispute, disagreement, or issue of construction, declaration or interpretation arising hereunder whether relating to the Agreement's execution, validity, the obligations provided therein, or performance of this Agreement, or because of an alleged breach, default or misrepresentation in connection with any provisions of this Agreement, the successful or prevailing party or parties shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and all expenses (including taxes) even if not taxable as court costs

(including, without limitation, all such fees, costs and expenses incident to appeals), incurred in that action or proceeding, in addition to any other relief to which such party or parties may be entitled.

- 25. Time is of the essence in all respects under this agreement.
- 26. Failure of the CRA to enforce or exercise any right(s) under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of CRA's right to enforce or exercise said right(s) at any time thereafter.
- 27. The Independent Contractor shall comply with Florida Public Records Act, and specifically section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, by agreeing to:
  - (a) Keep and maintain all public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the CRA to keep and maintain in order to perform the services under this Agreement.
  - (b) Provide the public with access to said public records on the same terms and conditions that the CRA would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law.
  - (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
  - (d) Meet all requirements for retaining said public records and transfer, at no cost, to the CRA all said public records in possession of the Consultant upon termination of this Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public record disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the CRA in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the CRA.

#### SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

# AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CONSTANT COMPUTING

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties unto this Agreement have set their hands and seals on the day and date first written above.

**RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY** 

ATTEST: Tony to B	By: Chairperson
	Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:  By:  J. Michael Haygood  General Counsel
Pattest:	CONSULTANT
	Constant Computing, LLC  By:
	Name: Michael De Pastino
	Title: Owner

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Constant Computing**

#### Scope of Work

All work activities performed by the Independent Contractor for the CRA are at the request of Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) management. No work is to be done without the prior approval of the CRA unless it is time-critical and obvious that the work needs to be done. Any such time critical or obvious work should be documented.

The CRA's Operations Manager and Public Information Officer shall serve as the Independent Contractor's primary contact person. Constant Computing will keep the CRA contact person informed of the status of assigned work. All resources needed for work (computers, network cable, equipment, etc.) are provided through the CRA. Exceptions are approved in advance.

Constant Computing will submit an invoice containing supporting documentation for requested and completed work and provide a summary of work done and work in progress.

The following services are provided under this agreement:

# MAINTENANCE FOR MAIN OFFICE, CLEAN & SAFE OFFICE AND MARINA EVENT CENTER:

- Break/Fix as computers/equipment slow or stop working, diagnose and repair them.
   Coordinate with Dell (or other) Tech Support as needed. Work is coordinated through the CRA contact person.
- Monitor servers/network periodically check server performance and system logs.
   Take action as needed. Evaluate and install system/security updates. Check antimalware software status and performance.
- Monitor backups.
- · Maintain network and network firewall. Maintain backups of firewall configurations.
- Set-up new/replacement Sprint or other phones.

- Maintain consulting area network connectivity.
- · Maintain Clean and Safe Community Policing Program computer environment.
- Periodically survey the computing infrastructure health.
- Create and maintain a back-up manual with the Administrative Director.
- Miscellaneous work as requested.
- · Remote and phone-based support

# NEW CAPABILITIES FOR MAIN OFFICE, CLEAN & SAFE OFFICE AND MARINA EVENT CENTER

- Plan, generate specifications, get quotes, assist purchases, and perform/manage process of installing computing infrastructure.
- Replace existing computers/network infrastructure same process.
- Clean up computers that have been retired.
- · Miscellaneous work as requested.

# CONSULTATION FOR MAIN OFFICE, CLEAN & SAFE OFFICE AND MARINA EVENT CENTER

- Coordinate with other technical vendors to ensure CRA's needs are met.
- · Advise on technology purchases.
- Advise on using technology in business.
- Advise on process.
- Be a resource for onsite technical person.

## VALUE ADDED SERVICES (VAS) FOR MAIN OFFICE, CLEAN & SAFE OFFICE AND MARINA EVENT CENTER

- Network Monitoring technical monitoring through the use of monitoring tools to evaluate performance and health of IT resources.
- Backup Services provide backup solutions including cloud backup service, hybrid cloud backup service, and disaster recovery options.
- Email Security and Services provide email services including transport/delivery of email, security filtering, SPAM filtering, and email archiving solutions.
- Antivirus Service.
- Web Protection protect network from malware, phishing, proxies, and botnet attacks though content filtering/web protection services.

 Network Security/Compliance Audits – perform audits of network and IT resources utilizing industry accepted benchmarks and standards. Assist in creating and performing remediation schedules.

#### NOTES

Constant Computing recommended services are subject to CRA approval and may be scaled back or not performed due to a variety of reasons including budget/time constraints and/or management preferences. The CRA assumes the consequences of these decisions. Constant Computing has limited latitude in committing resources to resolve issues and will inform and seek guidance from the CRA contact person when the time or resources being spent is likely to exceed a reasonable amount.

## Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE

This questionnaire has been designed to assist staff in relating information necessary for the submission and review of sole source/sole brand purchase requisitions.

The Executive Director or authorized purchasing representative must provide the following information. If more space is needed, please attach additional page(s).

1. A description of the proposed purchase and the benefit of the purchase to the Agency.

We recommend signing a Professional Services Contract with Constant Computing, LLC. to provide Information Technology consulting and related services. Doing so would ensure that the same competent vendor with a demonstrated high level of service would be responsible for a wide variety of technical and consulting issues as well as providing access to computer equipment at a very competitive price.

2. The reason why the requested product/service is the only product/service that meets Agency's requirements, and why competing products and/or services are not available. (Example: The products will be incorporated into existing equipment and use of competing equipment will void the product warranty.)

Constant Computing has developed the current IT infrastructure and to bring in a new company will disrupt the flow of the current process and jeopardize the consistency of reliable communication and electronic flow of information. While the CRA is a relatively small office, we have a wide variety of technology requirements. These include but are not limited to set up and maintenance of: three Servers at different locations that communicate to each other, Virtual Servers, Emails, Gradience Attendance Software, Sprint phones, remote email access methods, wireless technology, website technologies, QuickBooks Enterprise accounting, Antivirus software, backup and disaster recovery, etc. The CRA also occasionally requires assistance in evaluating other technologies for office implementation including phone systems, multifunction copiers, and "cloud" based services (backup, collaboration, etc.). Increasingly, these systems interact with each other, the IT infrastructure, affect business processes, and thus, require expertise in all technical and business areas. This is especially true when trying to resolve issues involving multiple vendors or technologies.

To minimize expenditures, both capital and ongoing maintenance, it is highly beneficial to use the same competent vendor to ensure seamless responsibility and accountability.

3. The reason why <u>only</u> the requested vendor can provide the product and/or service(s). (Example: Service directly from the manufacturer is required to prevent voiding the current warranty.)

Constant Computing has demonstrated that they have the needed wide variety of technical and business skills to address individual issues as well as provide broad guidance based on the

overall environment. Through their individual business experience and corporate experience with other clients in many fields, they bring best practices and many "lessons learned" to the CRA environment. Issues are handled correctly the first time with minimal time spent and at a very attractive cost. They are particularly good at resolving integration issues between multiple vendors as their experience is broad and they understand how things can and need to work together.

Constant Computing has also demonstrated a very high level of service and offers unusually good availability after hours and on weekends and does not charge a premium for this.

Executive Director/Agency's Authorized Signature