

City of Keller
Mr. Alonzo Linan, P.E.
Director of Public Works
1100 Bear Creek Parkway
Keller, TX 76248

November 1, 2022

Re: City of Keller On-Call Inspection Service Agreement

Dear Mr. Linan,

Criado & Associates, Inc. is pleased to submit this proposal to provide communication and inspection services related to the City of Keller. The scope of services for this project includes inspection services performed by franchise utility owners installing facilities within City of Keller Public ROW. Criado staff shall coordinate, manage, and inspect all installations to ensure proper installation and utility clearance of City facilities. The following scope of services shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Exhibits A and B.

Scope of Services

The work to be performed by the Consultant shall consist of Project Coordination & Utility Related Construction Inspection for active installations within the City of Keller. Consultant will serve as primary point of contact for all designated projects within the Public Right of Way (ROW) as a means to better manage, track and inspect all utility related facilities installed within Public ROW. This work will be performed on an as-needed basis as directed by city staff.

Compensation

Compensation for inspection services shall be on an hourly basis with a not to exceed fee of \$200,000. Task Orders will be issued for inspection services which will be invoiced on a monthly basis in accordance with the rate schedule shown in Exhibit "A".

CRIADO shall stop work at the point in time when the maximum fee has been reached. If additional services are needed beyond that time, an additional fee will be awarded as mutually agreed in writing by both parties.

CONSULTANT SHALL NOT PERFORM ANY "EXTRA" WORK AND/OR ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITHOUT A DULY EXECUTED, WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY CITY OF KELLER.

Direct Expenses

Direct Expenses ("Direct Expenses") will be invoiced at a 1.1 actual cost, and include actual, reasonable and necessary expenditures made by Consultant and Consultant's employees and subcontractors in the interest of the Project.

Invoices

Payment to Consultant shall be made within 30 days from the time the Consultant tenders an invoice to City. Consultant shall submit monthly invoices for services rendered, based upon the actual hours spent on the job at the hourly rates stated in Exhibit "A" at the time the invoice is prepared.

Schedule of Work

Consultant agrees to commence work immediately upon the execution of the agreement and issuance of a written task order.

Contract Term

This agreement expires on September 30, 2023, the last day of the City's Fiscal Year. City reserves the right to renew and extend the contract up to one-year terms.

Criado & Associates, Inc. is pleased to have this opportunity to submit this proposal and we look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cristina Criado', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cristina Criado, P.E.
President/CEO
CRIADO & ASSOCIATES, INC.

EXHIBIT "A"

AVERAGE HOURLY RATES FOR PERSONNEL AND DIRECT COSTS 2023

Principal.....	\$320.00
Senior Project Manager (with PE or RPLS license).....	\$240.00
Project Manager	\$220.00
Senior Construction Inspector	\$170.00
Construction Inspector II.....	\$140.00
Construction Inspector I.....	\$115.00
Records Keeper	\$100.00
Mileage.....	Current State Rate
Direct Costs	actual cost x 1.10

These are CRIADO's average billing rates for each labor category. The amount invoiced will be based on actual Salary Cost of the individual employee times a 2.3 multiplier. Salary Cost is defined as the cost of salaries of professional, technical, and administrative staff directly chargeable to the project, plus social security contributions, unemployment, payroll taxes, employment compensation insurance, retirement benefits, medical and insurance benefits, sick leave, vacation and holiday pay applicable thereto.

Construction inspection services are billed hourly with a 4-hour minimum per day when services are required. Average hourly rates listed are effective for 2023. If City elects to extend contract for additional one-year term, Average Hourly Rates will increase 4% over previous years effective rate.

EXHIBIT "B"**STANDARD PROVISIONS**

(1) **Consultant's Scope of Services and Additional Services.** The Consultant's undertaking to perform professional services extends only to the services specifically described in this Agreement. However, if requested by the Client and agreed to by the Consultant, the Consultant will perform Additional Services, which shall be governed by these provisions. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the Client shall pay the Consultant for any Additional Services an amount based upon the Consultant's then-current hourly rates plus an amount to cover certain direct expenses including telecommunications, in-house reproduction, postage, supplies, project related computer time, and local mileage. Other direct expenses will be billed at 1.10 times cost.

(2) **Client's Responsibilities.** In addition to other responsibilities described herein or imposed by law, the Client shall: (a) Designate in writing a person to act as its representative with respect to this Agreement, such person having complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and make or interpret the Client's decisions. (b) Provide all information and criteria as to the Client's requirements, objectives, and expectations for the project including all numerical criteria that are to be met and all standards of development, design, or construction. (c) Provide to the Consultant all previous studies, plans, or other documents pertaining to the project and all new data reasonably necessary in the Consultant's opinion, such as site survey and engineering data, environmental impact assessments or statements, upon all of which the Consultant may rely. (d) Arrange for access to the site and other private or public property as required for the Consultant to provide its services. (e) Review all documents or oral reports presented by the Consultant and render in writing decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of the Consultant. (f) Furnish approvals and permits from governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the project and approvals and consents from other parties as may be necessary for completion of the Consultant's services. (g) Cause to be provided such independent accounting, legal, insurance, cost estimating and overall feasibility services as the Client may require. (h) Give prompt written notice to the Consultant whenever the Client becomes aware of any development that affects the scope, timing, or payment of the Consultant's services or any defect or noncompliance in any aspect of the project. (i) Bear all costs incidental to the responsibilities of the Client.

(3) **Period of Services.** Unless otherwise stated herein, the Consultant will begin work timely after receipt of a properly executed copy of this Agreement and any required retainer amount. This Agreement is made in anticipation of conditions permitting continuous and orderly progress through completion of the services. Times for performance shall be extended as necessary for delays or suspensions due to circumstances that the Consultant does not control. If such delay or suspension extends for more than six months (cumulatively), Consultant's compensation shall be renegotiated.

(4) **Method of Payment.** Compensation shall be paid to the Consultant in accordance with the following provisions: (a) Invoices will be submitted periodically for services performed and expenses incurred. Payment of each invoice will be due within 30 days of receipt. The Client shall also pay any applicable sales tax. If the Client fails to make any payment due to the Consultant under this or any other agreement within 30 days after the Consultant's transmittal of its invoice, the Consultant may, after giving notice to the Client, suspend services and withhold deliverables until all amounts due are paid in full and may commence proceedings, including filing liens, to secure its right to payment under this Agreement. (b) If the Client relies on payment or proceeds from a third party to pay Consultant and Client does not pay Consultant's invoice within 60 days of receipt, Consultant may communicate directly with such third party to secure payment. (c) If the Client objects to an invoice, it must advise the Consultant in writing giving its reasons within 14 days of receipt of the invoice or the Client's objections will be waived, and the invoice shall conclusively be deemed due and owing. If the Client objects to only a portion of the invoice, payment for all other portions remains due within 25 days of receipt. (d) If the Consultant initiates legal proceedings to collect payment, it may recover, in addition to all amounts due, its reasonable attorneys' fees, reasonable experts' fees, and other

expenses related to the proceedings. Such expenses shall include the cost, at the Consultant's normal hourly billing rates, of the time devoted to such proceedings by its employees. (e) The Client agrees that the payment to the Consultant is not subject to any contingency or condition. The Consultant may negotiate payment of any check tendered by the Client, even if the words "in full satisfaction" or words intended to have similar effect appear on the check without such negotiation being an accord and satisfaction of any disputed debt and without prejudicing any right of the Consultant to collect additional amounts from the Client.

(5) Use of Documents. All documents, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, reports, and data or programs stored electronically, prepared by the Consultant are related exclusively to the services described in this Agreement, and may be used only if the Client has satisfied all of its obligations under this Agreement. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for use, partial use or reuse by the Client or others on extensions of this project or on any other project. Any modifications made by the Client to any of the Consultant's documents, or any use, partial use or reuse of the documents without written authorization or adaptation by the Consultant will be at the Client's sole risk and without liability to the Consultant, and the Client shall indemnify, defend and hold the Consultant harmless from all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, resulting therefrom. The Consultant's electronic files and source code developed in the development of application code remain the property of the Consultant and shall be provided to the Client only if expressly provided for in this Agreement. Any electronic files not containing an electronic seal are provided only for the convenience of the Client, and use of them is at the Client's sole risk. In the case of any defects in the electronic files or any discrepancies between them and the hardcopy of the documents prepared by the Consultant, the hardcopy shall govern. Because data stored in electronic media format can deteriorate or be modified without the Consultant's authorization, the Client has 60 days to perform acceptance tests, after which it shall be deemed to have accepted the data.

(6) Opinions of Cost. Because the Consultant does not control the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, methods of determining prices, or competitive bidding or market conditions, any opinions rendered as to costs, including but not limited to opinions as to the costs of construction and materials, shall be made on the basis of its experience and represent its judgment as an experienced and qualified professional, familiar with the industry. The Consultant cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual costs will not vary from its opinions of cost. If the Client wishes greater assurance as to the amount of any cost, it shall employ an independent cost estimator. Consultant's services required to bring costs within any limitation established by the Client will be paid for as Additional Services.

(7) Termination. The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven days' written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party, or upon thirty days' written notice for the convenience of the terminating party. If any change occurs in the ownership of the Client, the Consultant shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement. In the event of any termination, the Consultant shall be paid for all services rendered and expenses incurred to the effective date of termination, and other reasonable expenses incurred by the Consultant as a result of such termination. If the Consultant's compensation is a fixed fee, the amount payable for services will be a proportional amount of the total fee based on the ratio of the amount of the services performed, as reasonably determined by the Consultant, to the total amount of services which were to have been performed.

(8) Insurance. The Consultant carries Workers' Compensation insurance, professional liability insurance, and general liability insurance. If the Client directs the Consultant to obtain increased insurance coverage, the Consultant will take out such additional insurance, if obtainable, at the Client's expense.

(9) Standard of Care. The standard of care applicable to Consultant's services will be the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by consultants performing the same or similar services in the same locality at the time the services are provided. No warranty, express or implied, is made or intended by the Consultant's undertaking herein or its performance of services, and it is agreed that the Consultant is not a fiduciary with respect to the Client.

(10) **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** In recognition of the relative risks and benefits of the Project to the Client and the Consultant, the risks have been allocated such that the Client agrees, to the fullest extent of the law, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement or the existence of applicable insurance coverage, that the total liability, in the aggregate, of the Consultant and the Consultant's officers, directors, employees, agents, and subconsultants to the Client or to anyone claiming by, through or under the Client, for any and all claims, losses, costs or damages whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to the services under this Agreement from any cause or causes, including but not limited to, the negligence, professional errors or omissions, strict liability or breach of contract or any warranty, express or implied, of the Consultant or the Consultant's officers, directors, employees, agents, and subconsultants, shall not exceed twice the total compensation received by the Consultant under this Agreement or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Higher limits of liability may be negotiated for additional fee. Under no circumstances shall the Consultant be liable for extra costs or other consequences due to changed conditions, or for costs related to the failure of contractors to perform work in accordance with the plans and specifications. This Section 10 is intended solely to limit the remedies available to the Client or those claiming by or through the Client, and nothing in this Section 10 shall require the Client to indemnify the Consultant.

(11) **Mutual Waiver of Consequential Damages.** In no event shall either party be liable to the other for any consequential, incidental, punitive, or indirect damages including but not limited to loss of income or loss of profits.

(12) **Certifications.** The Consultant shall not be required to execute certifications or third-party reliance letters that are inaccurate, that relate to facts of which the Consultant does not have actual knowledge, or that would cause the Consultant to violate applicable rules of professional responsibility.

(13) **Dispute Resolution.** All claims by the Client arising out of this Agreement or its breach shall be submitted first to mediation in accordance with the Construction Industry Mediation Procedures of the American Arbitration Association as a condition precedent to litigation. Any mediation or civil action by Client must be commenced within one year of the accrual of the cause of action asserted but in no event later than allowed by applicable statutes.

(14) **Hazardous Substances and Conditions.** In no event shall Consultant be a custodian, transporter, handler, arranger, contractor, or remediator with respect to hazardous substances and conditions. Consultant's services will be limited to professional analysis, recommendations, and reporting, including, when agreed to, plans and specifications for isolation, removal, or remediation. The Consultant shall notify the Client of hazardous substances or conditions not contemplated in the scope of services of which the Consultant actually becomes aware. Upon such notice by the Consultant, the Consultant may stop affected portions of its services until the hazardous substance or condition is eliminated.

(15) **Construction Phase Services.**

(a) If the Consultant's services include the preparation of documents to be used for construction and the Consultant is not retained to make periodic site visits, the Client assumes all responsibility for interpretation of the documents and for construction observation, and the Client waives any claims against the Consultant in any way connected thereto.

(b) If the Consultant provides construction phase services, the Consultant shall have no responsibility for any contractor's means, methods, techniques, equipment choice and usage, sequence, schedule, safety programs, or safety practices, nor shall Consultant have any authority or responsibility to stop or direct the work of any contractor. The Consultant's visits will be for the purpose of endeavoring to provide the Client a greater degree of confidence that the completed work of its contractors will generally conform to the construction documents prepared by the Consultant. Consultant neither guarantees the performance of contractors, nor assumes responsibility for any contractor's failure to perform its work in accordance with the contract documents.

(c) The Consultant is not responsible for any duties assigned to the design professional in the construction contract that are not expressly provided for in this Agreement. The Client agrees that each contract with any contractor shall state that the contractor shall be solely responsible for job site safety and for its means and methods; that the contractor shall indemnify the Client and the Consultant for all claims and liability arising out of job site accidents; and that the Client and the Consultant shall be made additional insureds under the contractor's general liability insurance policy.

(16) No Third-Party Beneficiaries; Assignment and Subcontracting. This Agreement gives no rights or benefits to anyone other than the Client and the Consultant, and all duties and responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement will be for the sole benefit of the Client and the Consultant. The Client shall not assign or transfer any rights under or interest in this Agreement, or any claim arising out of the performance of services by Consultant, without the written consent of the Consultant. The Consultant reserves the right to augment its staff with subconsultants as it deems appropriate due to project logistics, schedules, or market conditions. If the Consultant exercises this right, the Consultant will maintain the agreed-upon billing rates for services identified in the contract, regardless of whether the services are provided by in-house employees, contract employees, or independent subconsultants.

(17) Confidentiality. The Client consents to the use and dissemination by the Consultant of photographs of the project and to the use by the Consultant of facts, data and information obtained by the Consultant in the performance of its services. If, however, any facts, data or information are specifically identified in writing by the Client as confidential, the Consultant shall use reasonable care to maintain the confidentiality of that material.

(18) Miscellaneous Provisions. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the State of Texas. This Agreement contains the entire and fully integrated agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, representations, agreements or understandings, whether written or oral. Except as provided in Section 1, this Agreement can be supplemented or amended only by a written document executed by both parties. Provided, however, that any conflicting or additional terms on any purchase order issued by the Client shall be void and are hereby expressly rejected by the Consultant. Any provision in this Agreement that is unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions. The non-enforcement of any provision by either party shall not constitute a waiver of that provision nor shall it affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Agreement.

Criado & Associates, Inc.

By:  Date: 11/2/2022

Cristina Criado President/CEO

ccriado@criadoassociates.com

CITY OF KELLER, TEXAS
A Municipality

By: _____ Date: _____

(Print or Type Name and Title)

(Email Address)