

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH
GVP VENTURES INC. DBA BOB MURRAY & ASSOCIATES**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 1st day of August, 2017 ("Effective Date"), by and between the CITY OF COSTA MESA, a municipal corporation ("City"), and GVP VENTURES INC., a California corporation DBA BOB MURRAY & ASSOCIATES ("Consultant").

WITNESSETH:

A. WHEREAS, City proposes to utilize the services of Consultant as an independent contractor to provide recruitment consulting services, as more fully described herein; and

B. WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it has that degree of specialized expertise contemplated within California Government Code section 37103, and holds all necessary licenses to practice and perform the services herein contemplated; and

C. WHEREAS, City and Consultant desire to contract for the specific services described in Exhibit "A" (the "Project") and desire to set forth their rights, duties and liabilities in connection with the services to be performed; and

D. WHEREAS, no official or employee of City has a financial interest, within the provisions of sections 1090-1092 of the California Government Code, in the subject matter of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1.0. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONSULTANT

1.1. Scope of Services. Consultant shall provide the professional services described in Consultant's Proposal, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

1.2. Professional Practices. All professional services to be provided by Consultant pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided by personnel experienced in their respective fields and in a manner consistent with the standards of care, diligence and skill ordinarily exercised by professional consultants in similar fields and circumstances in accordance with sound professional practices. Consultant also warrants that it is familiar with all laws that may affect its performance of this Agreement and shall advise City of any changes in any laws that may affect Consultant's performance of this Agreement.

1.3. Performance to Satisfaction of City. Consultant agrees to perform all the work to the complete satisfaction of the City and within the hereinafter specified. Evaluations of the work will be done by the City Manager or his or her designee. If the quality of work is not satisfactory, City in its discretion has the right to:

- (a) Meet with Consultant to review the quality of the work and resolve the matters of concern;

- (b) Require Consultant to repeat the work at no additional fee until it is satisfactory; and/or
- (c) Terminate the Agreement as hereinafter set forth.

1.4. Warranty. Consultant warrants that it shall perform the services required by this Agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal and California employment laws, including, but not limited to, those laws related to minimum hours and wages; occupational health and safety; fair employment and employment practices; workers' compensation insurance and safety in employment; and all other Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the services required under this Agreement. Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless City from and against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, proceedings, and judgments of every nature and description including attorneys' fees and costs, presented, brought, or recovered against City for, or on account of any liability under any of the above-mentioned laws, which may be incurred by reason of Consultant's performance under this Agreement.

1.5. Non-Discrimination. In performing this Agreement, Consultant shall not engage in, nor permit its agents to engage in, discrimination in employment of persons because of their race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military or veteran status, except as permitted pursuant to section 12940 of the Government Code.

1.6. Non-Exclusive Agreement. Consultant acknowledges that City may enter into agreements with other consultants for services similar to the services that are subject to this Agreement or may have its own employees perform services similar to those services contemplated by this Agreement.

1.7. Delegation and Assignment. This is a personal service contract, and the duties set forth herein shall not be delegated or assigned to any person or entity without the prior written consent of City. Consultant may engage a subcontractor(s) as permitted by law and may employ other personnel to perform services contemplated by this Agreement at Consultant's sole cost and expense.

1.8. Confidentiality. Employees of Consultant in the course of their duties may have access to financial, accounting, statistical, and personnel data of private individuals and employees of City. Consultant covenants that all data, documents, discussion, or other information developed or received by Consultant or provided for performance of this Agreement are deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by Consultant without written authorization by City. City shall grant such authorization if disclosure is required by law. All City data shall be returned to City upon the termination of this Agreement. Consultant's covenant under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

2.0. COMPENSATION AND BILLING

2.1. Compensation. Consultant shall be paid in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit A. Consultant's total compensation shall not exceed Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00).

2.2. Additional Services. Consultant shall not receive compensation for any services

provided outside the scope of services specified in the Consultant's Proposal unless the City or the Project Manager for this Project, prior to Consultant performing the additional services, approves such additional services in writing. It is specifically understood that oral requests and/or approvals of such additional services or additional compensation shall be barred and are unenforceable.

2.3. Method of Billing. Consultant may submit invoices to the City for approval on a progress basis, but no more often than two times a month. Said invoice shall be based on the total of all Consultant's services which have been completed to City's sole satisfaction. City shall pay Consultant's invoice within forty-five (45) days from the date City receives said invoice. Each invoice shall describe in detail, the services performed, the date of performance, and the associated time for completion. Any additional services approved and performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be designated as "Additional Services" and shall identify the number of the authorized change order, where applicable, on all invoices.

2.4. Records and Audits. Records of Consultant's services relating to this Agreement shall be maintained in accordance with generally recognized accounting principles and shall be made available to City or its Project Manager for inspection and/or audit at mutually convenient times from the Effective Date until three (3) years after termination of this Agreement.

3.0. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

3.1. Commencement and Completion of Work. The professional services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement shall commence within five (5) days from the Effective Date of this Agreement. Said services shall be performed in strict compliance with the Project Schedule set forth in Exhibit A. The Project Schedule may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure to commence work in a timely manner and/or diligently pursue work to completion may be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

3.2. Excusable Delays. Neither party shall be responsible for delays or lack of performance resulting from acts beyond the reasonable control of the party or parties. Such acts shall include, but not be limited to, acts of God, fire, strikes, material shortages, compliance with laws or regulations, riots, acts of war, or any other conditions beyond the reasonable control of a party.

4.0. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue for a period of one (1) year, ending on July 31, 2018, unless previously terminated as provided herein or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties.

4.2. Notice of Termination. The City reserves and has the right and privilege of canceling, suspending or abandoning the execution of all or any part of the work contemplated by this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time, by providing written notice to Consultant. The termination of this Agreement shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the notice of termination. In the event of such termination, Consultant shall immediately stop rendering services under this Agreement unless directed otherwise by the City.

4.3. Compensation. In the event of termination, City shall pay Consultant for reasonable costs incurred and professional services satisfactorily performed up to and including the date of City's written notice of termination. Compensation for work in progress shall be

prorated based on the percentage of work completed as of the effective date of termination in accordance with the fees set forth herein. In ascertaining the professional services actually rendered hereunder up to the effective date of termination of this Agreement, consideration shall be given to both completed work and work in progress, to complete and incomplete drawings, and to other documents pertaining to the services contemplated herein whether delivered to the City or in the possession of the Consultant.

4.4. Documents. In the event of termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by Consultant in its performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, finished or unfinished design, development and construction documents, data studies, drawings, maps and reports, shall be delivered to the City within ten (10) days of delivery of termination notice to Consultant, at no cost to City. Any use of uncompleted documents without specific written authorization from Consultant shall be at City's sole risk and without liability or legal expense to Consultant.

5.0. INSURANCE

5.1. Minimum Scope and Limits of Insurance. Consultant shall obtain, maintain, and keep in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement all of the following minimum scope of insurance coverages with an insurance company admitted to do business in California, rated "A," Class X, or better in the most recent Best's Key Insurance Rating Guide, and approved by City:

- (a) Commercial general liability, including premises-operations, products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual liability, independent contractors, personal injury or bodily injury with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), combined single limits, per occurrence. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this Agreement or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (b) Business automobile liability for owned vehicles, hired, and non-owned vehicles, with a policy limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), combined single limits, per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance as required by the State of California. Consultant agrees to waive, and to obtain endorsements from its workers' compensation insurer waiving subrogation rights under its workers' compensation insurance policy against the City, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers arising from work performed by Consultant for the City and to require each of its subcontractors, if any, to do likewise under their workers' compensation insurance policies.
- (d) Professional errors and omissions ("E&O") liability insurance with policy limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), combined single limits, per occurrence and aggregate. Architects' and engineers' coverage shall be endorsed to include contractual liability. If the policy is written as a "claims made" policy, the retro date shall be prior to the start of the contract work. Consultant shall obtain and maintain, said E&O liability insurance during the life of this Agreement and for three years after completion of the

work hereunder.

5.2. Endorsements. The commercial general liability insurance policy and business automobile liability policy shall contain or be endorsed to contain the following provisions:

- (a) Additional insureds: "The City of Costa Mesa and its elected and appointed boards, officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers are additional insureds with respect to: liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Consultant pursuant to its contract with the City; products and completed operations of the Consultant; premises owned, occupied or used by the Consultant; automobiles owned, leased, hired, or borrowed by the Consultant."
- (b) Notice: "Said policy shall not terminate, be suspended, or voided, nor shall it be cancelled, nor the coverage or limits reduced, until thirty (30) days after written notice is given to City."
- (c) Other insurance: "The Consultant's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City of Costa Mesa, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers. Any other insurance maintained by the City of Costa Mesa shall be excess and not contributing with the insurance provided by this policy."
- (d) Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the City of Costa Mesa, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers.
- (e) The Consultant's insurance shall apply separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought, except with respect to the limits of the insurer's liability.

5.3. Deductible or Self Insured Retention. If any of such policies provide for a deductible or self-insured retention to provide such coverage, the amount of such deductible or self-insured retention shall be approved in advance by City. No policy of insurance issued as to which the City is an additional insured shall contain a provision which requires that no insured except the named insured can satisfy any such deductible or self-insured retention.

5.4. Certificates of Insurance. Consultant shall provide to City certificates of insurance showing the insurance coverages and required endorsements described above, in a form and content approved by City, prior to performing any services under this Agreement. The certificates of insurance shall be attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by this reference.

5.5. Non-Limiting. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as limiting in any way, the indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, or the extent to which Consultant may be held responsible for payments of damages to persons or property.

6.0. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to any matter referenced herein and supersedes any and all other prior writings and oral negotiations. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, and signed by

the parties in interest at the time of such modification. The terms of this Agreement shall prevail over any inconsistent provision in any other contract document appurtenant hereto, including exhibits to this Agreement.

6.2. Representatives. The City Manager or his or her designee shall be the representative of City for purposes of this Agreement and may issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of the City, called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

Consultant shall designate a representative for purposes of this Agreement who shall be authorized to issue all consents, approvals, directives and agreements on behalf of Consultant called for by this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement.

6.3. Project Managers. City shall designate a Project Manager to work directly with Consultant in the performance of this Agreement.

Consultant shall designate a Project Manager who shall represent it and be its agent in all consultations with City during the term of this Agreement. Consultant or its Project Manager shall attend and assist in all coordination meetings called by City.

6.4. Notices. Any notices, documents, correspondence or other communications concerning this Agreement or the work hereunder may be provided by personal delivery or mail and shall be addressed as set forth below. Such communication shall be deemed served or delivered: (a) at the time of delivery if such communication is sent by personal delivery, and (b) 48 hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail as reflected by the official U.S. postmark if such communication is sent through regular United States mail.

IF TO CONSULTANT:

Bob Murray & Associates
1544 Eureka Road., Suite 280
Roseville, CA 95661
Tel: (916) 784-9080
Attn: Amber Smith

IF TO CITY:

City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Tel: (714) 754-5169
Attn: Kasama Lee

Courtesy copy to:

City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Attn: Finance Dept. | Purchasing

6.5. Drug-Free Workplace Policy. Consultant shall provide a drug-free workplace by complying with all provisions set forth in City's Council Policy 100-5, attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and incorporated herein by reference. Consultant's failure to conform to the requirements set forth in Council Policy 100-5 shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement by City.

6.6. Attorneys' Fees. In the event that litigation is brought by any party in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the opposing party all

costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the prevailing party in the exercise of any of its rights or remedies hereunder or the enforcement of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions hereof.

6.7. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California without giving effect to that body of laws pertaining to conflict of laws. In the event of any legal action to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the parties hereto agree that the sole and exclusive venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in Orange County, California.

6.8. Assignment. Consultant shall not voluntarily or by operation of law assign, transfer, sublet or encumber all or any part of Consultant's interest in this Agreement without City's prior written consent. Any attempted assignment, transfer, subletting or encumbrance shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement and cause for termination of this Agreement. Regardless of City's consent, no subletting or assignment shall release Consultant of Consultant's obligation to perform all other obligations to be performed by Consultant hereunder for the term of this Agreement.

6.9. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify, hold free and harmless the City, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees, at Consultant's sole expense, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits or other legal proceedings brought against the City, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees arising out of the performance of the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, of the work undertaken pursuant to this Agreement. The defense obligation provided for hereunder shall apply without any advance showing of negligence or wrongdoing by the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, but shall be required whenever any claim, action, complaint, or suit asserts as its basis the negligence, errors, omissions or misconduct of the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors, and/or whenever any claim, action, complaint or suit asserts liability against the City, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees based upon the work performed by the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors under this Agreement, whether or not the Consultant, its employees, and/or authorized subcontractors are specifically named or otherwise asserted to be liable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Consultant shall not be liable for the defense or indemnification of the City for claims, actions, complaints or suits arising out of the sole active negligence or willful misconduct of the City. This provision shall supersede and replace all other indemnity provisions contained either in the City's specifications or Consultant's Proposal, which shall be of no force and effect.

6.10. Independent Contractor. Consultant is and shall be acting at all times as an independent contractor and not as an employee of City. Consultant shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of City or otherwise act on behalf of City as an agent. Neither City nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Consultant or any of Consultant's employees, except as set forth in this Agreement. Consultant shall not, at any time, or in any manner, represent that it or any of its agents or employees are in any manner agents or employees of City. Consultant shall secure, at its sole expense, and be responsible for any and all payment of Income Tax, Social Security, State Disability Insurance Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, and other payroll deductions for Consultant and its officers, agents, and employees, and all business licenses, if any are required, in connection with the services to be performed hereunder. Consultant shall indemnify and hold City harmless from any and all taxes, assessments, penalties, and interest asserted against City by reason of the independent contractor relationship created by this Agreement. Consultant further agrees to

indemnify and hold City harmless from any failure of Consultant to comply with the applicable worker's compensation laws. City shall have the right to offset against the amount of any fees due to Consultant under this Agreement any amount due to City from Consultant as a result of Consultant's failure to promptly pay to City any reimbursement or indemnification arising under this paragraph.

6.11. PERS Eligibility Indemnification. In the event that Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement claims or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the City, Consultant shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

Notwithstanding any other agency, state or federal policy, rule, regulation, law or ordinance to the contrary, Consultant and any of its employees, agents, and subcontractors providing service under this Agreement shall not qualify for or become entitled to, and hereby agree to waive any claims to, any compensation, benefit, or any incident of employment by City, including but not limited to eligibility to enroll in PERS as an employee of City and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contribution and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

6.12. Cooperation. In the event any claim or action is brought against City relating to Consultant's performance or services rendered under this Agreement, Consultant shall render any reasonable assistance and cooperation which City might require.

6.13. Ownership of Documents. All findings, reports, documents, information and data including, but not limited to, computer tapes or discs, files and tapes furnished or prepared by Consultant or any of its subcontractors in the course of performance of this Agreement, shall be and remain the sole property of City. Consultant agrees that any such documents or information shall not be made available to any individual or organization without the prior consent of City. Any use of such documents for other projects not contemplated by this Agreement, and any use of incomplete documents, shall be at the sole risk of City and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant. City shall indemnify and hold harmless Consultant from all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from City's use of such documents for other projects not contemplated by this Agreement or use of incomplete documents furnished by Consultant. Consultant shall deliver to City any findings, reports, documents, information, data, in any form, including but not limited to, computer tapes, discs, files audio tapes or any other Project related items as requested by City or its authorized representative, at no additional cost to the City.

6.14. Public Records Act Disclosure. Consultant has been advised and is aware that this Agreement and all reports, documents, information and data, including, but not limited to, computer tapes, discs or files furnished or prepared by Consultant, or any of its subcontractors, pursuant to this Agreement and provided to City may be subject to public disclosure as required by the California Public Records Act (California Government Code section 6250 *et seq.*). Exceptions to public disclosure may be those documents or information that qualify as trade secrets, as that term is defined in the California Government Code section 6254.7, and of which Consultant informs City of such trade secret. The City will endeavor to maintain as confidential all information obtained by it that is designated as a trade secret. The City shall not, in any way, be

liable or responsible for the disclosure of any trade secret including, without limitation, those records so marked if disclosure is deemed to be required by law or by order of the Court.

6.15. Conflict of Interest. Consultant and its officers, employees, associates and subconsultants, if any, will comply with all conflict of interest statutes of the State of California applicable to Consultant's services under this agreement, including, but not limited to, the Political Reform Act (Government Code sections 81000, *et seq.*) and Government Code section 1090. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant and its officers, employees, associates and subconsultants shall not, without the prior written approval of the City Representative, perform work for another person or entity for whom Consultant is not currently performing work that would require Consultant or one of its officers, employees, associates or subconsultants to abstain from a decision under this Agreement pursuant to a conflict of interest statute.

6.16. Responsibility for Errors. Consultant shall be responsible for its work and results under this Agreement. Consultant, when requested, shall furnish clarification and/or explanation as may be required by the City's representative, regarding any services rendered under this Agreement at no additional cost to City. In the event that an error or omission attributable to Consultant occurs, then Consultant shall, at no cost to City, provide all necessary design drawings, estimates and other Consultant professional services necessary to rectify and correct the matter to the sole satisfaction of City and to participate in any meeting required with regard to the correction.

6.17. Prohibited Employment. Consultant will not employ any regular employee of City while this Agreement is in effect.

6.18. Order of Precedence. In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement and any of the attached Exhibits, the terms set forth in this Agreement shall prevail. If, and to the extent this Agreement incorporates by reference any provision of any document, such provision shall be deemed a part of this Agreement. Nevertheless, if there is any conflict among the terms and conditions of this Agreement and those of any such provision or provisions so incorporated by reference, this Agreement shall govern over the document referenced.

6.19. Costs. Each party shall bear its own costs and fees incurred in the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement and in the performance of its obligations hereunder except as expressly provided herein.

6.20. No Third Party Beneficiary Rights. This Agreement is entered into for the sole benefit of City and Consultant and no other parties are intended to be direct or incidental beneficiaries of this Agreement and no third party shall have any right in, under or to this Agreement.

6.21. Headings. Paragraphs and subparagraph headings contained in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and are not intended to modify, explain or to be a full or accurate description of the content thereof and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

6.22. Construction. The parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and in accordance with its fair meaning. There shall be no presumption or burden of proof favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

6.23. Amendments. Only a writing executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns may amend this Agreement.

6.24. Waiver. The delay or failure of either party at any time to require performance or compliance by the other of any of its obligations or agreements shall in no way be deemed a waiver of those rights to require such performance or compliance. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the party against whom enforcement of a waiver is sought. The waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any occurrence or event shall not be deemed a waiver of any right or remedy in respect to any other occurrence or event, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.


6.25. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable in any circumstance, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or of the offending provision in any other circumstance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the value of this Agreement, based upon the substantial benefit of the bargain for any party, is materially impaired, which determination made by the presiding court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction shall be binding, then both parties agree to substitute such provision(s) through good faith negotiations.

6.26. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one agreement.

6.27. Corporate Authority. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said parties and that by doing so the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by and through their respective authorized officers, as of the date first above written.

CONSULTANT



Signature

Date: 9/29/17


Gary Phillips, Executive Vice President

[Name and Title]



Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

CITY OF COSTA MESA



Thomas Hatch
City Manager

Date: 10/11/17

ATTEST:

Brenda Green 10/12/17
Brenda Green
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
Thomas Duarte
City Attorney

Date: 10/11/17

APPROVED AS TO INSURANCE:

[Signature]
Ruth Wang
Risk Management

Date: 10/6/17

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

[Signature]
Kasama Lee
Project Manager

Date: 10/6/17

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL:

[Signature]
Tamara Letourneau
Assistant City Manager and
Administrative Services Director

Date: 10/11/17

APPROVED AS TO PURCHASING:

[Signature]
Stephen Dunivent
Interim Finance Director
MF

Date: 10.6.17

EXHIBIT A
CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL



A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE
RECRUITMENT FOR A
Director of Finance
ON BEHALF OF THE
City of Costa Mesa

1544 Eureka Road, Suite 280
Roseville, CA 95661
(916) 784-9080
(916) 784-1985 fax

June 26, 2017

Mr. Tom Hatch, City Manager
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Thank you for inviting Bob Murray & Associates to submit a proposal to conduct the Director of Finance recruitment for the City of Costa Mesa. The following proposal details our qualifications and describes our process of identifying, recruiting and screening outstanding candidates on your behalf. It also includes a proposed budget, timeline, and sample recruitment brochure.

At Bob Murray & Associates, we pride ourselves on providing quality service to local governments. We have created a recruitment process that combines our ability to help you to determine the direction of the search and the types of candidates you seek with our experience recruiting outstanding candidates who are not necessarily looking for a job. Our proven expertise ensures that the candidates we present for your consideration will match the criteria you have established and will be outstanding in their field.

With respect to the Director of Finance recruitment, Bob Murray & Associates offers the following expertise:

- ◆ Our firm has extensive experience in recruiting local government finance professionals. We are currently conducting the Finance Director search on behalf of the City of Arvin, CA, as well as the search for the Managing Director of Finance and Administrative Services on behalf of the Port of Long Beach, CA. We have recently completed the following recruitments: Chief Financial Officer for the City of Oxnard, CA; Financial Services Manager for the City of San Carlos, CA; Director of Finance for the City of Tracy, CA; Director of Finance for the County of Sacramento, CA; Controller-Treasurer for Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART); Assistant Director of Administration (Finance) for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, CA; and Administrative Services Director for the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District, CO. Other recruitments completed in the last 3 years include the Finance and Administrative Services Director recruitments on behalf of the cities of Cotati and West Covina, CA; the Finance Director recruitments on behalf of the cities of Alameda, Fairfield, Pico Rivera, and San Mateo, CA; the Chief Financial Officer/Financial Director and Assistant Chief Financial Officer recruitment on behalf of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, NV; the Chief Financial Officer recruitment for the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, AZ; the Director of Administration and Finance recruitment on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, CA; and the Administrative Services Director recruitment on behalf of the City of Lincoln, CA. For a complete list of our previous recruitments for finance executives, please refer to the attached Client List. Our extensive contacts and knowledge of

outstanding candidates will ensure you have a quality group of finalists from which to select the City of Costa Mesa's next Director of Finance.

- ★ We are familiar with the City of Costa Mesa and the community it serves, as we have conducted your Economic & Development Services Director recruitment. Our knowledge of the region, its issues, and its outstanding quality of life will be an asset in presenting this opportunity to prospective candidates.

A significant portion of our process focuses on conducting thorough and confidential background investigations of the top 2-3 candidates to ensure that nothing about them is left undiscovered. We have candid discussions with references who have insight into the candidate's experience, style and ethics; conduct a search of newspaper articles; and run credit, criminal and civil records reports. This ensures that the chosen candidate will not only be an excellent fit with the City of Costa Mesa, but also that the selected candidate will reflect positively upon your organization.

To learn first-hand of the quality of our service and our recruitment successes, we invite you to contact the references listed on page 7 of the attached proposal.

We look forward to your favorable consideration of our qualifications. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 784-9080 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Gaeta Phillips

Valerie Gaeta Phillips
President, Bob Murray & Associates

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THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Bob Murray & Associates' unique and client oriented approach to executive search will ensure that the City of Costa Mesa has quality candidates from which to select the new Director of Finance. Outlined below are the key steps in our recruitment process.

STEP 1 DEVELOPING THE CANDIDATE PROFILE

Our understanding of the City of Costa Mesa's needs will be key to a successful search. We will work with the City Manager to learn as much as possible about the organization's expectations for a new Director of Finance. We want to learn the values and culture of the organization, as well as understand the current issues, challenges and opportunities that face the City of Costa Mesa. We also want to know the City Manager's expectations regarding the knowledge, skills and abilities sought in the ideal candidate and will work with the City to identify expectations regarding education and experience. Additionally, we want to discuss expectations regarding compensation and other items necessary to complete the successful appointment of the ideal candidate. The profile we develop together at this stage will drive subsequent recruitment efforts.

STEP 2 ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN AND RECRUITMENT BROCHURE

After gaining an understanding of the City of Costa Mesa's needs, we will design an effective advertising campaign appropriate for the Director of Finance recruitment. We will focus on professional journals that are specifically suited to the Director of Finance search. We will also develop a professional recruitment brochure on the City Manager's behalf that will discuss the community, organization, position and compensation in detail. Once completed, we will mail the profile to an extensive audience, making them aware of the exciting opportunity with the City of Costa Mesa.

STEP 3 RECRUITING CANDIDATES

After cross-referencing the profile of the ideal candidate with our database and contacts in the field, we will conduct an aggressive outreach effort, including making personal calls to prospective applicants, designed to identify and recruit outstanding candidates. We recognize that the best candidate is often not looking for a new job and this is the person we actively seek to convince to become a candidate. Aggressively marketing the Director of Finance position to prospective candidates will be essential to the success of the search.

STEP 4 SCREENING CANDIDATES

Following the closing date for the recruitment, we will screen the resumes we have received. We will use the criteria established in our initial meetings as a basis upon which to narrow the field of candidates.

STEP 5 PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

We will conduct personal interviews with the top 10 to 12 candidates with the goal of determining which candidates have the greatest potential to succeed in your organization. During the interviews we will explore each candidate's background and experience as it relates to the Director of Finance position. In addition, we will discuss the candidate's motivation for applying for the position and make an assessment of his/her knowledge, skills and abilities. We will devote specific attention to establishing the likelihood of the candidate's acceptance of the position if an offer of employment is made.

STEP 6 PUBLIC RECORD SEARCH

Following the interviews, we will conduct a review of published articles for each recommended candidate. Various sources will be consulted including Lexis-Nexis™, a newspaper/magazine search engine, Google, and social media. This alerts us to any further detailed inquiries we may need to make at this time.

STEP 7 RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information gathered through meetings with your organization and personal interviews with candidates, we will recommend a limited number of candidates for your further consideration. We will prepare a detailed written report on each candidate that focuses on the results of our interviews and public record searches. We will make specific recommendations, but the final determination of those to be considered will be up to you.

STEP 8 FINAL INTERVIEWS

Our years of experience will be invaluable as we help you develop an interview process that objectively assesses the qualifications of each candidate. We will adopt an approach that fits your needs, whether it is a traditional interview, multiple interview panel or assessment center process. We will provide you with suggested interview questions and rating forms and will be present at the interview/assessment center to facilitate the process. Our expertise lies in facilitating the discussion that can bring about a consensus regarding the final candidates.

We will work closely with your staff to coordinate and schedule interviews and candidate travel. Our goal is to ensure that each candidate has a very positive experience, as the manner in which the entire process is conducted will have an effect on the candidates' perception of your organization.

STEP 9 BACKGROUND CHECKS/DETAILED REFERENCE CHECKS

Based on final interviews we will conduct credit, criminal, civil litigation and motor vehicle record checks for the top one to three candidates. In addition, those candidates will be the subjects of detailed, confidential reference checks. In order to gain an accurate and honest appraisal of the candidates' strengths and weaknesses, we will talk candidly with people who have direct knowledge of their work and management style. We will ask candidates to forward the names of their supervisors, subordinates and peers for the past several years. Additionally, we make a point of speaking confidentially to individuals who we know have insight into a candidate's abilities, but who may not be on their preferred list of contacts. At this stage in the recruitment we will also verify candidates' degrees.

STEP 10 NEGOTIATIONS

We recognize the critical importance of successful negotiations and can serve as your representative during this process. We know what other organizations have done to put deals together with great candidates and will be available to advise you regarding current approaches to difficult issues such as housing and relocation. We will represent your interests and advise you regarding salary, benefits and employment agreements with the goal of putting together a deal that results in the appointment of your chosen candidate. Most often we can turn a very difficult aspect of the recruitment into one that is viewed positively by both you and the candidate.

STEP 11 COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

Throughout the recruitment we will provide the City Manager with updates on the status of the search. We will also take care of all administrative details on your behalf. Candidates will receive personal letters advising them of their status at each critical point in the recruitment. In addition, we will respond to inquiries about the status of their candidacy within twenty-four hours. Every administrative detail will receive our attention. Often, candidates judge our clients based on how well these details are handled.

BUDGET AND TIMING

PROFESSIONAL FEE AND EXPENSES

The fee for conducting the Director of Finance recruitment on behalf of the City of Costa Mesa is a flat rate of \$22,500. Services provided for in the fee consist of all steps outlined in this proposal, an in-person kick-off meeting and one additional on-site visit.

TIMING

We are prepared to start work on this assignment immediately and anticipate that we will be prepared to make our recommendation regarding finalists within seventy-five to ninety days from the start of the search.

Task:	Week:
Contract Start Date:	TBD
Initial Meeting(s):	1 week from contract start date
Our firm develops recruitment brochure:	2 weeks from contract start date
City approves brochure:	4 weeks from contract start date
Job advertising and candidate sourcing:	8 weeks from contract start date
Our firm reviews application packets:	9 weeks from contract start date
Our firm conducts screening process:	10 weeks from contract start date
City approves candidates:	12 weeks from contract start date
* City's interview panel convenes:	13 weeks from contract start date
Reference/Background Checks:	14 weeks from contract start date
Second Interviews by City, if necessary:	15 weeks from contract start date
Offer of Employment:	16 weeks from contract start date

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Should Bob Murray & Associates be retained to conduct the Director of Finance search on behalf of the City of Costa Mesa, Ms. Valerie Gaeta Phillips will be the assigned recruiter. She will be assisted by Ms. Amber Smith for support services and administrative matters.

VALERIE GAETA PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT

Ms. Gaeta Phillips has over 18 years of recruiting experience, including more than a decade of recent experience in executive search for public, private, and startup companies nationwide. Ms. Gaeta Phillips has expertise in the full recruiting cycle, from process design and outreach through candidate assessment and selection. She has placed senior-level candidates in various aspects of the public sector, as well as with special districts and nonprofits.

Ms. Gaeta Phillips is valued for her passion for finding and retaining the most outstanding candidates for even the most difficult or untraditional assignments and for her commitment to her clients' success. Ms. Gaeta Phillips has a passion for helping people, evidenced by her fundraising and efforts to raise awareness for organizations such as Autism Speaks and the M.I.N.D. Institute.

AMBER SMITH, PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT

As Principal Consultant with Bob Murray & Associates, Ms. Smith acts as a liaison between clients and candidates from beginning to end of each recruitment process. She is responsible for the development and distribution of position recruitment and advertising materials, client research, reference and background checks, responding to requests for proposals, and providing a broad range of support services for the recruiting team.

Ms. Smith brings over 5 years of client-oriented customer service, administrative, and management experience to Bob Murray & Associates. She is committed to working as a partner with clients and candidates in order to provide a quality service and experience.

Ms. Smith received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from La Sierra University, Riverside, California.

REFERENCES

Clients and candidates are the best testament to our ability to conduct quality searches. Clients for whom Bob Murray & Associates has recently conducted searches are listed below.

CLIENT: City of Tracy, CA
POSITION: Director of Finance
REFERENCE: Mr. Troy Brown, City Manager, (209) 831-6115

CLIENT: Santa Clara Valley Water District, CA
POSITION: Chief Operating Officer - Administrative Services
REFERENCE: Mr. Anil Comelo, Deputy Administrative Officer-Human Resources, (408) 630-2470