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Standard Form of Master Agreement Between Owner and Architect for Services provided under multiple Service Orders

AGREEMENT made as of the _____ day of _____ in the year _____
(In words, indicate day, month, and year.)

BETWEEN the Owner:
(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

and the Architect:
(Name, legal status, address, and other information)

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

This document does not contain a description of the Architect's scope of Services and related terms. This document is intended to be used in conjunction with AIA Document B221™–2018, Service Order for use with Master Agreement Between Owner and Architect.

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The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

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ARTICLE 1 MASTER AGREEMENT TERM AND PARTY REPRESENTATIVES

§ 1.1 This Master Agreement shall be effective for one year after the date first written above ("Date of this Master Agreement").

§ 1.2 This Master Agreement shall apply to all Service Orders agreed to by the Parties within the term of this Master Agreement until completion of the Service Order. In the event of a conflict between terms and conditions of this Master Agreement and a Service Order, the terms of the Service Order shall take precedence for the services provided pursuant to the Service Order. An agreed upon Service Order together with this Master Agreement form a Service Agreement. A Service Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties, and supersedes prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. A Service Agreement may be amended or modified only by a Modification.

§ 1.3 This Master Agreement will renew on an annual basis, on the day and month of the Date of this Master Agreement, unless either party provides notice of their intent not to renew this Master Agreement. Notice must be provided at least 60 days prior to the renewal date. In the event either party elects not to renew this Master Agreement, the terms of this Master Agreement shall remain applicable until all Service Orders under this Master Agreement are completed or terminated.

§ 1.4 The Owner identifies the following representative authorized to act on the Owner's behalf with respect to this Master Agreement:

§ 1.4.1 In each Service Order, the Owner will identify a representative authorized to act on the Owner's behalf with respect to the Service Order.

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§ 1.5 The Architect identifies the following representative authorized to act on the Architect's behalf with respect to this Master Agreement:

§ 1.5.1 In each Service Order, the Architect will identify a representative authorized to act on behalf of the Architect with respect to the Service Order.

§ 1.6 Nothing contained in this Master Agreement or in a Service Order shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Owner or Architect.

ARTICLE 2 SERVICE ORDERS

§ 2.1 The Owner is not required to issue any Service Orders under this Master Agreement.

§ 2.2 The Architect may decline to accept any Service Order issued by the Owner.

§ 2.3 The Architect shall perform the services set forth in each agreed upon Service Order, consisting of AIA Document B221-2018, Service Order, or such other document as the Owner and Architect may mutually agree upon. Each Service Order shall state the name, location, and detailed description of the Project; describe the Architect's Services; state the Architect's compensation; and list the attachments and exhibits incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE 3 ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

§ 3.1 The Architect shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by architects practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Architect shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the services provided pursuant to a Service Agreement.

§ 3.2 Except with the Owner's knowledge and consent, the Architect shall not engage in any activity, or accept any employment, interest or contribution that would reasonably appear to compromise the Architect's professional judgment with respect to this Master Agreement or any Service Agreement.

§ 3.3 The Architect shall maintain the following insurance until termination of this Master Agreement. If any of the requirements set forth below are in addition to the types and limits the Architect normally maintains, the Owner shall pay the Architect as set forth in Section 9.4.
(Identify types and limits of insurance coverage, and other insurance requirements applicable to the Agreement, if any.)

.1 General Liability

.2 Automobile Liability

.3 Workers' Compensation

.4 Professional Liability

§ 3.4 The Architect shall coordinate its services with those services provided by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the services and information furnished by the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Architect shall provide prompt written notice to the Owner if the Architect becomes aware of any error, omission, or inconsistency in such services or information.

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§ 3.5 The Architect shall not be responsible for an Owner's directive or substitution made without the Architect's approval.

ARTICLE 4 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

§ 4.1 The Architect may provide Additional Services after execution of a Service Order without invalidating the Service Agreement. Except for services required due to the fault of the Architect, any Additional Services provided in accordance with this Article 4 shall entitle the Architect to compensation pursuant to Section 9.3.

§ 4.2 Unless otherwise provided in a Service Order, upon recognizing the need to perform the following Additional Services, as they relate to the services provided pursuant to the Service Order, the Architect shall notify the Owner with reasonable promptness and explain the facts and circumstances giving rise to the need. The Architect shall not proceed to provide the following Additional Services until the Architect receives the Owner's written authorization:

.1 Services necessitated by a change in the Initial Information, previous instructions or approvals given by the Owner, or a material change in the Project including size, quality, complexity, the Owner's schedule or budget for Cost of the Work, or procurement or delivery method;

.2 Services necessitated by the enactment or revision of codes, laws, or regulations, including changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service;

.3 Changing or editing previously prepared Instruments of Service necessitated by official interpretations of applicable codes, laws or regulations that are either (a) contrary to specific interpretations by the applicable authorities having jurisdiction made prior to the issuance of the building permit, or (b) contrary to requirements of the Instruments of Service when those Instruments of Service were prepared in accordance with the applicable standard of care;

.4 Services necessitated by decisions of the Owner not rendered in a timely manner or any other failure of performance on the part of the Owner or the Owner's consultants or contractors;

.5 Preparing digital models or other design documentation for transmission to the Owner's consultants and contractors, or to other Owner-authorized recipients;

.6 Preparation of design and documentation for alternate bid or proposal requests proposed by the Owner;

.7 Preparation for, and attendance at, a public presentation, meeting or hearing;

.8 Preparation for, and attendance at, a dispute resolution proceeding or legal proceeding, except where the Architect is party thereto;

.9 Evaluation of the qualifications of entities providing bids or proposals; or

.10 Consultation concerning replacement of Work resulting from fire or other cause during construction.

ARTICLE 5 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

§ 5.1 The Owner shall provide information in a timely manner regarding requirements for and limitations of each Service Order.

§ 5.2 The Owner shall render decisions and approve the Architect's submittals in a timely manner in order to avoid unreasonable delay in the orderly and sequential progress of the Architect's services.

§ 5.3 The Owner shall coordinate the services of its own consultants with those services provided by the Architect. Upon the Architect's request, the Owner shall furnish copies of the scope of consulting services in the contracts between the Owner and the Owner's consultants. The Owner shall furnish the services of consultants as designated in an individual Service Order, or authorize the Architect to furnish them as an Additional Service, when the Architect requests such services and demonstrates that they are reasonably required by the scope of the Service Order. The Owner shall require that its consultants and contractors maintain insurance, including professional liability insurance, as appropriate to the services or work provided.

§ 5.4 The Owner shall furnish all legal, insurance, and accounting services, including auditing services, that may be reasonably necessary at any time to meet the Owner's needs and interests under a Service Agreement.

§ 5.5 The Owner shall provide prompt written notice to the Architect if the Owner becomes aware of any fault or defect in the services or work related to a Service Agreement, including errors, omissions or inconsistencies in the Architect's Instruments of Service.

§ 5.6 Within 15 days after receipt of a written request from the Architect, the Owner shall furnish the requested information as necessary and relevant for the Architect to evaluate, give notice of, or enforce lien rights.

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