

Economic Development Agreement

between

The City of Jacksonville

and

Project Cyclone

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

This **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** (this “Agreement”) is made this ___ day of _____, 2020 (the “Effective Date”), between the **CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**, a municipal corporation and a political subdivision of the State of Florida (the “City”) and **PROJECT CYCLONE**, a _____ company/corporation (the “Company”).

Article 1. **PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS**

1.1 **The Project.**

The Company intends to expand its existing operations at a to-be-determined location within the City to be used as office space as more particularly described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto (collectively, the “Project Parcel”). The creation of jobs pursuant to Article 5 hereof and the obligations of the Company under this Agreement are collectively referred to herein as the “Project.” The proposed Project includes building renovations and the purchase of equipment and other tangible personal property on the Project Parcel and is anticipated to represent an estimated total capital investment of \$10,100,000.

1.2 **Authority.**

The City Council has authorized execution of this Agreement pursuant to City Resolution 2020-____-A (the “Resolution”).

1.3 **City Determination.**

The City has determined that the Project is consistent with the goals of the City in that the Project will, among other things:

- (a) support sustainable job growth by retaining 168 Permanent Jobs (defined below);
- (b) help an existing targeted industry business to expand;
- (c) create 475 new jobs, 100 of which will be New Jobs (defined below) with an average annual salary of \$60,000;
- (d) generate significant new ad valorem taxes, including significant new tax revenues for the public school system;
- (e) promote and encourage private Capital Investment of \$10,100,000.

1.4 **Coordination by City.**

The City hereby designates the Economic Development Officer of the OED or his or her designee to be the Project Coordinator who will, on behalf of the City, coordinate with the Company and administer this Agreement according to the terms and conditions contained herein and in the Exhibit(s) attached hereto and made a part hereof. It shall be the responsibility of the Company to coordinate all project

related activities and all matters under this Agreement with the designated Project Coordinator, unless otherwise stated herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other statements herein to the contrary, the OED is an office of the City and has no separate liability under this Agreement.

1.5 **Maximum Indebtedness.**

The maximum indebtedness of the City for all fees, reimbursable items or other cost pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00).

1.6 **Availability of Funds.**

The City's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon availability of lawfully appropriated funds for the Project and this Agreement.

**Article 2.
DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning set opposite each:

2.1 **City Council.**

The body politic, as the same shall be from time to time constituted, charged with the duty of governing the City.

2.2 **Existing Jobs.**

One Hundred Sixty-Eight (168) Full-Time Equivalent Jobs of the Company in Duval County as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2.3 **Full-Time Equivalent Job.**

A job or combination of jobs, in which the employee, or combination of employees, works for the Company at least 35 hours per week.

2.4 **Metropolitan Statistical Area.**

Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Nassau and Baker Counties.

2.5 **New Jobs.**

Permanent Jobs new to the City and the State with an average annual salary of \$60,000.

2.6 **OED.**

The Office of Economic Development and any successor to its duties and authority.

2.7 **Permanent Jobs.**

Existing Jobs and New Jobs created by the Company or by the Related Companies at the Project Parcel to be maintained for a minimum of two years.

2.8 **Related Companies**

Any entities related to the Company that are authorized to create jobs under the State Agreement.

2.9 **State.**

The State of Florida.

2.10 **State Agreement.**

The QTI tax refund agreement to be entered into between the Company and the State in connection with the creation of 100 New Jobs in the City by the Company or the Related Companies.

Other capitalized terms not defined in this Article shall have the meanings assigned to them elsewhere in this Agreement.

**Article 3.
APPROVALS; PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES**

3.1 **Performance Schedule.**

The Company and the City have jointly established the following dates for the performance of each party’s respective obligations under this Agreement (herein called the “Performance Schedule”):

Job Creation Schedule		
Year	Jobs Created	Date Created By
1	50	12/31/20
2	50	12/31/21
Total	100	

The City and the Company have approved this Performance Schedule. By the execution hereof, and subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Company hereby agrees to undertake and complete the construction and development of the Project in accordance with this Agreement and the Performance Schedule, and to comply with all of the Company’s obligations set forth herein.

3.2 **Approval of Agreement.**

By the execution hereof, the parties certify as follows:

- (a) Company certifies that
 - (i) the execution and delivery hereof has been approved by all parties whose approval is required under the terms of the governing documents creating the particular Company entity;

- (ii) this Agreement does not violate any of the terms or conditions of such governing documents and the Agreement is binding upon the Company and enforceable against it in accordance with its terms;
 - (iii) the person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Company are duly authorized and fully empowered to execute the same for and on behalf of the Company;
 - (iv) the Company and each entity composing the Company is duly authorized to transact business in the State of Florida and has received all necessary permits and authorizations required by appropriate governmental agencies as a condition to doing business in the State of Florida; and
 - (v) the Company, its business operations, and each person or entity composing the Company are in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.
- (b) The City certifies that the execution and delivery hereof is binding upon the City to the extent provided herein and enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

Article 4.
QTI REFUND

4.1 QTI Local Portion of State Grant Program.

The Company plans to apply for the maximum amount of Qualified Target Industries tax refund incentive with High Impact Sector bonus available pursuant to Section 288.106-108, Florida Statutes (the “QTI Refunds”). The City’s obligation shall be limited to City funding up to \$100,000 of “local financial support”, or such lesser amount as shall equal 20% of the QTI Refunds finally approved and actually paid by the State. Provided, however, that the City shall have no obligation to provide “local financial support” for the New Jobs if the average wage of those New Jobs is less than 90 percent of the average wage described in the Resolution or for any New Jobs for which the employee filling such New Job resides outside the Metropolitan Statistical Area. Total State and City QTI Refunds are expected to be up to \$500,000, or \$5,000 per New Job.

4.2 Reduction of QTI Refunds.

The QTI Refunds program has a built-in reduction formula related to both the number of jobs and actual wages. The QTI Refunds will be made annually based on the actual number of New Jobs created (provided however, that the amount of the QTI Refunds shall be based on a maximum of 100 New Jobs created) and only after verification of the average wages actually paid and the amount of state and local taxes actually paid. Therefore, the refund payments will not be made until verification that the Company has achieved its contractual obligations. This verification will be performed each year during the term of the QTI Refunds program by the State who will then request the local match. The City will contribute its local match during the applicable fiscal year which begins October 1st.

If the Company or its Related Companies fails to create, collectively, 100 New Jobs at an average wage level of at least the amount specified in the State Agreement and within the timeframe set forth by the State Agreement, and retain the Existing Jobs (for a total of at least 268 jobs created and/or retained

by the Company) the City's annual payments will be adjusted downward on the same terms as the State adjustment described in Section 288.106(6)(e), Florida Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time. Currently, Section 288.106(6)(e), Florida Statutes, states:

(e) A prorated tax refund, less a 5-percent penalty, shall be approved for a qualified target industry business if all other applicable requirements have been satisfied and the business proves to the satisfaction of the office that:

1. It has achieved at least 80 percent of its projected employment; and

2. The average wage paid by the business is at least 90 percent of the average wage specified in the tax refund agreement, but in no case less than 115 percent of the average private sector wage in the area available at the time of certification, or 150 percent or 200 percent of the average private sector wage if the business requested the additional per-job tax refund authorized in paragraph (3)(b) for wages above those levels. The prorated tax refund shall be calculated by multiplying the tax refund amount for which the qualified target industry business would have been eligible, if all applicable requirements had been satisfied, by the percentage of the average employment specified in the tax refund agreement which was achieved, and by the percentage of the average wages specified in the tax refund agreement which was achieved.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, both the City and the Company agree that the City's obligation to make payments under the QTI Refunds program is dependent solely upon the level of funding by the State of the State's portion of the applicable QTI Refunds. Should the State not pay its portion of the QTI Refunds under the Company's agreement with the State, the City shall have no obligation to make payments under this Agreement.

4.3 **Further disclaimer.**

The QTI Refunds shall not be deemed to constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of the City or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation, or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the City or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from the funds provided therefor in this Article 4. The City shall not be obligated to pay the QTI Refunds or any installment thereof except from the non-ad valorem revenues or other legally available funds provided for that purpose, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of the QTI Refunds or any installment thereof. The Company, or any person, firm or entity claiming by, through or under the Company, or any other person whomsoever, shall never have any right, directly or indirectly, to compel the exercise of the ad valorem taxing power of the City or of the State of Florida or any political subdivision thereof for the payment of the QTI Refunds or any installment of either.

Article 5.
JOB RETENTION/CREATION

5.1 Job Creation and Retention Activities.

The Project will result in the retention of the Existing Jobs and the creation of at least 100 New Jobs with an average annual salary of \$60,000 (for a total of at least 268 jobs) at the Project Parcel in accordance with the Performance Schedule. Retention of the Existing Jobs and creation and retention of the New Jobs will be calculated based on the State's determinations under the State Agreement.

An "employee" of Company means any person employed by Company at the Project Parcel, or by any employee leasing company (or other similar third-party employer) to fill a Permanent Job position made available by Company at the Project Parcel. It is acknowledged and agreed that any of the New Jobs may be filled, in Company's discretion, by persons employed by Company or its Related Companies, or by persons employed by any employee leasing company selected by Company or its Related Companies. The parties acknowledge and agree that it may be necessary for Company or its Related Companies, or any such third-party employer to commence the recruitment, interviewing, consideration, selection and training of prospective employees to fill such New Jobs, or to hire employees, in sufficient time to commence its operations as soon as possible after completion of the Project. In the event that notwithstanding the City's best efforts, the Company or its Related Companies, or any such third-party employer found or finds it necessary to recruit, interview, consider, select or train any persons, or fill any New Jobs to be created in the City as a result of this Agreement, before execution of this Agreement or the State Agreement, such New Jobs shall not be considered or deemed to lose their status as New Jobs created in the City as a result of the Project and such persons shall not be considered or deemed to lose their status as persons, or, in applicable cases, low and moderate income persons, to which such New Jobs have been made available or who hold such New Jobs.

Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the re-hiring of any person by the Company who was previously employed by the Company in Duval County, Florida, during any part of the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the execution of this Agreement, shall not fulfill the conditions of or qualify as a Full-Time Equivalent Job, New Job, or Permanent Job and shall therefore not be counted in any formula or computation towards any QTI reimbursement or refund. For the purposes of this section, the term "Company" shall include any parent, holding or subsidiary company of the Company, or any other business related by virtue of a merger, purchase, or acquisition by the Company.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event shall jobs in respect of which the Company and its Related Companies received or receives QTI tax refunds pursuant to any other agreement with the City be considered New Jobs under this Agreement and neither the Company nor its Related Companies shall receive QTI tax refunds under any other agreement for New Jobs with respect to which the Company received QTI tax refunds under this Agreement. In the event that the Company is a party to any other agreement with the City that was entered into prior to the Effective Date with respect to jobs created or to be created within the City and that is in effect as of the Effective Date, any jobs created within the City shall be considered New Jobs only after the Company has satisfied its job creation requirements with respect to such period under such other agreement, or after the eligibility to receive QTI tax refunds under such agreement has terminated.

The Company shall provide to the OED prior to March 1 of each year this Agreement is in effect the annual reporting forms in the format of, and containing at a minimum the information on, **Exhibit C**.

The jobs requirement will be assessed a minimum of three times by the OED for potential reimbursement purposes and to determine compliance with the Existing Jobs and 100 New Job maintenance requirements:

- (a) beginning on the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which Company provides written notice to the OED that the required number of full-time equivalent permanent jobs have been created or (ii) December 31, 2021, and
- (b) on the date that is one year after the assessment in subsection 5.1(a) above, and
- (c) on the date that is two years after the assessment in subsection 5.1(a) above.

Article 6. REPORTING; SITE VISITS

6.1 Reporting.

On an annual basis, and prior to March 1 each year this Agreement is in effect, the Company shall submit reports to the OED regarding the number of Existing Jobs and of New Jobs that have been created by Company or its Related Companies at the Project Parcel and all other activities affecting the implementation of this Agreement, including a narrative summary of progress on the Project. Samples of the general forms of these reports are attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (the “Annual Survey”) and **Exhibit C** (the “Job Report”); however the City reserves the right to request specific data that may vary from the forms attached.

The Company’s obligation to submit such reports shall continue until the Company has complied with all of the terms of this Agreement concerning the Project, the QTI Refunds and associated employment.

Within thirty (30) days following the request of the City, the Company shall provide the City with additional information requested by the City.

6.2 Site Visits.

For so long as City has any payment obligations to Company pursuant to this Agreement, Company shall permit representatives from the City’s OED and other designated City personnel, to monitor compliance by Company with the provisions of this Agreement. With prior notice to Company, representatives of City shall have the right to tour the Project and access Company’s records and employees related to the Project and this Agreement, during normal business hours, provided, however, that Company shall have the right to have a representative of Company present during any such inspection.

Article 7. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

7.1 General.

A default shall consist of the breach of any covenant, agreement, representation, provision, or warranty contained in (i) this Agreement (including, but not limited to, any failure to meet the reporting requirements described herein), (ii) the documents executed in connection with the Agreement and any other agreement between the City and the Company related to the Project, or (iii) any document provided

to the City relating to the Project (collectively, the “Documents”). A default shall also exist if any event occurs or information becomes known which, in the reasonable judgment of the City, makes untrue, incorrect or misleading in any material respect any statement or information contained in any of the documents described in clauses (i) – (iii) above or causes such document to contain an untrue, incorrect or misleading statement of material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

If any such default or breach occurs under this Agreement, the City may refuse to pay any portion of the QTI Refunds, and additionally, may at any time or from time to time proceed to protect and enforce all rights available to the City under this Agreement by suit in equity, action at law or by any other appropriate proceeding whether for specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement, or damages, or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, terminating this Agreement. With the exception of the failure by the Company to create the New Jobs in accordance with the Performance Schedule, for which no notice or opportunity to cure is required, the City shall not act upon a default until it has given the Company written notice of the default and 15 business days within which to cure the default; provided, however, that the City may withhold any portion of the QTI Refunds immediately upon the occurrence of a default and throughout any notice or cure period. However, if any default cannot reasonably be cured within the initial 15 business days, Company shall have a total of 45 days in which to cure such default, so long as Company has commenced and is diligently proceeding to cure such default within the initial 15-day period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company shall immediately and automatically be in default, and the City shall not be required to give Company any notice or opportunity to cure such default (and thus the City shall immediately be entitled to act upon such default), upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) The entry of a decree or order by a court having jurisdiction in the premises adjudging the Company or any guarantor (“Guarantor”) of Company’s obligations hereunder or under the Documents, a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company or Guarantor under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable federal or state law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, custodian, assignee, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or Guarantor or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days; and
- (b) The institution by Company or Guarantor of proceedings to be adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code or any other similar applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of any such petition or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, custodian, assignee, trustee or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or Guarantor or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due.

7.2 **Specific Defaults.**

Additionally, for any of the specific events of default described in this Section 7.2 below, the parties agree that the City's damages recoverable from the Company shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) in the event reporting requirements are not met in the time period specified in Article 6 of this Agreement, the City will be entitled to withhold the annual installment of the QTI Refunds for any year during which any reporting requirements are not met.
- (b) Any Company default of the State Agreement or termination of the State Agreement by the State shall be a default under this Agreement.
- (c) The QTI Refunds have a built-in reduction formula which is described in detail in Section 4.2 hereof.

Article 8. ASSIGNMENT PROVISIONS

8.1 **Assignment; Limitation on Conveyance.**

The Company agrees that, until the later of (a) substantial completion of the Project, (b) payment in full of the QTI Refunds, it shall not, without the prior written consent of the City, assign, transfer or convey (i) the Project or any portion thereof, or (ii) this Agreement or any provision hereof. If any such prohibited assignment, transfer or conveyance is made, the obligation of the City to pay any further amounts of the QTI Refunds shall immediately terminate. In the event of a change in control of the Company (which shall mean a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to an unrelated third party, or a transaction whereby more than 50% of the voting equity of the Company is sold to one or more unrelated third parties), this Agreement will continue in full force and effect, so long as the purchaser (in the case of an asset sale) or the Company (in the case of an equity sale) executes and delivers a document reasonably acceptable to the City in which the purchaser or the Company, as applicable, commits to fully perform the Company's obligations under this Agreement.

Article 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 **Non-liability of City Officials.**

No member, official or employee of the City shall be personally liable to the Company or to any Person with whom the Company shall have entered into any contract, or to any other Person, in the event of any default or breach by the City, or for any amount which may become due to the Company or any other Person under the terms of this Agreement.

9.2 **Force Majeure.**

No party to this Agreement shall be deemed in default hereunder where such a default is based on a delay in performance as a result of war, insurrection, strikes, lockouts, riots, floods, earthquakes, fires, casualty, acts of God, acts of public enemy, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, freight embargo, shortage of labor or materials, interruption of utilities service, lack of transportation, severe weather and other acts

or failures beyond the control or without the control of any party; provided, however, that the extension of time granted for any delay caused by any of the foregoing shall not exceed the actual period of such delay, and in no event shall any of the foregoing excuse any financial liability of a party.

9.3 **Offset.**

City shall have the right to offset any amount owed by Company under or in connection with this Agreement against any payments owed by City under this Agreement, or any other agreement the City has with Company. Such offsets shall be in addition to any other rights or remedies available under this Agreement and applicable law.

9.4 **Notices.**

All notices to be given hereunder shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivered by an air courier service utilizing return receipts to the parties at the following addresses (or to such other or further addresses as the parties may designate by like notice similarly sent) and such notices shall be deemed given and received for all purposes under this Agreement three (3) business days after the date same are deposited in the United States mail if sent by registered or certified mail, or the date actually received if sent by personal delivery or air courier service, except that notice of a change in address shall be effective only upon receipt.

(a) the City:

Economic Development Officer
Office of Economic Development
117 West Duval Street, Suite 275
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

With a copy to:

City of Jacksonville
Office of the General Counsel
City Hall-St. James Building
117 West Duval Street, Suite 480
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

(b) The Company:

Project Cyclone

Attn: _____

9.5 **Time.**

Time is of the essence in the performance by any party of its obligations hereunder.

9.6 **Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations and agreements between them with respect to all or any of the matters contained herein.

9.7 **Amendment.**

This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto only upon the execution of a written amendment or modification signed by the parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Economic Development Officer of the OED is authorized on behalf of the City to approve, in his or her sole discretion, any “technical” changes to this Agreement. Such “technical” changes include without limitation non-material modifications to legal descriptions and surveys, ingress and egress, easements and rights of way, performance schedules (provided that no performance schedule may be extended for more than one year unless required to align the Performance Schedule with any changes to performance schedules set forth in the State Agreement), and design standards, as long as such modifications do not involve any increased financial obligation or liability to the City.

9.8 **Waivers.**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all waivers, amendments or modifications of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties. Any failures or delays by any party in insisting upon strict performance of the provisions hereof or asserting any of its rights and remedies as to any default shall not constitute a waiver of any other default or of any such rights or remedies. Except with respect to rights and remedies expressly declared to be exclusive in this Agreement, the rights and remedies of the parties hereto are cumulative, and the exercise by any party of one or more of such rights or remedies shall not preclude the exercise by it, at the same or different times, of any other rights or remedies for the same default or any other default by any other party.

9.9 **Indemnification.**

Company shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City from and against, without limitation, any loss, claim, suit, action, damage, injury, liability, fine, penalty, cost, and expense of whatsoever kind or nature (including without limitation court, investigation and defense costs and reasonable expert and attorneys’ fees and costs) related to any suits and actions of any kind brought against the City or other damages or losses incurred or sustained, or claimed to have been incurred or sustained, by any person or persons arising out of or in connection with: (i) any breach of any representation or warranty of Company contained or provided in connection with this Agreement; (ii) any breach or violation of any covenant or other obligation or duty of Company under this Agreement or under applicable law; (iii) any negligent act, error or omission, recklessness or intentionally wrongful conduct on the part of Company or those under its control that causes injury (whether mental or corporeal) to persons (including death) or damage to property, whether arising out of or incidental to Company’s performance under this Agreement or relating to the Project, except to the extent cause by the sole negligence of the City. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed as a waiver, expansion or alteration of the City’s sovereign immunity beyond the limitations stated in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

This indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination (for any reason) of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect. The scope and terms of the indemnity obligations herein described

are separate and apart from, and shall not be limited by any insurance provided pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise. The term “City” as used in this Section 9.9 shall include all City’s members, officers, officials, employees and agents.

9.10 **Severability.**

The invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement, but this Agreement will be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

9.11 **Compliance with State and Other Laws.**

In the performance of this Agreement, the Company must comply with any and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, as the same exist and may be amended from time to time. Such laws, rules and regulations include, but are not limited to, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (the Public Records Act) and Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, (the Florida Sunshine Law). If any of the obligations of this Agreement are to be performed by a subcontractor, the provisions of this Section shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

9.12 **Non-Discrimination Provisions.**

In conformity with the requirements of Section 126.404, *Ordinance Code*, the Company represents that it has adopted and will maintain a policy of non-discrimination against employees or applicants for employment on account of race, religion, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap, in all areas of employment relations, throughout the term of this Agreement. The Company agrees that, on written request, it will permit reasonable access to its records of employment, employment advertisement, application forms and other pertinent data and records, by the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, or successor agency or commission, for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Chapter 126, Part 4 of the *Ordinance Code*, *provided however*, that the Company shall not be required to produce for inspection records covering periods of time more than one (1) year prior to the day and year first above written. The Company agrees that, if any of its obligations to be provided pursuant to this Agreement are to be performed by a subcontractor, the provisions of this Section 9.12 shall be incorporated into and become a part of the subcontract.

9.13 **Contingent Fees Prohibited.**

In conformity with Section 126.306, *Ordinance Code*, the Company warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Company, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Company, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For the breach or violation of these provisions, the City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

9.14 **Ethics.**

The Company represents that it has reviewed the provisions of the Jacksonville Ethics Code, as codified in Chapter 602, *Ordinance Code*, and the provisions of the Jacksonville Purchasing Code, as codified in Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*.

9.15 **Conflict of Interest.**

The parties will follow the provisions of Section 126.110, *Ordinance Code* with respect to required disclosures by public officials who have or acquire a financial interest in a bid or contract with the City, to the extent the parties are aware of the same.

9.16 **Public Entity Crimes Notice.**

In conformity with the requirements of Section 126.104, *Ordinance Code* and Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the Parties agree as follows:

The parties are aware and understand that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the State of Florida Convicted Vendor List, following a conviction for a public entity crime, may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity, in excess of \$35,000.00, for a period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of being placed on the Convicted Vendor List.

9.17 **Survival.**

Any obligations and duties that by their nature extend beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement and remain in effect. Without limiting the foregoing, all obligations for the payment of fees or other sums accruing up to the expiration or termination of this Agreement and all provisions relating to the City's right to conduct an audit shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

9.18 **Incorporation by Reference.**

All exhibits and other attachments to this Agreement that are referenced in this Agreement are by this reference made a part hereof and are incorporated herein.

9.19 **Order of Precedence.**

In the event of any conflict between or among the provisions of this Agreement and those of any exhibit attached hereto or of any amendment, the priority, in decreasing order of precedence shall be: 1) any fully executed amendment; 2) provisions in this Agreement; and 3) exhibits to this Agreement.

9.20 **Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

9.21 **Independent Contractor.**

In the performance of this Agreement, the Company will be acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer or association of the City. The Company and its employees or agents shall be solely responsible for the means, method, technique, sequences and procedures utilized by the Company in the performance of this Agreement.

9.22 **Retention of Records/Audit**

The Company agrees:

- (a) To establish and maintain books, records and documents (including electronic storage media) sufficient to reflect all income and expenditures of funds provided by the City under this Agreement.
- (b) To retain all client records, financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents (including electronic storage media) pertinent to this Agreement for a period of six (6) years after completion of the date of final payment by the City under this Agreement, including auditable records pertaining to jobs filled by third-party employers. If an audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of six (6) years, the records shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings or any litigation which may be based on the terms of this Agreement, at no additional cost to the City.
- (c) Upon demand, at no additional cost to the City, to facilitate the duplication and transfer of any records or documents during the required retention period.
- (d) To assure that these records shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review, copying, or audit by personnel duly authorized by the City, including but not limited to the City Council auditors.
- (e) At all reasonable times for as long as records are maintained, to allow persons duly authorized by the City, including but not limited to the City Council auditors, full access to and the right to examine any of the Company's contracts and related records and documents, regardless of the form in which kept.
- (f) To ensure that all related party transactions are disclosed to the City.
- (g) To include the aforementioned audit, inspections, investigations and record keeping requirements in all subcontracts and assignments of this Agreement.
- (h) To permit persons duly authorized by the City, including but not limited to the City Council auditors, to inspect and copy any records, papers, documents, facilities, goods and services of the Company which are relevant to this Agreement, and to interview any employees and subcontractor employees of the Company to assure the City of the satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Following such review, the City will deliver to the Company a written report of its findings and request for development by the Company of a corrective action plan where appropriate. The Company hereby agrees to timely correct all deficiencies identified in the corrective action plan.

- (i) If the result of any audit by the City establishes that the number of New Jobs or number of Permanent Jobs or Existing Jobs has been overstated by five percent (5%) or more, the entire expense of the audit shall be borne by the Company.
- (j) Additional monies due as a result of any audit or annual reconciliation shall be paid within thirty (30) days of date of the City's invoice.
- (k) Should the annual reconciliation or any audit reveal that the Company has overstated the number of New Jobs, Permanent Jobs or number of Existing Jobs and the Company does not make restitution within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of written notice from the City, then, in addition to any other remedies available to the City, the City may terminate this Agreement, solely at its option, by written notice to the Company.

9.23 **Non-merger.**

None of the terms, covenants, agreements or conditions set forth in this Agreement shall be deemed to be merged with any deed conveying title to the Project Parcel.

9.24 **Exemption of City.**

Neither this Agreement nor the obligations imposed upon the City hereunder shall be or constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory or charter provisions requiring the City to levy ad valorem taxes nor a lien upon any properties of the City. Payment or disbursement by the City of any loan or grant amount hereunder is subject to the availability of lawfully appropriated funds. If funds are not available pursuant to a lawful appropriation thereof by the City Council, this Agreement shall be void and the City shall have no further obligations hereunder.

9.25 **Parties to Agreement; Successors and Assigns.**

This is an agreement solely between the City and Company. The execution and delivery hereof shall not be deemed to confer any rights or privileges on any person not a party hereto. This Agreement shall be binding upon Company and Company's successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the City and its successors and assigns. However, Company shall not assign, transfer or encumber its rights or obligations hereunder or under any document executed in connection herewith, without the prior written consent of the City, which consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the City.

9.26 **Venue; Applicable Law.**

The rights, obligations and remedies of the parties specified under this Agreement shall be interpreted and governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Florida. All legal actions arising out of or connected with this Agreement must be instituted in the Circuit Court of Duval County, Florida, or in the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Jacksonville Division. The laws of the State of Florida shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.

9.27 **Civil Rights.**

The Company agrees to comply with all of the terms and requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, and the antidiscrimination provisions of Chapter 126, Part 4, of the City Ordinance Code, and further agrees that in its operation under this

Agreement it will not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, age, disability, sex or national origin.

9.28 **Further Assurances.**

Company will, on request of the City,

- (a) promptly correct any defect, error or omission herein or in any document executed in connection herewith (collectively the “Project Documents”);
- (b) execute, acknowledge, deliver, procure, record or file such further instruments and do such further acts deemed necessary, desirable or proper by the City to carry out the purposes of the Project Documents and to identify and subject to the liens of the Project Documents any property intended to be covered thereby, including any renewals, additions, substitutions replacements, or appurtenances to the subject property;
- (c) execute, acknowledge, deliver, procure, file or record any documents or instruments deemed necessary, desirable or proper by the City to protect the liens or the security interest under the Project Documents against the rights or interests of third persons; and
- (d) provide such certificates, documents, reports, information, affidavits and other instruments and do such further acts deemed necessary, desirable or proper by the City to carry out the purposes of the Project Documents and this Agreement.

9.29 **Exhibits.**

In the event of a conflict between any provisions of this Agreement and any exhibit attached to or referenced in this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern.

9.30 **Construction.**

All parties acknowledge that they have had meaningful input into the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement. Company further acknowledges that it has had ample time to review this Agreement and related documents with counsel of its choice. Any doubtful or ambiguous provisions contained herein shall not be construed against the party who drafted the Agreement. Captions and headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.

9.31 **Further Authorizations.**

The parties acknowledge and agree that the Mayor of the City, or his designee, and the City’s Corporation Secretary, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized to execute any and all other contracts and documents and otherwise take all necessary action in connection with this Agreement and the Resolution.

9.32 **Attorney’s Fees.**

Each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys’ fees and costs in connection with any legal action related to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed the day and year above written.

ATTEST:

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

By: _____
James R. McCain, Jr.
Corporation Secretary

By: _____
Lenny Curry, Mayor

WITNESS:

PROJECT CYCLONE, a _____
company/corporation

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Its: _____

Print Name: _____

FORM APPROVED:

Office of the General Counsel

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A Description of the Project Parcel

Exhibit B Annual Survey

Exhibit C Job Report

Exhibit A
Description of Project Parcel

A to be determined site located within the City of Jacksonville.

Exhibit B

Annual Survey 2020

Please complete the form below as it relates to the project for which you received City or State assistance. Should you have any questions, please call (904) 255-5447 or email OEDFinance@coj.net. Send completed form to: City of Jacksonville, Office of Economic Development, Finance and Compliance, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 275, Jacksonville, FL 32202, Fax: (904) 630-1019, Email: OEDFinance@COJ.NET

Company name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Reporting Date: _____

As of 12/31/2020:

I. EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Number of Jobs at Project Site	[1]
Number of Jobs at Project Site before Project	[2]
Net New Jobs (subtract line [2] from line [1])	
Average Wage of New Employees (excluding benefits)	\$
Estimated cost of benefits as a percentage of Average Wage	%

II. CAPITAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Project Land Costs	[3] \$
Project Structure Costs	[4] \$
Project Equipment Costs	[5] \$
Other Costs	[6] \$
Total Project Costs (sum [3] through [6])	\$

III. ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE

Assessed Value of Property on 2020	
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Exhibit C

Job Report 2020

Please complete the form below as it relates to the project for which you received City or State assistance. Should you have any questions, please call (904) 255-5447 or email OEDFinance@coj.net. Send completed form to: City of Jacksonville, Office of Economic Development, Finance and Compliance, 117 West Duval Street, Suite 275, Jacksonville, FL 32202, Fax: (904) 630-1019, Email: OEDFinance@COJ.NET.

Company name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

Primary Contact Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature*: _____ Reporting Date: _____

Print Name: _____

This form should be completed to document all jobs located at the project location as required in the Agreement. The first page of this form must be completed. The second page can either be completed with all required information or a report can be run from the company's HR system. Employees listed on this form must be on the Company's payroll as of December 31, 2020. The OED reserves the right to audit the Company's records to verify the information included on this form.

***By signing this form, I hereby certify that the information in this Job Report and any accompanying documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. (Please include a signature from a Vice President or higher ranking officer or in the case of an LLC, a manager or managing member.)**

