



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) is entered into this _____ day of August, 2021, between the Village of Oak Park, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Village”), and GovHR USA, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company (hereinafter referred to as the “Consultant”) (also collectively referred to as the “Parties” and individually as “Party”).

RECITAL

WHEREAS, the Village intends to have the Consultant perform recruitment services for the position of Village Manager (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) pursuant to the Consultant’s Proposal dated July 21, 2021, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Village’s Request for Proposals dated July 7, 2021 (“RFP”), incorporated herein by reference, and this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

1. RECITAL INCORPORATED.

The above recital is incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

2. SERVICES OF THE CONSULTANT.

2.1. Consultant shall provide the services set forth in the Consultant’s Proposal (hereinafter referred to as the “Services”) after receiving written authorization by the Village. The Village shall approve the use of subconsultants by Consultant to perform any of the Services that are the subject of this Agreement.

2.2. Consultant shall submit to the Village all reports, documents, data, and information set forth in the Village’s RFP in a format customarily used in the industry. The Village shall have the right to require such corrections as may be reasonably necessary to make any required submittal conform to this Agreement. Consultant shall be responsible for any delay in the Services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement due to Consultant’s failure to provide any required submittal in conformance with this Agreement.

2.3. In case of a conflict between the provisions of Consultant's Proposal and the Village's RFP and/or this Agreement, this Agreement and the Village's RFP shall control to the extent of such conflict.

2.4. Village Authorized Representative. The Interim Village Manager or the Interim Village Manager's designee shall be deemed the Village's authorized representative, unless applicable law requires action by the Corporate Authorities, and shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do those things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of the Village and with the effect of binding the Village as limited by this Agreement. The Consultant is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Village as having been properly and legally given by the Village. The Village shall have the right to change its authorized representative by providing the Consultant with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 17 of this Agreement.

2.5. Consultant's Authorized Representative. In connection with the foregoing and other actions to be taken under this Agreement, the Consultant hereby designates Kathleen Rush as its authorized representative who shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do all things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of the Consultant and with the effect of binding the Consultant. The Village is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Consultant as having been properly and legally given by the Consultant. The Consultant shall have the right to change its Authorized Representative by providing the Village with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 18 of this Agreement.

2.6. The Consultant shall be an independent consultant to the Village. The Consultant shall solely be responsible for the payment of all salaries, benefits and costs of supplying personnel for the Services. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with or a cause of action in favor of a third Party against Consultant. The Consultant's services under this Agreement are being performed solely for the Village's benefit, and no other Party or entity shall have any claim against the Consultant because of this Agreement or the performance or nonperformance of services hereunder.

3. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES.

3.1. The Village shall compensate the Consultant for the Services in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 ("Contract Price"). The Consultant shall be paid as set forth in its Proposal. Payments shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Village of a pay request/invoice from the Consultant. Payments shall be due and owing by the Village in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Local Government Prompt Payment Act, 50 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.*, except

as set forth herein. The maximum interest to be charged for late payment is 1% per month or 12% per annum as provided in that Act.

3.2. The Village may, at any time, by written order, make changes within the general scope of this Agreement in the Services to be performed by the Consultant. If such changes cause an increase or decrease in the amount to be paid to Consultant or time required for performance of any Services under this Agreement, whether or not changed by any order, an equitable adjustment shall be made and this Agreement shall be modified in writing accordingly. No service for which additional compensation will be charged by the Consultant shall be furnished without the written authorization of the Village.

4. TERM AND TERMINATION.

4.1. This Agreement shall take effect upon the Effective Date as defined herein and shall expire upon the Consultant's completion of its Services as set forth in its Proposal.

4.2. This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, by either Party if the other Party substantially fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement through no fault of the terminating Party. The Village may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for its convenience. No such termination is effective unless the terminating Party gives the other Party not less than ten (10) calendar days' written notice pursuant to Section 18 below of its intent to terminate.

4.3. If this Agreement is terminated by either Party, the Consultant shall be paid for Services performed to the effective date of termination, including reimbursable expenses. In the event of termination, the Village shall receive reproducible copies of drawings, specifications and other documents completed by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement.

5. INDEMNIFICATION.

5.1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Consultant hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Village and its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers against all injuries, deaths, loss, damages, claims, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs (hereinafter referred to as "Claims") incurred by the Village, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers to the extent caused by a negligent act or omission in the performance of the work by the Consultant, its employees, or subconsultants, except for the negligence of the Village or its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers.

6. INSURANCE.

6.1. The Consultant shall at the Consultant's expense secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this Agreement, insurance of the following kinds and limits set forth in this Section 6. The Consultant shall furnish certificates of insurance to the Village before

starting work or within ten (10) days after the notice of award of the Agreement, whichever date is reached first. All insurance policies, except professional liability insurance, shall be written with insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of at least A according to the latest edition of the Best's Key Rating Guide; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless fifteen (15) days prior written notice is given to the Village. This provision shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance: "Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date, the issuing company shall mail fifteen (15) days' written notice to the certificate holder named to the left." The Consultant shall require any of its subconsultants to secure and maintain insurance as set forth in this Section 6 and indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Village and its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as set forth in this Agreement.

6.2. The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by law:

(A) **Commercial General Liability:**

- i. Coverage to include, Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual and Personal Injury.
- ii. Limits:

General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00
Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000.00
Personal Injury	\$ 2,000,000.00
- iii. Coverage for all claims arising out of the Consultant's operations or premises, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Consultant.

(B) **Professional Liability:**

- i. Per Claim/Aggregate \$2,000,000.00
- ii. Coverage for all claims arising out of the Consultant's operations or premises, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Consultant, and the Consultant's obligations under the indemnification provisions of this Agreement to the extent same are covered.

(C) **Workers' Compensation:**

- i. Workers' compensation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, including occupational disease provisions, for all employees who provide Services, and in case work is sublet, the Consultant shall require each subconsultant similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance. In case employees engaged in hazardous work under this Agreement are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Act, the Consultant shall provide, and shall cause each subconsultant to provide, adequate and suitable insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise provided.

- (D) **Comprehensive Automobile Liability:**
- i. Comprehensive Automobile Liability coverage shall include all owned, hired, non-owned vehicles, and/or trailers and other equipment required to be licensed, covering personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.
 - ii. Limits:

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000.00
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- (E) **Umbrella:**
- i. Limits:

Each Occurrence/Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00
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- (F) The Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on all insurance policies set forth herein except workers' compensation and professional liability/malpractice. The Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles for said insurance policies. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

6.3. The Village and the Consultant agree to waive against each other all claims for special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Services.

6.4. The Consultant understands and agrees that, except as to professional liability, any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the Consultant, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as herein provided. The Consultant waives and shall have its insurers waive, its rights of subrogation against the Village and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.

7. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

7.1. The Village and the Consultant each bind themselves and their partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other Party of this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other Party in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the Village nor the Consultant shall assign, sublet or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of any public body that may not be a Party hereto, nor shall it be construed as giving any right or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the Village and the Consultant.

8. FORCE MAJEURE.

8.1. Neither the Consultant nor the Village shall be responsible for any delay caused by any contingency beyond their control, including, but not limited to: acts of nature, war or insurrection, strikes or lockouts, walkouts, fires, natural calamities, riots or demands or requirements of governmental agencies.

9. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS.

9.1. This Agreement may be modified or amended from time to time provided, however, that no such amendment or modification shall be effective unless reduced to writing and duly authorized and signed by the authorized representative of the Village and the authorized representative of the Consultant.

10. STANDARD OF CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

10.1. The Consultant shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, rules, ordinances, judicial decisions, and administrative rulings applicable to its performance under this Agreement.

10.2. Each Party shall protect the confidentiality of the other's records and information and shall not disclose confidential information without the prior written consent of the other Party. Each Party shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party regarding any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request calling for production of documents related to this Agreement.

11. DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS AND RECORDS.

11.1. Reports, examinations, information, observations, calculations, notes and any other reports, documents, data or information, in any form, prepared, collected, or received by the Consultant in connection with any or all of the Services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement ("Documents") shall be and remain the property of the Village upon completion of the Services and payment to Consultant all amounts then due under this Agreement. At the Village's request, or upon termination of this Agreement, the Documents shall be delivered promptly to the Village. Consultant shall have the right to retain copies of the Documents for its files. Consultant shall maintain files of all Documents unless the Village shall consent in writing to the destruction of the Documents, as required herein.

11.2. Consultant's Documents and records pursuant to this Agreement shall be maintained and made available during performance of the Services under this Agreement and for three (3) years after completion of any Services. Consultant shall give notice to the Village of any Documents to be disposed of or destroyed and the intended date after said period, which shall be at least ninety (90) days after the effective date of such notice of disposal or destruction. The Village shall have ninety (90) days after receipt of any such notice to give notice to Consultant

not to dispose of or destroy said Documents and to require Consultant to deliver same to the Village, at the Village's expense. Consultant and any subconsultants shall maintain for a minimum of three (3) years after the completion of this Agreement, or for three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement, whichever comes later, adequate books, records and supporting documents to verify the amounts, recipients and uses of all disbursements of funds passing in conjunction with the Agreement. All books, records and supporting documents related to this Agreement shall be available for review and audit by the Village and the federal funding entity, if applicable, and Consultant agrees to cooperate fully with any audit conducted by the Village and to provide full access to all materials. Failure to maintain the books, records and supporting documents required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the Village for recovery of any funds paid by the Village under this Agreement for which adequate books, records and supporting documentation are not available to support their purported disbursement. Consultant shall make the Documents available for the Village's review, inspection and audit during the entire term of this Agreement and three (3) years after completion of the Services as set forth herein and shall fully cooperate in responding to any information request pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* by providing any and all responsive documents to the Village.

11.3. Consultant shall furnish all records related to this Agreement and any documentation related to the Village required under an Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request within five (5) business days after the Village issues notice of such request to Consultant. Consultant shall not apply any costs or charge any fees to the Village regarding the procurement of records required pursuant to a FOIA request. Consultant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Village, and its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, and agrees to pay all reasonable costs connected therewith (including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's and witness fees, filing fees, and any other expenses) for the Village to defend any and all causes, actions, causes of action, disputes, prosecutions, or conflicts arising from the Consultant's actual or alleged violation of the FOIA, or the Consultant's failure to furnish all documentation related to a request within five (5) days after the Village issues notice of a request. Furthermore, should the Consultant request that the Village utilize a lawful exemption under FOIA in relation to any FOIA request thereby denying that request, Consultant shall pay all costs connected therewith (such as reasonable attorney's and witness fees, filing fees, and any other expenses) to defend the denial of the request. The defense shall include, but not be limited to, challenged or appealed denials of FOIA requests to either the Illinois Attorney General or a court of competent jurisdiction. Consultant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Village, and its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, and shall pay all costs connected therewith (such as reasonable attorney's and witness fees, filing fees and any other expenses) to defend any denial of a FOIA request by the Consultant's request to utilize a lawful exemption to the Village.

12. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

12.1. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision, shall be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of it requiring any steps, actions or results, the remaining parts or portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

13. NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS.

13.1. No failure of either Party to exercise any power given to it hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by the other Party with its obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, nor any payment under this agreement shall constitute a waiver of either Party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof.

14. THE VILLAGE'S REMEDIES.

14.1. If it should appear at any time prior to final payment that the Consultant has failed or refused to prosecute, or has delayed in the prosecution of, the Services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement with diligence at a rate that assures completion of the Services in full compliance with the requirements of this Agreement, or has attempted to assign this Agreement or the Consultant's rights under this Agreement, either in whole or in part, or has falsely made any representation or warranty, or has otherwise failed, refused, or delayed to perform or satisfy any other requirement of this Agreement or has failed to pay its debts as they come due ("Event of Default"), and has failed to cure, or has reasonably commenced to cure any such Event of Default within fifteen (15) business days after Consultant's receipt of written notice of such Event of Default, then the Village shall have the right, at its election and without prejudice to any other remedies provided by law or equity, to pursue any one or more of the following remedies:

14.1.1. The Village may require the Consultant, within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the Village, to complete or correct all or any part of the Services that are defective, damaged, flawed, unsuitable, nonconforming, or incomplete and to take any or all other action necessary to bring Consultant and the Services into compliance with this Agreement;

14.1.2. The Village may accept the defective, damaged, flawed, unsuitable, nonconforming, incomplete, or dilatory Services or part thereof and make an equitable reduction in the Contract Price;

14.1.3. The Village may terminate this Agreement without liability for further payment of amounts due or to become due under this Agreement except for amounts due for Services properly performed prior to termination;

14.1.4. The Village may withhold any progress payment or final payment from the Consultant, whether or not previously approved, or may recover from Consultant, any and all costs but not exceeding the amount of the Contract Price, including attorneys' fees and administrative expenses, incurred by the Village as the result of any Event of Default or as a result of actions taken by the Village in response to any Event of Default; or

14.1.5. The Village may recover any damages suffered by the Village as a result of the Consultant's Event of Default.

15. NO COLLUSION.

15.1. The Consultant hereby represents and certifies that the Consultant is not barred from contracting with a unit of state or local government as a result of: (1) a delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Consultant is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue Act, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, as set forth in 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1; or (2) a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Article 33E of the Criminal Code of 1961, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 *et seq.* The Consultant hereby represents that the only persons, firms, or corporations interested in this Agreement are those disclosed to the Village prior to the execution of this Agreement, and that this Agreement is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation. If at any time it shall be found that Consultant has in procuring this Agreement, colluded with any other person, firm, or corporation, then the Consultant shall be liable to the Village for all loss or damage that the Village may suffer thereby, and this Agreement shall, at the Village's option, be null and void and subject to termination by the Village.

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

16.1. This Agreement sets forth all the covenants, conditions and promises between the parties, and it supersedes all prior negotiations, statements or agreements, either written or oral, with regard to its subject matter. There are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions or understandings between the parties, either oral or written, other than those contained in this Agreement.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.

17.1. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois both as to interpretation and performance.

17.2. Venue for any action pursuant to this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

18. NOTICE.

18.1. Any notice required to be given by this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient if made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by personal service, or by electronic transmission to the persons and addresses indicated below or to such other addresses as either Party hereto shall notify the other Party of in writing pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

If to the Village:

Interim Village Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302
Email: villagemanager@oak-park.us

If to the Consultant:

Kathleen Rush
Vice President
GovHR USA, LLC
650 Dundee Road, Suite 270
Northbrook, Illinois 60062
Email: KRush@GovHRusa.com

18.2. Mailing of such notice as and when above provided shall be equivalent to personal notice and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.

18.3. Notice by electronic transmission shall be effective as of date and time of facsimile or electronic transmission, provided that the notice transmitted shall be sent on business days during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicago time). In the event electronic notice is transmitted during non-business hours, the effective date and time of notice is the first hour of the first business day after transmission.

19. BINDING AUTHORITY.

19.1. The individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the Consultant and the Village represent that they have the legal power, right, and actual authority to bind their respective parties to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

20. HEADINGS AND TITLES.

20.1. The headings or titles of any provisions of this Agreement are for convenience or reference only and are not to be considered in construing this Agreement.

21. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE OR PDF SIGNATURES.

21.1. This Agreement shall be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and together shall be one and the same Agreement.

21.2 A facsimile or pdf/email copy of this Agreement and any signatures thereon will be considered for all purposes as an original.

22. EFFECTIVE DATE.

22.1 As used in this Agreement, the Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the last date of its execution by one of the Parties as reflected below.

23. AUTHORIZATIONS.

23.1 The Consultant's authorized representatives who have executed this Agreement warrant that they have been lawfully authorized by the Consultant's board of directors or its by-laws to execute this Agreement on its behalf. The Interim Village Manager warrants that she has been lawfully authorized to execute this Agreement. The Consultant and the Village shall deliver upon request to each other copies of all articles of incorporation, bylaws, resolutions, ordinances or other documents which evidence their legal authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of their respective parties.

24. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

24.1 The Consultant is an equal opportunity employer and the requirements of 44 Ill. Adm. Code 750 APPENDIX A and Chapter 13 ("Human Rights") of the Oak Park Village Code are incorporated herein as though fully set forth. The Consultant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, source of income, disability, housing status, military discharge status, or order of protection status or physical or mental disabilities that do not impair ability to work, and further that it will examine all job classifications to determine if minority persons or women are underutilized and will take appropriate affirmative action to rectify any such underutilization. The Consultant shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 13 ("Human Rights") of the Oak Park Village Code.

24.2 In the event of the Consultant's noncompliance with any provision of Chapter 13 ("Human Rights") of the Oak Park Village Code, the Illinois Human Rights Act or any other applicable law, the Consultant may be declared non-responsible and therefore ineligible for future Agreements or subcontracts with the Village, and the Agreement may be cancelled or voided in whole or in part, and such other sanctions or penalties may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided by statute or regulation.

24.3 In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by it on its behalf, the Consultant shall state that all applicants will be afforded equal opportunity without discrimination because of race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, source of

income, disability, housing status, military discharge status, or order of protection status or physical or mental disabilities that do not impair ability to work.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

GOVHR USA, LLC

By: Lisa Shelley
Its: Interim Village Manager

By: Joellen C. Earl
Its: President/Co-Owner

Date: _____, 2021

Date: _____, 2021

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By: Christina M. Waters
Its: Village Clerk

By:
Its:

Date: _____, 2021

Date: _____, 2021