

RESOLUTION NO. 14-998

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH AHBL, INC FOR PART-TIME, INTERIM PLANNER SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department does not have a on staff Planner dedicated to processing land use and permit applications on non-MDRT related issues pertaining to the rest of the City of Black Diamond; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor had re-organized Staff in order to provide a cost savings to the City, while attempting to still meet the current demands being placed on the Community Development Department and is responsible for; and

WHEREAS, City staff had solicited responses from two consulting firms and two placement services and had recommended the consulting firm AHBL, Inc. to perform these duties; and

WHEREAS, City Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the contract and Finance has dedicated sufficient funds in order to cover this services through March of 2015, on an interim and part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, AHBL, Inc. is willing and able to the perform the needed work;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a consultant services contract with AHBL, Inc. in an amount not exceed \$29,064.00 dollars, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

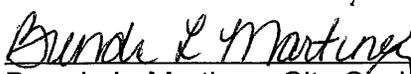
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

**CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND AND
AHBL, INC. FOR TEMPORARY PLANNING SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the City of Black Diamond, a Washington municipal corporation (hereinafter the "City"), and AHBL, Inc., (hereinafter the "Consultant,") a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, located and doing business at 2215 North 30th Street, Suite 300, Tacoma, WA 98403.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City is in need of day-to-day planning services on a temporary, part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant has agreed to provide such services according to the terms of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

TERMS

I. Description of Work.

The Consultant shall assign professional planning staff, as identified in Exhibit A, to the City to perform on-call planning services on a temporary basis for the period identified in Section IV, or until the parties execute a new Agreement, or the City hires an employee to perform planning services, whichever is sooner, Provided: this shall not obligate the City to enter into any future Agreement with the Consultant. Such planning services shall include, but not be limited to, review of applications for legislative approvals, project permit applications, drafting staff reports to decision-makers, attending hearings and meetings relating to same, drafting public notices and other decision-documents and ensuring that project permit applications are timely reviewed and processed according to law.

The Consultant represents and warrants that it and any staff member or subconsultant assigned to the work will have the requisite training, skill, and experience necessary to provide the services required by this Agreement and if required, are appropriately accredited and licensed by all applicable agencies and governmental entities. Services provided by Consultant and its subconsultant under this Agreement will be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing in similar circumstances.

II. Payment

A. The City shall pay the Consultant an hourly rate of the Planner as described in the billing rates in Exhibit A, not to exceed Twenty Nine Thousand and Sixty Four Dollars (\$29,064.00) for the services described in Section I herein. This is the maximum amount to be paid under this Agreement for the work described in Exhibit A, and shall not be exceeded without the prior written authorization of the City in the form of a negotiated and executed supplemental agreement. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, the City reserves the right to direct the Consultant's compensated services under the time frame set forth in Section IV herein before reaching the maximum amount.

B. The Consultant shall submit monthly invoices to the City after such services have been performed, and a final bill upon completion of all the services described in this Agreement. The City shall pay the full amount of an invoice within sixty (60) days of receipt. If the City objects to all or any portion of any invoice, it shall so notify the Consultant of the same within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt and shall pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute, and the parties shall immediately make every effort to settle the disputed portion.

III. Relationship of Parties

The parties intend that an independent contractor-client relationship will be created by this Agreement. As the Consultant is customarily engaged in an independently established trade which encompasses the specific service provided to the City hereunder, no agent, employee, representative or sub-consultant of the Consultant shall be or shall be deemed to be the employee, agent, representative or sub-consultant of the City. In the performance of the work, the Consultant is an independent contractor with the ability to control and direct the performance and details of the work, the City being interested only in the results obtained under this Agreement. None of the benefits provided by the City to its employees including, but not limited to, compensation, insurance, and unemployment insurance are available from the City to the employees, agents, representatives, or sub-consultants of the Consultant. The Consultant will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and for the acts of its agents, employees, representatives and sub-consultants during the performance of this Agreement. The City may, during the term of this Agreement, engage other independent contractors to perform the same or similar work that the Consultant performs hereunder.

IV. Duration of Work

The City and the Consultant agree that work will begin on the tasks described in Section I on January 1, 2015, upon execution of this Agreement. The parties agree that the individual projects assigned to the Consultant may have individual deadlines for completion that must be met. This Agreement shall terminate on March 31, 2015 as provided in Section I.

V. Termination

A. Termination of Agreement. The City may terminate this Agreement, for public convenience, the Consultant's default, the Consultant's insolvency or bankruptcy, or the Consultant's assignment for the benefit of creditors, at any time prior to completion of the work described in Section I. If delivered to Consultant in person, termination shall be effective immediately upon the Consultant's receipt of the City's written notice or such date stated in the City's notice, whichever is later.

B. Rights Upon Termination. In the event of termination, the City shall pay for all services satisfactorily performed by the Consultant to the effective date of termination, as described on a final invoice submitted to the City. Said amount shall not exceed the amount in Section II above. After termination, the City may take possession of all records and data within the Consultant's possession pertaining to this Agreement, which records and data may be used by the City without restriction. Upon termination, the City may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion, by contract or otherwise.

VI. Discrimination

In the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this Agreement or any sub-contract hereunder, the Consultant, its Subcontractors, or any person acting on behalf of such Consultant or sub-consultant shall not by reason of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.

VII. Indemnification

The Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits, including all legal Costs and attorneys' fees, to the extent arising out of or connection with the performance of professional services under this Agreement, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the City. The City's inspection or acceptance of any of the Consultant's work when completed shall not be grounds to avoid any of these covenants of indemnification.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Agreement is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Consultant and the City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and Volunteers, the Consultant's liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Consultant's negligence.

IT IS FURTHER SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED HEREIN CONSTITUTES THE CONSULTANT'S WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE, TITLE 51 RCW, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION. THE PARTIES FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE MUTUALLY NEGOTIATED THIS WAIVER. THE CONSULTANT'S WAIVER OF IMMUNITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT INCLUDE, OR EXTEND TO. ANY CLAIMS BY THE CONSULTANT'S EMPLOYEES DIRECTLY AGAINST THE CONSULTANT.

The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

VIII. Insurance

A. The Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the Consultant's own work including the work of the Consultant's agents, representatives, employees, sub-consultants or sub-contractors.

B. Before beginning work on the project described in this Agreement, the Consultant shall provide evidence, in the form of a Certificate of Insurance, of the following insurance coverage and limits (at a minimum):

1. Business auto coverage for any auto no less than a \$1,000,000 each accident limit, and

2. Commercial General Liability insurance no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence with a \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall include, but is not limited to, contractual liability, products and completed operations, property damage, and employers liability, and

3. Professional Liability insurance with no less than \$1,000,000. All policies and coverage's shall be on a claims made basis.

C. The Consultant is responsible for the payment of any deductible or self-insured retention that is required by any of the Consultant's insurance. If the City is required to contribute to the deductible under any of the Consultant's insurance policies, the Contractor shall reimburse the City the full amount of the deductible within 10 working days of the City's deductible payment.

D. The City of Black Diamond shall be named as an additional insured on the Consultant's commercial general liability policy. This additional insured endorsement shall be included with evidence of insurance in the form of a Certificate of Insurance for

coverage necessary in Section B. The City reserves the right to receive a certified and complete copy of all of the Consultant's insurance policies.

E. Under this agreement, the Consultant's insurance shall be considered primary in the event of a loss, damage or suit. The City's own comprehensive general liability policy will be considered excess coverage with respect to defense and indemnity of the City only and no other party. Additionally, the Consultant's commercial general liability policy must provide cross-liability coverage as could be achieved under a standard ISO separation of insured's clause.

F. The Consultant agrees that the Consultant shall provide prior written notification to the City of Black Diamond at least 3 days in advance of any cancellation, suspension or material change in the Consultant's coverage.

IX. Exchange of Information

The City warrants the accuracy of any information supplied by it to the Consultant for the purpose of completion of the work under this Agreement. The parties agree that the Consultant will notify the City of any inaccuracies in the information provided by the City as may be discovered in the process of performing the work and that the City is entitled to rely upon any information supplied by the Consultant which results as a product of this Agreement.

X. Ownership and Use of Records and Documents

Original documents, drawings, designs and reports developed under this Agreement shall belong to and become the property of the City. All written information submitted by the City to the Consultant in connection with the services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement will be safeguarded by the Consultant to at least the same extent as the Consultant safeguards like information relating to its own business. If such information is publicly available or is already in Consultant's possession or known to it, or is rightfully obtained by the Consultant from third parties, the Consultant shall bear no responsibility for its disclosure, inadvertent or otherwise.

XI. City's Right of Inspection

Even though the Consultant is an independent contractor with the authority to control and direct the performance, and details of the work authorized under this Agreement, the work must meet the applicable deadlines established by the City for completion, the work must meet the approval of the City and shall be subject to the City's general right of inspection to secure the satisfactory completion thereof. The Consultant agrees to comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations that are now effective or become applicable within the terms of this Agreement to the Consultant's business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by this Agreement or accruing out of the performance of such operations.

XII. Consultant to Maintain Records to Support Independent Contractor Status

On the effective date of this Agreement (or shortly thereafter), the Consultant shall comply with all federal and state laws applicable to Independent contractors including, but not limited to the maintenance of a separate set of books and records that reflect all Items of income and expenses of the Consultant's business, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 51.08.195, as required to show that the services performed by the Consultant under this Agreement shall not give rise to an employer-employee relationship between the parties which is subject to RCW Title 51, Industrial Insurance.

XIII. Work Performed at the Consultant's Risk

The Consultant shall take all precautions necessary and shall be responsible for the safety of its employees, agents, and sub-consultants in the performance of the work hereunder and shall utilize all protection necessary for that purpose. All work shall be done at the Consultant's own risk, and the Consultant shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to materials, tools, or other articles used or held by the Consultant for use In connection with the work.

XIV. Non-Waiver of Breach

The failure of the City to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants and agreements contained herein, or to exercise any option herein conferred in one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of said covenants, agreements, or options and the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

XV. Resolution of Disputes and Governing Law

Should any dispute, misunderstanding, or conflict arise as to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the matter shall first be referred to the City of Black Diamond shall determine the term or provision's true intent or meaning. The City of Black Diamond shall also decide all questions which may arise between the parties relative to the actual services provided or to the sufficiency of the performance hereunder.

If any dispute arises between the City and the Consultant under any of the provisions of this Agreement which cannot be resolved by the Mayor or Community Development Director's determination in a reasonable time, or if the Consultant does not agree with the City's decision on the disputed matter, jurisdiction of any resulting litigation shall be filed in King County Superior Court, King County, Washington. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. The non-prevailing party in any action brought to enforce this Agreement shall pay the other parties' expenses and reasonable attorney's fees.

XVI. Written Notice

All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to the parties at the addresses listed on the signature page of the agreement, unless notified to the contrary. Unless otherwise specified, any written notice hereunder shall become effective upon the date of mailing by registered or certified mail, and shall be deemed sufficiently given if sent to the addressee at the address stated below:

CONSULTANT:

Attn: Wayne Carlson
AHBL, Inc.
2215 N 30th Street
Suite 300
Tacoma, WA 98403

CITY:

Attn: Aaron Nix
City of Black Diamond
P.O. Box 599
24301 Roberts Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010

With a copy to the "City Clerk" at the same address.

XVII. Assignment

Any assignment of this Agreement by the Consultant without the written consent of the City shall be void. If the City shall give its consent to any assignment, this paragraph shall continue in full force and effect and no further assignment shall be made without the City's consent.

XVIII. Modification and Severability

No waiver, alteration, or modification of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the City and the Consultant.

The provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Agreement is for any reasons held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other provision.

XIX. Entire Agreement

The written provisions and terms of this Agreement, together with any Exhibits attached hereto, shall supersede all prior verbal statements of any officer or other representative of the City, and such statements shall not be effective or be construed as entering into or forming a part of or altering in any manner whatsoever, this Agreement or the Agreement documents. The entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereunder is contained in this Agreement and any Exhibits attached

hereto, which may or may not have been executed prior to the execution of this Agreement. All of the above documents are hereby made a part of this Agreement and form the Agreement document as fully as if the same were set forth herein. Should any language in any of the Exhibits to this Agreement conflict with any language contained in this Agreement, then this Agreement shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on this 18th day of December, 2014.

CONSULTANT

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

By: 
Its

By: 
Carol Benson, Mayor

Note: The above requires the president of the corporation to sign.

Consultant:

AHBL, Inc.
2215 North 30th Street, Suite
300 Tacoma, WA 98403-3350

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney's Office

ATTEST:


City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

This scope of work is for immediate onsite development review assistance, and a potential need for other planning services as directed by City staff. Work will primarily include review of land use applications for consistency with municipal standards, zoning review of building permit applications under deadlines established by law, and general customer assistance for planning and zoning issues. Following is our proposed scope of services:

- Provide one planner for three to four-days per week at City Hall for a total of 24 hours;
- Provide additional short term development review assistance as needed;
- Specific duties include:
 - Attend pre-application meetings;
 - Conduct site visits;
 - Conduct the review of project permit applications for code compliance in a timely manner, keeping in mind the deadlines for the City to issue a final decision by law;
 - Review SEPA documentation for purposes of recommending additional studies, SEPA determination, and/or mitigation measures to you as the SEPA Responsible Official;
 - Communicate and coordinate with applicants, their consultants, and other City department staff;
 - Prepare staff reports and recommendations in a timely manner;
 - Present reports to the Hearing Examiner, Planning Commission, and City Council; and
 - Keep track of project permit applications in the review process, to ensure that a final decision issues in a timely manner;
 - Provide additional planning services, long range planning, and code revision assistance, as needed.

Wayne Carlson will serve as project manager and principal-in-charge for AHBL to provide day-to-day oversight of our planners and will coordinate with City staff to make sure that we are meeting the City's needs. Planners Stan May (primary staff member at \$100/hour), Annalisa McDaniel (\$100/hour), and/or Brittany Kubinski (\$100/hour) will provide staffing as needed (See resumes for additional detail). Wayne Carlson (\$190/hour) and Brad Medrud (\$156/hour) will provide quality assurance/quality control as authorized.

Wayne Carlson will contact the City on a regular basis throughout the term of the contract to discuss staffing needs and adjust staffing levels accordingly. As principal-in-charge, Wayne will be involved to ensure that AHBL brings the appropriate additional resources to the projects as needed. AHBL understands that the City has a cost-recovery system in its fee schedule for consultant review of development applications (actual cost + 10 percent). We are accustomed to tracking our time by each project and will format our invoices in a manner consistent with the City's cost-recovery system.

All planning services, including development review, contract management, quality control, and review by senior staff, and any assistance with code revisions or other planning services will be based on the attached rate sheet. AHBL will seek your authorization for the use of any staff member outside of those people included herein.