

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
GRANT CONTRACT**

This grant contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 145, St. Paul, MN 55101-5145 ("State") and City of Ramsey, 7550 Sunwood Dr, Ramsey, MN 55303 ("Grantee").

Recitals

- 1 Under Minn. Stat. § 299A.01, Subd 2 (4) the State is empowered to enter into this grant contract.
- 2 State funds for this grant contract were provided under Laws of Minnesota 2010, Chapter 215, Article 11, Section 10, subdivision 4 for fire safety purposes.
- 3 The State is in need of benefit studies attendant to different models for shared fire and rescue service delivery and to explore a shared services model for multiple fire services.
- 4 The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State.

Grant Contract

1 Term of Grant Contract

- 1.1 **Effective date:** January 1, 2013, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later. Once this grant contract is fully executed, the Grantee may claim reimbursement for expenditures incurred pursuant to Clause 4.2 of this grant contract. Reimbursements will only be made for those expenditures made according to the terms of this grant contract.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** June 30, 2013, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15. Data Disclosure.

2 Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

- 2.1 Contract with an independent, third party consultant to perform a feasibility study and prepare a written report on sharing fire and rescue services for the following entities: Cities of Bethel, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, St Francis. The study should consider the following:
 - How to provide basic city services in an efficient and cost-effective manner
 - How to work cooperatively across community borders
 - Areas of Study should include
 - Department Funding
 - Standardized Training
 - County-Wide Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's)
 - Comparison of Current Levels of Service Provided
 - Potential Higher Level of Service Provided to Overall Population
 - Future Purchasing of Apparatus
 - Distribution of Cost between Communities for Fire Service
 - Employment/Staffing Concerns and Opportunities
 - How Would Response Differ if/when a Shared Service is in Effect
- 2.2 The purpose of the feasibility study performed by the consultant must include ways to increase efficiency, effectiveness and/or cost saving methods through voluntary and cooperative shared services. The report must include possible alternatives for the entities to share fire and rescue services.

2.3 Manage this project, oversee contract with the consultant and deliver the written report to the State by the Expiration date of this grant contract.

2.4 No travel reimbursement is allowed or will be made to the Grantee for Grantee's travel and subsistence expenses related to this project.

3 Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract. In the performance of this grant contract, time is of the essence.

4 Consideration and Payment

4.1 **Consideration.** The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract as follows:

- (1) **Compensation.** The Grantee will be reimbursed an amount not to exceed \$29,494.00 for contracting for consultant services for the feasibility study and written report.
- (2) **Matching Requirements.** (If Applicable.) Grantee certifies that the following matching requirement, for the grant contract, will be met by the Grantee: \$3,277.00.
- (3) **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract will not exceed \$29,494.00.

4.2 Payment

- (1) **Invoices.** The State will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule:
Itemized invoices will be filed in arrears at least quarterly, but not more often than monthly, and within 30 days of the period covered by the invoice for services satisfactorily performed. Final invoice must be received no later than 30 days after the Expiration date of this grant contract.

Expenditures for each state fiscal year of this grant contract must be for services performed within applicable state fiscal years. Every state fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.

5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

6 Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is Jerry Rosendahl, State Fire Marshal, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 145, St. Paul, MN 55101-5145, (651) 215-0541, Jerry.Rosendahl@state.mn.us, or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is Dean Kapler, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director, 7550 Sunwood Dr., Ramsey, MN 55303, 763-433-9859, dkapler@ci.ramsey.mn.us. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

7 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Complete

- 7.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by

the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.2 Amendments. Any amendment to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.3 Waiver. If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

7.4 Grant Contract Complete. This grant contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8 Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract.

9 State Audits

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this grant contract are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract.

10 Government Data Practices

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

11 Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

12 Publicity and Endorsement

12.1 Publicity. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract.

12.2 Endorsement. The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract. Venue for all legal

proceedings out of this grant contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

14 Termination

14.1 **Termination by the State.** The State may cancel this grant contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

14.2 **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Grantee. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the grant contract is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State receiving that notice.

15 Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any, or pay other state liabilities.

1. ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SWIFT PO# 3-16503 _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

2. GRANTEE

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Distribution:

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Grantee
State's Authorized Representative