

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL
CONSULTANTS INC ("PSPC") FOR CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY**

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the ____ day of July 2025 (the "Effective Date") by and between the CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, an Arizona municipal corporation ("City"), and PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS INC, an Arizona "S" corporation, ("Consultant"), both of which may be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

RECITALS

A. City desires to retain a consultant to assist in a comprehensive classification and compensation study and to make payment for the same in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, including all attachments and addenda which are appended hereto by mutual agreement of the Parties.

B. The open market procedures have been satisfied.

C. The Parties have set forth below contemplated services Consultant will provide City, including payment terms for such services and products.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Recitals noted above, the mutual covenants and conditions below, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **CONSULTANT'S DUTIES:** Consultant agrees to perform the professional services detailed in Exhibit A.

2. **COMPENSATION:** In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, City shall compensate Consultant for professional services in an amount not to exceed Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$67,000.00) in accordance with the price sheet set forth in Exhibit A.

3. **CONSULTANT BILLING:** Consultant shall bill City on a time and expense basis in a total amount not to exceed Section 2 above. City shall pay such billings within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt.

4. **TERM/RENEWAL:** The term of this Agreement starts on July 16, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2027. Following the initial term, the Parties may renew or extend this Agreement.

5. **CITY'S STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE:** City shall furnish Consultant with all data, information and other supporting services specified in Exhibit A.

6. **CONSULTANT'S STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE:** While performing the services, Consultant shall exercise the reasonable professional care and skill customarily exercised by reputable members of Consultant's profession practicing in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, and shall use reasonable diligence and best judgment while exercising its professional skill and expertise. Consultant shall be responsible for all errors and omissions Consultant commits in the performance of this Agreement.

7. **NOTICES:** All notices to the Party required under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by first class certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

If to City and
for invoices:

City of Apache Junction
Anna McCray, Human Resources Director
300 East Superstition Boulevard
Apache Junction, AZ 85119
(480) 474-5406
amccray@apachejunctionaz.gov

If to Consultant: Public Sector Personnel Consultants, Inc.
Matt Weatherly, President
2824 N Power Rd #113-486
Mesa, AZ 85215
(480) 947-6164
matt@pspc.us

8. **INSURANCE:** Consultant, at its own expense, shall purchase and maintain the herein stipulated minimum insurance with companies duly licensed, possessing a current A.M. Best, Inc. Rating of B++6, or approved unlicensed in the State of Arizona with policies and forms satisfactory to City.

All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect until all work or service required to be performed under the terms of the Agreement is

satisfactorily completed and formally accepted; failure to do so may, at the sole discretion of City, constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

Consultant's insurance shall be primary insurance as respects the City, and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by City shall not contribute to it.

Any failure to comply with the claim reporting provisions of the insurance policies or any breach of an insurance policy warranty shall not affect coverage afforded under the insurance policies to protect City.

The insurance policies, except Workers' Compensation, shall contain a waiver of transfer rights of recovery (subrogation) against City, its agents, officers, officials and employees for any claims arising out of Contractor's acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, work or service.

The insurance policies may provide coverage which contains deductibles or self-insured retentions. Such deductible and/or self-insured retentions shall not be applicable with respect to the coverage provided to City under such policies. Consultant shall be solely responsible for the deductible and/or self retention and City, at its option, may require Consultant to secure payment of such deductibles or self-insured retentions by a surety bond or an irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit.

City reserves the right to request and to receive, within ten (10) working days, certified copies of any or all of the herein required insurance policies and/or endorsements. City shall not be obligated, however, to review same or to advise Consultant of any deficiencies in such policies and endorsements, and such receipt shall not relieve Consultant from, or be deemed a waiver of, City's right to insist on strict fulfillment of Consultant's obligations under this Agreement.

The insurance policies, except Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability, required by this Agreement, shall name City, its agents, officers, officials and employees as Additional Insureds.

REQUIRED COVERAGE

Commercial General Liability

Consultant shall maintain Commercial General Liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence with a \$2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate and a \$2,000,000 General Aggregate limit. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage, personal injury, products and completed operations and blanket contractual coverage including, but not limited to, the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, which coverage will be at least as

broad as that on Insurance Service Office, Inc. Policy Form No. CG 00011093, or the equivalent thereof.

Such policy shall contain a severability of interest provision, and shall not contain a sunset provision or commutation clause, nor any provision which would serve to limit third party action over claims.

The Commercial General Liability additional insured endorsement shall be at least as broad as the Insurance Service Office, Inc.'s Additional Insured, Form B, CG 20101185, or the equivalent thereof, and shall include coverage for Consultant's operations and products and completed operations.

If required by this Agreement, if Consultant sublets any part of the work, services or operations, Consultant shall purchase and maintain, at all times during prosecution of the work, services or operations under this Agreement, an Owner and Consultant's Protective Liability insurance policy for bodily injury and property damage, including death, which may arise in the prosecution of Consultant's work, service or operations under this Agreement. Coverage shall be on an occurrence basis with a limit not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and the policy shall be issued by the same insurance company that issues Consultant's Commercial General Liability insurance.

Automobile Liability

Consultant shall maintain Commercial/Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence with respect to Consultant's owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles assigned to or used in performance of Consultant's work. Coverage will be at least as broad as coverage code 1, "any auto", (Insurance Service Office, Inc. Policy Form CA 00011293, or the equivalent thereof). Such insurance shall include coverage for loading and off loading hazards. If hazardous substances, materials or wastes are to be transported, MCS 90 endorsement shall be included and \$5,000,000 per accident limits for bodily injury and property damage shall apply.

Workers' Compensation

Consultant shall carry Workers' Compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by federal and state statutes having jurisdiction of Consultant's employees engaged in the performance of the work or services; and, Employer's Liability insurance of not less than \$100,000 for each accident, \$100,000 disease for each employee, and \$500,000 disease policy limit.

By execution of this Agreement, Consultant certifies as follows:

"I am aware and understand the provisions of A.R.S. § 23-901 et seq. which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement."

If Consultant has no employees for whom workers' compensation insurance is required, Consultant shall submit a declaration or affidavit to City so stating and covenanting to obtain such insurance if and when Consultant employs any employees subject to coverage.

In case any work is subcontracted, Consultant will require subcontractors to provide Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance to at least the same extent as required of Consultant.

Professional Liability

Consultant retained by City to provide the work or service required by this Agreement will maintain Professional Liability insurance covering acts, errors, mistakes and omissions arising out of the work or services performed by Consultant, or any person employed by Consultant, with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each claim.

Certificates of Insurance

Prior to commencing work or services under this Agreement, Consultant shall furnish City with Certificates of Insurance, or formal endorsements as required by the Agreement, issued by Consultant's insurer(s), as evidence that policies providing the required coverages, conditions and limits required by this Agreement are in full force and effect. The form of the certificates of insurance and endorsements shall be subject to the approval of the Apache Junction City Attorney's Office, shall comply with the terms of this Agreement, and shall be issued and delivered to City Attorney, City of Apache Junction, 300 East Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction, AZ 85119.

In the event any insurance policies required by this Agreement are written on a "claims made" basis, coverage shall extend for two (2) years past completion and acceptance of Consultant's work or services and as evidenced by annual Certificates of Insurance.

If a policy does expire during the life of the Agreement, a renewal certificate must be sent to City thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration date.

All Certificates of Insurance shall be identified with bid serial number and title. Policies or certificates and completed forms of City's Additional Insured Endorsement (or a substantially equivalent insurance company form acceptable to the City Attorney) evidencing the coverage required by this section shall be filed with the City and shall include the City as an additional insured. The policy or policies shall be in the usual form of a public liability insurance, but shall also include the following provision:

"Solely as respects work done by or on behalf of the named insured for the City of Apache Junction, it is agreed that the City of Apache Junction and its officers and employees are added as additional insureds under this policy."

Insurance required herein shall not expire, be canceled, or materially changed without thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to City.

9. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE: The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona. Any action at law or in equity brought by either party for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for in this Agreement, shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in Pinal County, State of Arizona. The parties hereby waive all provisions of law providing for a change of venue in such proceeding to any other county. In the event either party shall bring suit to enforce any term of this Agreement or to recover any damages for and on account of the breach of any term or condition in this Agreement, it is mutually agreed that the prevailing party in such action shall recover all costs including: all litigation and appeal expenses, collection expenses, reasonable attorney fees, necessary witness fees and court costs to be determined by the court in such action.

10. **FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither City nor Consultant, as the case may be, shall be considered not to have performed its obligations under this Agreement in the event of enforced delay (an "Enforced Delay") due to causes beyond its control and without its fault or negligence or failure to comply with applicable laws, including, but not restricted to, acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, pandemics, and associated executive orders, quarantine, restrictions, embargoes, labor disputes, and unusually severe weather or the delays of subcontractors or materialmen due to such causes, acts of a public enemy, war, terrorism or act of terror (including but not limited to bio-terrorism or eco-terrorism), nuclear radiation, blockade, insurrection, riot, labor strike or interruption, extortion, sabotage, or similar occurrence or any exercise of the power of eminent domain of any governmental body on behalf of any public entity, or a declaration of moratorium or similar hiatus (whether permanent or temporary) by any public entity directly affecting the obligations under this Agreement. In no event will Enforced Delay include any delay resulting from unavailability for any reason of labor shortages, or the unavailability for any reason of particular Consultants, subcontractors, vendors or investors desired by Consultant in connection with the obligations under this Agreement. Consultant agrees that Consultant alone will bear all risks of delay which are not Enforced Delay. In the event of the occurrence of any such Enforced Delay, the time or times for performance of the obligations of the Party claiming delay shall be extended for a period of the Enforced Delay; provided, however, that the Party seeking the benefit of the provisions of this Section shall, within thirty (30) calendar days after such Party knows or should know of any such Enforced Delay, first notify the other Party of the specific delay in writing and claim the right to an extension for the period of the Enforced Delay; and provided further that in no event shall a period of Enforced Delay exceed ninety (90) calendar days.

11. **TERMINATION:** This Agreement may be terminated by either Party for any reason upon ninety (90) days' written notice. If this Agreement is terminated, City shall be reimbursed from Consultant the amount paid for any undelivered and/or unaccepted products or services. Upon termination, City agrees to pay for all delivered, accepted, and properly invoiced services that were provided up to the announced Termination Date.

12. INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless City, its elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees, arising from, or alleged to have arisen from, relating to, arising out of, or alleged to have resulted from the acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, Work or services of Consultant, its agents, employees, or any tier of Consultant's subcontractors in the performance of this Agreement, but only to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful conduct of Consultant or its subcontractors in the performance of the Work under this Agreement or any subcontract. Consultant's duty to defend, hold harmless and indemnify City, its special districts, elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, and employees shall arise in connection with any claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or injury to, impairment, or destruction of property including loss of use resulting therefrom, caused by an Consultant's acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, work or services in the performance of this Agreement including any employee of Consultant, any tier of Consultant's subcontractor or any other person for whose acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, Work or services Consultant may be legally liable, but only to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness or intentional wrongful conduct of Consultant or any tier of Consultant's subcontractors or any other person for whose acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, Work or services Consultant may be legally liable in the performance of the Work under this Agreement or subcontract. The amount and type of insurance coverage requirements set forth herein will in no way be construed as limiting the scope of the indemnity in this paragraph. The rights and obligations under this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

13. TAXES: Consultant shall pay all license, sales, consumer, transaction privilege, use and other similar taxes for services provided by Consultant which are legally enacted at the time the obligations under this Agreement are performed.

14. PERMITS & FEES: Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, Consultant shall secure and pay for all applicable permits, government fees, licenses and inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of services which are customarily secured after execution of the Agreement. Consultant shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the obligations. Consultant represents and warrants that any license necessary to perform the services under this Agreement is current and valid. Consultant understands that the activity described herein constitutes "doing business in the City of Apache Junction" and Consultant agrees to obtain a business license pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Apache Junction City Code, Vol. I, and keep such license current during the term of this Agreement. Consultant also acknowledges that the tax provision of the Apache Junction Tax Code, Chapter 8A, may also apply and if so, shall obtain a transaction privilege license and/or other licenses as may be required by all applicable laws. Further, Consultant agrees to pay all applicable privilege and use taxes that are applicable to the activities, products and services provided under this Agreement.

15. RECORDS: Records of Consultant's labor, payroll, and other costs pertaining to this Agreement shall be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis and made available to City for inspection on request. Consultant shall maintain records for a period of at least two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, and shall make such records available during that retention period for examination or audit by City personnel during regular business hours.

16. RIGHT OF CITY TO CONTRACT WITH OTHERS: Nothing in this Agreement shall imply City is obligated to obtain the services described herein with only this particular Consultant.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: City and Consultant agree and understand that the relationship between both Parties is that of an independent contractor.

18. WAIVER OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The failure of City or Consultant to insist in any one or more instances on performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege contained herein shall not be considered as thereafter waiving such terms, conditions, rights or privileges, and they shall remain in full force and effect.

19. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS: Consultant understands and acknowledges the applicability of the American with Disabilities Act, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1989 to the services performed under this Agreement.

As required by A.R.S. § 41-4401, Consultant hereby warrants its compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees and A.R.S. § 23-214(A). Consultant further warrants that after hiring an employee, Consultant will verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. If Consultant uses any subcontractors in performance of services, subcontractors shall warrant their compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees and A.R.S. § 23-214(A), and subcontractors shall further warrant that after hiring an employee, such subcontractor verifies the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. A breach of this warranty shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement that is subject to penalties up to and including termination of this Agreement. Consultant is subject to a penalty of \$100 per day for the first violation, \$500 per day for the second violation, and \$1,000 per day for the third violation. City at its option may terminate this Agreement after the third violation. Consultant shall not be deemed in material breach of this Agreement if the Consultant and/or subcontractors establish compliance with the employment verification provisions of Sections 274A and 274B of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and the E-Verify requirements contained in A.R.S. § 23-214(A). City retains the legal right to inspect the papers of any Consultant or subcontractor employee who works under this Agreement to ensure that the Consultant or subcontractor is complying with the warranty. Any inspection will be conducted after reasonable notice and at reasonable times. If state law is amended, the Parties may modify this paragraph consistent with state law.

20. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement and any attachments represent the entire agreement between City and Consultant and supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either express or implied, written or oral. It is mutually understood and agreed that no alteration or variation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Parties hereto. Written and signed amendments shall automatically become part of the Supporting Documents, and shall supersede any inconsistent provision therein; provided, however, that any apparent inconsistency shall be resolved, if possible, by construing the provisions as mutually complementary and supplementary.

21. SEVERABILITY: City and Consultant each believe that the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement are in compliance with all applicable laws. However, in the unlikely event that any provision of this Agreement is declared void or unenforceable (or is construed as requiring City to do any act in violation of any applicable laws, including any constitutional provision, law, regulation, or city code), such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect; provided that this Agreement shall retroactively be deemed reformed to the extent reasonably possible in such a manner so that the reformed agreement (and any related agreements effective as of the same date) provide essentially the same rights and benefits (economic and otherwise) to the Parties as if such severance and reformation were not required. Unless prohibited by applicable laws, the Parties further shall perform all acts and execute, acknowledge and/or deliver all amendments, instruments and consents necessary to accomplish and to give effect to the purposes of this Agreement, as reformed.

22. SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNMENT & DELEGATION: City and Consultant each bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other Party hereto and to the partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives of such other Party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in this Agreement. Neither Party to the Agreement shall assign the Agreement or sublet it as a whole or delegate the duties hereunder, without the written consent of the other, nor shall Consultant assign any monies due or to become due to it without the previous written consent of City.

23. ACCURACY OF WORK: Acceptance of services or work by City shall not relieve Consultant of the responsibility for subsequent correction of any such errors and the clarification of any ambiguities. Consultant shall make all necessary revisions or corrections resulting from errors and omissions on the part of Consultant without additional compensation.

24. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE: Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions in this Agreement. Any delay in performance by either Party shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

25. PROHIBITION TO CONTRACT WITH CONSULTANTS WHO ENGAGE IN BOYCOTT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL: The Parties acknowledge A.R.S. §§ 35-393 through 35-393.03, as amended, which forbids public entities from contracting with consultants who engage in boycotts of the State of Israel. Should Consultant under this Agreement engage in any such boycott against the State of Israel, this Agreement shall be deemed automatically terminated by operation of law. Any such boycott is a material breach of contract.

26. CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 35-394. In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 35-394, Consultant hereby certifies and agrees that Consultant does not currently and shall not for the duration of this Agreement use: 1) the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China, 2) any services or goods produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China, and/or 3) any suppliers, contractors or subcontractors that use the forced labor or any services or goods produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China. If Consultant becomes aware during the term of this Agreement that Consultant is not in compliance with this Section, then Consultant shall notify the City within five (5) business days after becoming aware of such noncompliance. If Consultant does not provide the City with written certification that Consultant has remedied such noncompliance within one hundred eighty (180) days after notifying the City of such noncompliance, this Agreement shall terminate, except that if the Agreement termination date occurs before the end of such one hundred eighty (180) day remedy period, this Agreement shall terminate on such contract termination date.

27. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: This Agreement is subject to, and may be terminated by City in accordance with, the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511.

28. COOPERATIVE USE OF CONTRACT: Any Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be for the use of the City of Apache Junction. In addition, public and nonprofit agencies that have entered into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Apache Junction's Department of Finance are eligible to participate in any subsequent Contract. Additionally, this Contract is eligible for use by the Strategic Alliance for Volume expenditures cooperative.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Consultant and City have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

CONSULTANT:

Public Sector Personnel Consultants, an
Arizona "S" corporation

By: Matthew Westberry

Its: President

CITY:

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA,
an Arizona municipal corporation

By: Walter "Chip" Wilson

Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

Yvette "Evie" McKinney
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

6/19/25
R. Joel Stern
City Attorney

STATE OF Arizona)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Maricopa)

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 2025, by Matthew Westfall as President of Public Sector Personnel Consultants Inc., an Arizona "S" corporation.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

May 16, 2027

STATE OF Arizona)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Pinat)
 Maricopa



The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of July, 2025, by Walter "Chip" Wilson, as Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, an Arizona municipal corporation.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR APACHE JUNCTION

PUBLIC SECTOR PERSONNEL CONSULTANTS (PSPC) proposes the following program of consulting services and implementation support to conduct a classification and compensation study.

Project Planning and Communication

1. Project planning and scheduling meetings with the City's HR Staff, project designee(s)
2. Policy input and project direction meeting and briefing with Council, Human Resources and designee(s)
3. Project briefing presentation for all employees, Council, City officials, City's project leaders
4. Management and employee communication, progress reports throughout all project phases
5. Assistance with development and communication with a committee of employee representatives

Classification Project Tasks

6. Occupational familiarization by review of City's current class specifications and compensation plans
7. Organizational familiarization by review of City organization charts, budgets, and annual reports
8. Position Analysis Questionnaire (PAQ) customized for gathering City employee occupation data
9. Meetings to distribute and explain the PAQ and the project for all City officials and employees
10. Job interviews, desk audits / field observations with representatives of each class (optional)
11. Recommended title modifications and reclassifications for consideration by department heads
12. Modeling of job families and career ladders to include possible job title consolidation / clean up
13. Review of position classification recommendations with City's project staff and respective departments
14. Facilitation of employee participation and feedback process on any proposed classification changes
15. Preparation of updated or "track change" job description for each included job classification

Compensation Surveys

16. Confirmation of survey cities to include in external market comparisons (Up to 10)
17. Identification of City occupations to utilize as survey benchmark job classifications
18. Solicitation of comparator employers and agencies for participation in external compensation surveys
19. Extraction of data from public employer compensation plans, questionnaires, reliable published surveys
20. Added compensation and benefits survey for external competitiveness comparisons
21. Consolidation of data from all sources and calculation of prevailing rates for benchmark jobs
22. Computation of extent City's compensation offerings vary from external prevailing rates and practices
23. Review of competitiveness analysis with Human Resources, City Officials and City's project designees

Compensation Plan Development

24. Construction of optional salary range structures for review and selection by City's project leaders
25. Assignment of job classes to salary ranges by informal internal equity and external competitiveness
26. Assistance with City Council identification of desired, affordable salary competitiveness policy
27. Fiscal impact estimates at various levels of external prevailing rates competitiveness policies
28. Review and critique of draft salary and implementation plans with Human Resources, project leaders

Communication of Results and Implementation Strategies

29. Preparation and presentation of final project reports for the City Council, staff, and City Officials
30. Development of a plan for the implementation of City's updated classification and compensation plan
31. Development and provision of process for ongoing plan maintenance and subsequent plan updates
32. Assistance with communicating the City's updated plans for all City officials and employees

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PROJECT APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

Following is our overall work plan and approach to achieving the City's objectives for the conduct of a classification and compensation study.

A. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The recommended plans, programs, systems and administrative procedures will meet these ten most important criteria.

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| - Internally equitable | - Financially responsible |
| - Externally competitive | - Efficiently administered |
| - Readily understood | - Inclusive of employee input |
| - Easily updated & maintained | - Reflective of City's values |
| - Legally compliant & defensible | - Reflective of prevailing "best practices" |

B. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project could include: a management and employee communication plan; partnership with the City's Director of Human Resources and staff, City Manager, Council, and project designee(s); occupational, organizational, and operational familiarization; Position Analysis Questionnaire (PAQ) and job analysis for all classifications; position classification and job title recommendations for all employees and classifications; FLSA designations; updated job descriptions; external competitiveness evaluation; compensation survey and competitiveness analysis; salary range recommendations; fiscal impact estimates and multiple implementation scenarios; updated classification and compensation plan and one year of classification and compensation plan implementation support for all included employees in all job classifications.

C. PROJECT METHODOLOGY

1. Quality Assurance

To ensure a high-quality project, we have built in several layers of procedural and statistical controls, in addition to those already in *EZ COMP*™. Internally, we follow a prescribed series of steps in each project phase, which are reviewed by our Project Director. We request that the Human Resources and City's Project Manager(s) review our work to minimize the chance of errors and to ensure that it reflects the City's organizational values.

2. Project Planning Meetings and Communication Plan Development

We will consult with the Human Resources staff and City Officials or representatives on a communication strategy, plan, and materials, beginning prior to the project and extending to the post-project information meetings. We plan to conduct group pre-project meetings (or develop via video) for all City officials and employees where we will discuss the project's scope, answer questions, and distribute and explain the Position Analysis Questionnaire.

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D. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ANALYSIS

1. Review of Essential Tasks – Position Analysis Questionnaire

We will review and analyze the current essential tasks, duties and responsibilities, and minimum qualifications of each included position through the Position Analysis Questionnaire (PAQ) to be completed by each employee (or group of employees with identical jobs) in print or electronic format. If the information on the PAQ does not clearly delineate the position's scope of responsibilities, we may return the PAQ to the position's incumbent for additional information or focus on the data gap during a worksite job information interview.

2. Employee Worksite Job Information Interviews (option)

We can conduct a virtual or worksite job information interview with a representative incumbent of every job classification. The purpose of these interviews is to verify the data on the PAQ, obtain additional insight into the scope and complexity of the job duties, observe technical processes and working conditions, and to provide employees with an additional method of participation in the project. This process also ensures that we make all internal and external comparisons on the basis of *actual job content* and not merely job title.

3. FLSA Status Interpretation

We will review the essential tasks and minimum qualifications of each of the City's job classifications and subject them to the Fair Labor Standards Act tests to provide our interpretation of their exempt or non-exempt status.

4. Position Classification

Each of the City's positions will be analyzed and evaluated to determine their primary characteristics, including:

- Is there a current City occupational job group comprised of job classes with essential functions similar to the subject position; if so:
- To which of the group's job classes, and at what level, are the subject position's essential functions similar to the subject position, and if so:
- Are they sufficiently comparable (+/- 20% guideline) to be allocated to that job class, utilize the same job title, require the same minimum qualifications, and be assigned to the same salary range.
- If the City does not currently have a sufficiently comparable job class, what should be the subject position's occupational job class and title, and:
- What should the recommended occupational classification action be, No Change (N), Title Change (T), Merge With Other Job Class (M), New Job Class (J).
- If we find that a job class is overly broad and encompasses several job activities we will recommend "splitting" the job class into the current job class and a new job class.

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5. Updated Job Descriptions (note: estimated delivery is project start plus 6-9 months)

We can prepare an updated job description in the City's standard or other selected format for each occupational job class. Focus will be on the Essential Functions and Minimum Qualifications. The specifications or descriptions may include (not limited to) the following components:

Job Title – Definition	Education, Training and Experience	Physical Requirements
Distinguishing Characteristics	Licenses and Certifications	Non-Essential Functions
Essential Functions	FLSA Exempt/Non-Exempt Status	Mental Requirements
Desired Knowledge and Skills	Supervision Exercise/Received	Working Conditions

6. Draft Classification Plan Review with Human Resources and Department Heads

We will conduct a review of our initial position classification recommendations with the City's Project Team and respective department heads to identify possible errors, obtain feedback, and solicit suggestions for clarification.

E. SURVEY AND COMPENSATION ANALYSIS

1. City Involvement in Compensation Plan Development

We will obtain policy direction from the Human Resources staff and/or City Officials on the following key components of the salary plan development process:

- Comparator Employer Selection
- Benchmark Job Class Selection
- Compensation Competitiveness Policy
- Salary Structure Selection
- Job Evaluation Method-Salary Plan Linkage
- Draft Compensation Plan Review / Critique
- Total Compensation Points for Analysis
- Project Implementation Plan

2. Comprehensive Compensation Survey

We will collect the complete 2026 pay plans and job descriptions from each of the City's comparators and build a custom survey database to ensure accuracy and completeness, unique to the City's job classifications.

- a. **Data Collection Protocol** will be developed in consultation with the City's project leaders to determine which salary data elements to include, such as:

Base Salary Information

- Salary grade/step or open range salary plan structure
- Salary range structure Minimum, Midpoint, and Maximum
- Method of salary administration – longevity, performance, or skill

Additional Compensation Information:

- City-supported benefits such as health insurance, pension contributions
- Supplemental pay items for special qualifications/certifications
- Individual or group incentive plans, bonus, awards, stipends
- Any additional add-pay or benefits items at City's direction

- b. **Benchmark Job Selection** will be made by identifying City job classes common to its employment-competitive public and private employers in the immediate area and throughout the region or State, clearly identifiable, and representative of standard occupational job groups.

- c. **Comparator Employers Identification (up to 10)** will be made in consultation with the City's Project Manager(s) or City Council. Criteria include their degree of competition to the City in obtaining and retaining high quality staff, their location in the City's traditional recruitment areas, and

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their organizational size and complexity.

d. Compensation Data Collection will be made by one or more of the following methods.

- Pre-survey contact with the selected comparator employers to solicit participation in the City's compensation survey(s)
- Extraction from the pay plans of designated public employers.
- Customized salary survey requests for local governments and other public employers, distributed by mail, fax, and e-mail.
- As desired, additional data extraction from established salary surveys and commercial survey sources such as Economic Research Institute's Salary Assessor for the immediate area.

e. Data Quality Control includes editing data for accuracy and proper matching to the City's survey benchmark jobs, and phone/fax/E-mail follow-ups for data clarification and to obtain comparators' benchmark job descriptions.

3. Prevailing Rates Calculation

We will consolidate the compensation data from all sources, enter the information into the **EZ COMP™** program, and compute the prevailing rates, inclusive of cost-of-living differentials, as the statistical mean of the survey data for each benchmark job class. Data will be projected forward from the date of collection to a common date relating to the City's salary plan year by the annual Prevailing Rate Increase Factor (PRI) applicable at that time.

4. Compensation Competitiveness Comparison

We will provide the City with charts comparing its current salary structures to those of the selected public and private comparator employers. We will calculate the extent that the City's offerings vary from the prevailing rates and practices of other relevant employers.

5. Compensation Competitiveness Policy

We will assist the City to select a compensation competitiveness policy which best fits its compensation strategy and financial resources, by providing fiscal impact estimates at various percentage relationships to the prevailing rates.

6. Salary Plan Structure Development

We will review the City's current employee agreements and wage plans and 1) utilize the City's current wage plan structures to identify internally equitable and externally competitive salary ranges for each City job class or 2) prepare alternative salary range structures and schedules for the City to select the best fit for its competitiveness strategy, with these optional criteria:

- Method of administration, i.e.: measured job performance, longevity, or skill
- Width of the salary ranges, grades, or broad bands, from Minimum to Maximum
- Varying salary range widths for FLSA non-exempt or exempt positions
- Open salary ranges for pay-for-performance or variable compensation plan
- If steps within the salary ranges, number of steps, percentage separation
- Number of salary ranges, grades, or broad bands in the salary schedule
- Percentage of separation between salary ranges, grades or broad bands
- Recognition for longevity, unique assignments, and special skill requirements
- Remuneration for required special licenses, certifications and registrations

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7. Salary Range Assignment Development

We will assign each job classification to a salary range in the City's current or selected new salary structure on the basis of a combination of factors, including:

- the prevailing rates for the benchmark job classes
- its current relationship to similar or occupationally related job classes
- the 15% guideline for salary range separation between sequential job classes
- the 25% guideline for salary separation of a department head job class

8. Implementation Plan Development

We will consult with the Human Resources Director and Project Team on a plan for transition to the recommended plan, including a timetable for the principal activities, employee communication, impact on bargaining processes, and estimates of required financial resources.

F. FINAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Draft and Final Report Preparation

We will provide the City's project leader(s) with a draft of our report for review and critique, including the classification plan, FLSA interpretations, compensation market data, salary comparison tables, fiscal estimates, salary range listings, and implementation procedures. We will incorporate their critique into the development of a final report summarizing the project's findings, recommendations, and detailed description of the City's updated position classification and compensation plans.

2. Final Report Presentations

We will conduct a workshop or formal presentation of our final report and recommendations to the Human Resources staff, City Officials, and employees.

3. Implementation Warranty

To ensure effective implementation of the new plan, we will analyze, evaluate, and provide a salary range recommendation for any new or changed job class, **at no cost to the City** for one year.

G. ENSURING THE CITY'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The City will be self-sufficient in all aspects of maintenance of the updated position classification and compensation plan through these services.

1. Procedure Manuals

- PSPC Position Classification Procedure Guide
- PSPC Salary Administration Procedure Guide
- Apache Junction **EZ COMP™** Procedure Guide

2. Training Workshop – for City staff in position classification, job evaluation, compensation surveys, and compensation plan design and administration.

3. EZ COMP™ – program and project files, a custom user's manual, and system training for key City and Human Resources staff.

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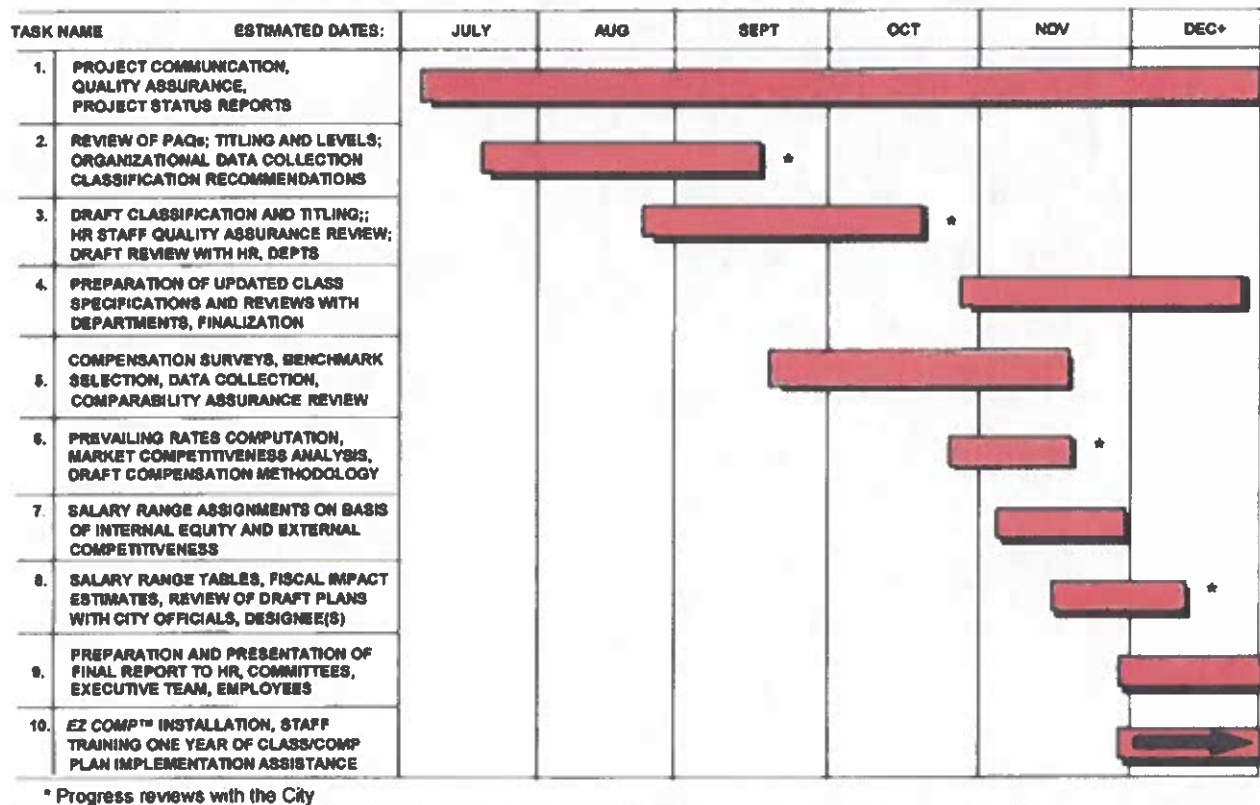
4. **Initial Year's Implementation Warranty Support** – we will analyze, evaluate, classify, and provide a salary range recommendation for any new or changed position or entire job classification, **at no cost to the City** for one year.

H. **EMPLOYEE INCLUSION AND COMMUNICATION**

Very important factors for successful implementation of new or updated classification and compensation plans are 1) extensive employee inclusion, and 2) extensive employee communication. City officials and employees will participate in one or more of the following activities:

- Attending pre-project briefings and question and answer sessions
- Completing a Position Analysis Questionnaire (PAQ) describing their position
- Elaborating on their jobs in individual or group job information interviews
- Receiving information pamphlet/booklet describing the updated salary plan

ESTIMATED PROJECT ELAPSED TIME CHART



Note: We can begin in July 2025 with job descriptions beginning late 2025

MINIMAL CITY SUPPORT REQUIRED

We are completely self-sufficient in projects of this nature and do not require any substantive staff support from the City other than payroll data, and arrangements for group and individual meetings and optional interviews. We do not require any office space, telephone, clerical assistance, computers, or office equipment. We will provide all data entry, data processing, duplicating, and related report preparation functions.

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Evaluation Criteria

Firms to provide pricing in line with the scope of this RFP. Please include all costs noted below or in addition to the categories identified herein.

Item	Description of Required Scope of Work	Lump Sum Fee	Total Hours
1.	Task 1: Project Kick-Off	\$ 1,500	10
2.	Task 2: Data Collection and Assessment <i>Per classification market survey</i>	\$ 25,000 ⁰⁰	170
3.	Task 3: Project Deliverables <i>JDS, Pay Plan, Costing</i>	\$ 18,000 ⁰⁰	120
4.	Task 4: Final Report and Recommendations	\$ 3,500 ⁰⁰	25
5.	Anticipated Travel (estimated)	\$ —	Local
	Total Fees	\$ 48,000 ⁰⁰	325+
6.	As an option, firms may provide total project costs as one lot charge (in lieu of break out above) Total Fees	\$	
7.	Submit hourly rates for project team members. Should the City require other services in addition to the Scope of Work, these rates will serve as the basis of fees for services.		
	Team Member Role	Hourly Rate	
	<i>ALL STAFF</i>	\$ 150	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
8.	One year, post study support period where additional services can be offered such as training and implementation advice/support.	Lump Sum Fee	\$ <i>included</i>
9.	Use the lines below to denote any additional services and fees such as periodically refreshing the data, etc.	Fee	
	<i>Desk Audit Interviews (per 15)</i>	\$ 1,500 ⁰⁰	10
	<i>Survey Updating (good until 2027)</i>	\$ 17,500 ⁰⁰	120
		\$	