

RESOLUTION NO. 07-172

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF AN INVOICE FROM NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RENDERED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2007 FOR THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR SECTION 4A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 04-61 and Resolution No. 05-163 pertaining to the approval and payment process of the City of Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 06-113 on March 28, 2006, the PAEDC Board of Directors and the National Development Council entered into a technical assistance agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement as denoted in Exhibit "A" was signed on April 24, 2006 and extends until April 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the invoice denoted in Exhibit "B", was approved by the EDC Board at their April 4, 2007 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the invoice attached as Exhibit "B", is being submitted for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR:

Section 1. That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

Section 2. That the invoice attached as Exhibit "B", is hereby approved.

Section 3. That a copy of the caption of the Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED ON THE 10th day of April

A.D. 2007, at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas by
the following vote: AYES:

Mayor Ortiz, Mayor Pro Tem Prince;
City Council: Lewis, Barker, Henderson,
Beard, Williamson and Sinegal.

NOES: None.

Oscar D. Ortiz
OSCAR ORTIZ, MAYOR

Attest:

Evangelina Green
EVANGELINE GREEN, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Floyd Batiste
FLOYD BATISTE, EDC CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Sokolow
MARK T. SOKOLOW, CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT “A”

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May 16, 2006

Ms. Jana Barnes
EDC Operations/Compliance Manager
Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation
P. O. Box 3934
Port Arthur, Texas 77642

Re: Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") - Contracts
between National Development Council, Port Arthur Section 4A Economic
Development Corporation and the City of Port Arthur

Dear Ms. Barnes:

Enclosed are the two original contracts, which have been signed.

Yours very truly,

GERMER GERTZ, L.L.P.

By: 

Guy N. Goodson

GNG/bw

cc: Mr. Floyd Batiste
EDC Board of Directors

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

This Technical Assistance Agreement is made and entered into this 27 day of April, 2006, by and between City of Port Arthur, Texas (the "City"), a municipal corporation, and the Port Arthur Section 4A Economic Development Corporation (hereinafter called "PAEDC"), a non-profit corporation, whose address is 4173 39th Street, Port Arthur, Texas 77642 (hereinafter called "Clients") and NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, a New York non-profit corporation, which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ; whose address is 51 East 42nd Street, Suite 300, New York, New York 10017 (hereinafter called "NDC").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Clients have determined that they need the professional services of an advisor to work with the Clients to assist them in achieving the public goals of developing and implementing community and economic programs, and

WHEREAS, NDC is willing to provide, on such terms and conditions as are hereinafter provided, technical assistance to the Clients utilizing its expertise in economic and community development activities.

NOW THEREFORE, the Clients and NDC do hereby agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Clients acknowledge that NDC regularly performs services for various clients located across the United States. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms upon which the NDC will provide the Clients with assistance they have requested which is generally described as technical assistance and professional services. NDC agrees to perform such services as are requested from time to time by Clients and to provide such services as it deems necessary to accomplish the goals requested. Exhibit A attached hereto fully describes the services to be offered to the Clients by NDC. In performing the requested services, NDC shall consult with officers and employees of the Clients and shall meet, as appropriate, with such representatives or other entities when necessary, including without limitation State and Federal officials and other local organizations.

For at least the first year, when PAEDC will be paying 100% of the contract price, the projects need to be primarily projects consistent with the authority and limits of the PAEDC.

II. DURATION, TERMINATION

NDC agrees to commence work for the Clients effective the first date above and shall continue providing technical assistance for twelve months. Either party may, at any time, terminate this Agreement with or without cause by sending written notice to the other party, in which event this Agreement shall be terminated effective 30 days after receipt of such notice.

III. COMPENSATION

The Clients shall compensate NDC for performance of services received hereunder in the amount of \$6,000 per month, not to exceed \$72,000 per year. This amount includes all of NDC's

time, travel expenses, supplies, postage, telephone, and other similar expenses. As an independent contractor, NDC is responsible for all taxes and other benefits of the employees of NDC and nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as creating a relationship of servant, employee, partnership, or agency between the Clients and the NDC. Payment by the Clients for services rendered under this Technical Assistance Agreement evidences Clients' acceptance of such services in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

4.1 Ownership of Material and Documents. All final reports and other materials prepared by NDC for the Clients shall be the property of Clients, however all work papers and other source materials shall be the property of the NDC. NDC shall deliver such materials to Clients in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Clients shall not, without NDC's written consent, associate NDC's name with the report\product, if a subsequent change is made in such report\product after submission to Clients.

4.2 Right to Audit. NDC shall establish and maintain appropriate procedures which will assure the proper accounting of all funds paid to it under this Agreement. Clients or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records of NDC and/or its subcontractors which are directly pertinent to a specific program for the purpose of making an audit, an examination, excerpts and transcriptions. All such books and records shall be retained for such periods of time as required by law, provided, however, notwithstanding any shorter periods of retention, all books, records and supporting details shall be retained for a period of at least three (3) years after the expiration of the term of this Agreement.

4.3 Confidentiality of Reports. NDC shall keep confidential all reports, information and data given to, prepared or assembled by NDC pursuant to NDC's performance hereunder and Clients designates as confidential. Such information shall not be made available to any person, firm, corporation or entity without the prior written consent of Clients first obtained.

4.4 Equal Opportunity. NDC shall comply with all provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and of the rules, regulations and relevant order of the Secretary of Labor regarding discrimination.

4.5 Conflicts of Interest. No board member, officer or employee of Clients or their designees or agents, and no other public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to any requested technical assistance, shall be permitted to financially benefit from this Agreement or have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with this Agreement.

4.6 Notices. All notices shall be sent by certified mail, hand-delivery or over night mail and in all events with a written acknowledgment of receipt to the address set forth at the beginning of this Agreement.

4.7 Responsibility for Claims:

a. Clients will indemnify and hold harmless NDC, its directors, officers, agents, representatives, contractors, and employees against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, and all costs, losses, liabilities, expenses, and judgment incurred in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, brought by any of Clients' employees or representatives or by any

third party, based upon, in connection with, resulting from, or arising out of NDC's actions or inactions under this Agreement or Clients' use of the Services; provided, however, that Clients' contractual obligations of indemnification shall not extend to the consequences of NDC's negligence or other fault. The City of Port Arthur will only indemnify NDC to the extent of its liability limits under the Texas Tort Claims Act.

b. Conversely, NDC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Clients, their directors, officers, agents, contractors, representatives, and employees against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action and all costs, losses, liabilities, expenses, and judgments incurred in connection therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, brought by any of NDC's employees or representatives or by any third party, based upon, in connection with, resulting from, or arising out of NDC's actions or inactions under this Agreement; provided, however, NDC's contractual obligation of indemnification shall not extend to the consequences of Clients' negligence or other fault.

4.8 Release of News Information. No news release, including photographs, public announcements or confirmation of same, or any part of the subject matter of this Agreement or any phase of any program hereunder shall be made without prior written approval of the NDC and PAEDC.

4.9 Compliance with Laws. NDC agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws in the conduct of the work hereunder. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and the rights of the parties determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and venue shall lie in Jefferson County, Texas.

4.10 Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties or obligations described herein may be assigned by either party without the prior expressed written consent of the other party.

4.11 Severability. A determination that any part of this Agreement is invalid shall not invalidate or impair the force of the remainder of this Agreement.

4.12 Dispute Resolution. If all three parties agree, any disputes or claims under this Agreement shall be submitted to arbitration in a manner provided under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect, such arbitration to be conducted before three arbitrators chosen in accordance with the rules of the State of Texas and shall be binding on the parties.

4.13 Additional Provisions. Any one of the parties may require additional provisions which will govern the agreement between the parties by attaching hereto such additional provisions as Exhibit "B". For the contract year beginning in 2006, there are no additional provisions.

4.14 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the final agreement between the parties regarding the matters covered and supersedes any and all other agreement, either oral in writing, regarding the matters contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first written above.

Approved as to form:

Mark Sokolow
Mark T. Sokolow, City Attorney

Guy Goodson
Guy Goodson, General Counsel for PAEDC

CLIENTS:

City of Port Arthur Section 4A
Economic Development Corporation

By: Eli Roberts
Eli Roberts, President

By: Linda Spears
Linda Spears, Secretary

City of Port Arthur, Texas

By: Steve Fitzgibbons
Steve Fitzgibbons, City Manager

NDC:

National Development Council

By: Robert W. Davenport
Robert W. Davenport, President

**NDC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
SCOPE OF SERVICES
EXHIBIT A**

To promote redevelopment within the community, Clients are undertaking a variety of community and economic development projects. NDC will provide technical assistance to Clients in reviewing, structuring and financing these projects during pre-development and project development.

This Scope of Services describes the assistance available under this Technical Assistance Agreement during the specified contract period. The Clients and NDC by mutual agreement may revise this Scope. The Chief Executive Officer of the PAEDC will direct NDC's activities and determine which services will be rendered by NDC, based on the direction from the PAEDC Board and the Port Arthur City Council. Payment by the Clients evidences the Clients' acceptance of the assistance provided under this Agreement. The assistance offered includes:

1. NDC will review and evaluate projects being considered by Clients for community and economic development assistance. This may include, as directed:
 - < evaluating sponsor/developer experience and capacity
 - < financial review and structuring
 - < review of appraisals, cost assumptions, capital budgets, operating statements, marketing data and other funding commitments
 - < advising on tax credit equity sources, requirements and structuring
 - < identifying other funding sources when required
 - < assisting with development issues during pre-development and development
 - < structuring loan documents and development agreements
 - < advising on program regulation issues
2. NDC will provide technical support and/or financial analysis of economic and/or housing development program proposals as periodically referred by staff.
3. NDC will review, as directed, Client established economic development and/or housing development programs, including:
 - < program goals
 - < eligibility criteria
 - < underwriting guidelines
 - < program documents
 - < internal administration of application and approval process

Exhibit A
Scope of Services
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4. NDC will, at the direction of Clients, assist in obtaining HOME, 108, CDBG and Float financing.
5. NDC will provide technical assistance and advocacy in Clients' efforts to seek awards of governmental monies and approval of various programs.
6. NDC will, at Clients' direction, provide up to 2 days of in-house staff training from its existing course curriculum in economic and/or housing development finance.
7. NDC may, at Clients' direction and under certain conditions, provide financing and development assistance through its non-profit development affiliate NDC Housing and Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and its economic development bank Grow America Fund (GAF). HEDC and GAF can provide:
 - < equity for historic rehabilitation and low income housing tax credit projects through the NDC Corporate Equity Fund, L.P.
 - < HEDC can act as non-profit sponsor/developer for certain affordable housing, public purpose and economic development projects
 - < small business loans for cities participating in GAF

EXHIBIT “B”

Invoice

National Development Council
708 Third Avenue-Suite 710
New York, NY 10017
(212) 682-1106

Date	Invoice #
2/28/2007	Feb 2007

Bill To
Ms. Deborah Freeman Port Arthur Economic Dev. Corp. P.O. Box 3934 Port Arthur, TX 77642

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- Floyd / Talente
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Description	Amount
For Technical Assistance Services rendered for the Period of February 1 - 28, 2007. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Childs at 212-682-1106. Please make check payable to National Development Council and remit payment to: National Development Council 708 Third Avenue - Suite 710 New York, NY 10017 Don't' forget to check out NDC's Website for information on the upcoming NDC Academy May 7th - 9th 2007 in the D.C. area! Go to www.nationaldevelopmentcouncil.org for additional information.	6,000.00
We appreciate your prompt payment.	Total \$6,000.00