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CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 4th day of April, 2023, in the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands, by and between the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, through the Department of Property and Procurement, on behalf of the OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (hereinafter referred to as the "Government") and NAGESH V. TAMMARA, Esq. (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Government is in need of the services of a Contractor to provide consulting and advisory legal services to the Office of Legal Counsel of the Office of the Governor, which duties and responsibilities are more particularly described in Addendum I (Scope of Services) attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor was selected in accordance with 31 V.I.C. § 239(a)(8) for Contractor's unique capabilities and skills for legal analysis, drafting of agreements and legislation, and legal research and political knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represents that Contractor is willing and capable of providing such services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, and intending to be legally bound by this written instrument, the parties hereto do covenant and agree as follows:

1. SERVICES

The Contractor will provide the services described in Addendum I (Scope of Services) attached hereto and made a part of this contract.

2. TERM

Upon execution of this Contract by the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement the Contract shall be effective for a Term of six (6) months commencing on January 15, 2023 and terminating on July 15, 2023. The Government in its sole discretion shall have the option to renew this Contract for three additional six-month periods on the same terms noted herein on thirty (30) days prior written notice.

3. COMPENSATION

The Government, in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the services described in Addendum I (Scope of Services), agrees to pay Contractor a sum not to exceed Fifty-Five



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THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) in accordance with the provisions set forth in Addendum II (Compensation) attached hereto and made a part of this Contract.

4. TRAVEL EXPENSES

NOT APPLICABLE.

5. RECORDS

The Contractor, when applicable, will present precise documentation of time and/or money expended under this Contract.

6. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Contractor agrees to maintain the professional standards applicable to Contractor's profession and to consultants doing business in the United States Virgin Islands. The Contractor affirms that Contractor is duly admitted and in good standing as a Member of the Virgin Islands Bar and is duly licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. The Contractor further affirms that she will abide by all applicable rules of professional responsibility, including all applicable provisions of confidentiality, during the term of this Contract. Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Good Standing to practice law in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

7. DOCUMENTS, PRINTOUTS, ETC.

All documents, books, records, instructional materials, programs, printouts, and memoranda of every description derived therefrom and pertaining to this Contract shall become the property of the Government and shall be turned over to it at the termination of this Contract. The above-described materials shall not be used by Contractor or by any other person or entity except upon the written permission of the Government.

8. LIABILITY OF OTHERS

Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to impose any liability upon the Government to persons, firms, associations, or corporations engaged by Contractor as servants, agents, or independent contractors, or in any other capacity whatsoever, or make the Government liable to any such persons, firms, associations, or corporations for the acts, omissions, liabilities, obligations and taxes of Contractor of whatsoever nature, including but not limited to unemployment insurance, gross receipt, excise, and social security taxes for Contractor, its servants, agents or independent contractors.



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9. ASSIGNMENT

As the services to be rendered are based on the personal competence of the Contractor and are part of the inducement for this Contract, the Contractor shall not subcontract or assign any part of the services under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Government.

10. INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Government from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, claims, demands, detriments, costs, charges and expenses (including attorney's fees) and causes of action of whatsoever character which the Government may incur, sustain or be subjected to, arising out of or in any way connected to the services to be performed by Contractor under this Contract and arising from any cause, except the sole negligence of the Government.

11. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall perform this Contract as an independent contractor, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to be inconsistent with this relationship or status.

12. GOVERNING LAW

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the United States Virgin Islands and jurisdiction shall remain in the United States Virgin Islands.

13. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS

No waiver, modification or amendment of any term, condition, or provision of this Contract shall be valid or of any force or effect unless made in writing, signed by the parties hereto or their duly authorized representatives, and specifying with particularity the nature and extent of such waiver, modification or amendment. Any such waiver, modification or amendment in any instance or instances shall in no event be construed to be a general waiver, modification or amendment of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of this Contract, but the same shall be strictly limited and restricted to the extent and occasion specified in such signed writing or writings.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the subject matter addressed in this Agreement. This agreement supersedes all prior communications, contracts, or agreements between the parties with respect to the subject matter addressed in this agreement, whether written or oral.



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15. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD

If work under this Contract is not performed in accordance with the terms hereof, the Government will have the right to withhold out of any payment due to Contractor, such sums as the Government may deem ample to protect it against loss or to assure payment of claims arising therefrom, and, at its option, the Government may apply such sums in such manner as the Government may deem proper to secure itself or to satisfy such claims. The Government will immediately notify the Contractor in writing in the event that it elects to exercise its right to withhold.

No such withholding or application shall be made by the Government if and while Contractor gives satisfactory assurance to the Government that such claims will be paid by Contractor or its insurance carrier, if applicable in the event that such contest is not successful.

16. CONDITION PRECEDENT

This Contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds and to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement.

17. TERMINATION

Either party will have the right to terminate this Contract, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party specifying the date of termination.

18. PARTIAL TERMINATION

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the Government, in part, whenever the Government shall deem such termination advisable by providing ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor. This partial termination shall be effected by delivering to the Contractor a Notice of Partial Termination specifying the extent to which the term and/or duties under this Contract are terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for services provided to the date of termination, including payment for the period of the ten (10) day notice.

19. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall be excluded from participating in, be denied the proceeds of or be subject to discrimination in the performance of this Contract on account of race, creed, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



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20. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- (a) Contractor covenants that it has no interest and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Contract.
- (b) Contractor further covenants that it is:
 - (1) not a territorial officer or employee (i.e., the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the Legislature, or any other elected territorial official; or an officer or employee of the legislative, executive or judicial branch of the Government or any agency, board, commission or independent instrumentality of the Government, whether compensated on a salary, fee or contractual basis); nor
 - (2) a territorial officer or employee and, as such, has:
 - (i) familiarized itself with the provisions of Title 3, Chapter 37 of the Virgin Islands Code, pertaining to conflicts of interest, including the penalties provision set forth in section 1108 thereof;
 - (ii) not made, negotiated or influenced this Contract, in its official capacity; and
 - (iii) no financial interest in this Contract as that term is defined in section 1101(1) of said Code chapter.

21. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Contract shall be the day of execution of the Contract by the Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and as further provided in Section 2 above.

22. NOTICE

Any notice required to be given by the Terms of this Contract shall be deemed to have been given when the same is sent by certified mail, postage prepaid or personally delivered, addressed to the parties as follows:

GOVERNMENT
Anthony D. Thomas
Commissioner
Department of Property and Procurement
8201 Sub Base, Suite 4
St. Thomas Virgin Islands 00802



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Karl Knight
Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands
5047 (21-22) Kongens Gade
St. Thomas Virgin Islands 00802

CONTRACTOR
Nagesh V. Tammara, Esq.
1402 H Street, NE
Unit 304
Washington, DC 20002
Email: ntammara@gmail.com

23. LICENSURE

The Contractor covenants that it has:

- (a) obtained all of the applicable licenses or permits, permanent, temporary or otherwise as required by Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code and the Rules of the V.I. Supreme Court; and
- (b) familiarized itself with the applicable provisions of Title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code pertaining to professions and occupations and the Rules of the V.I. Supreme Court.

24. OTHER PROVISIONS

Addenda I and II attached hereto are a part of this Contract and are incorporated herein by reference.

25. FALSE CLAIMS

Contractor warrants that it shall not, with respect to this Contract, make or present any claim upon or against the Government of the Virgin Islands, or any officer department, board, commission, or other agency thereof, knowing such claims to be false, fictitious or fraudulent. Contractor acknowledges that making such a false, fictitious or fraudulent claim is an offence under Virgin Islands law.

26. INSURANCE

WAIVED.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hercunto set their hands on the day and year first above written.

WITNESSES: GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Claudia Chale

Karl Knight

1/27/23

Karl Knight, Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands

Date

Lisa M. Alejandro

Lisa M. Alejandro

4/4/2023

Lisa M. Alejandro, Acting Commissioner
Department of Property and Procurement

Date

Nagesh V. Tammara

CONTRACTOR

Nagesh V. Tammara

1/24/2023

Nagesh V. Tammara, Esq.

Date

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY:

Carol E. McDougal
Assistant Attorney General

Date 4/4/2023

PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____

Contract No. P0430OGT23

Contractor's Initials: NT



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**ADDENDUM I
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Contractor shall offer the Government confidential and specialized legal support through the Office of the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel, in the following areas, or in other areas as determined to be a priority by the executive team designated by Government:

1. Contractor shall confer with and render legal services with and through the attorneys of the Office of Legal Counsel, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Reviewing, drafting, and rendering advice of and upon legislation, contracts, leases, agreements, correspondence and other legal documents;
- b. Assisting with preparing witnesses or other testifiers for legislative hearings; and
- c. Advising the Governor and other senior staff of the Office of the Governor on legal matters.

2. Such other legal and advisory services, subject to the review and approval of the Office of Legal Counsel, as may be necessary or agreed upon.

Contractor shall perform such compensable services for a maximum of ten (10) hours per week. However, it is understood and agreed that the contractor shall not be engaged for performance of services each week of the term of this contract.

Contractor shall provide a current Certificate of Good Standing to practice law in the U.S. Virgin Islands at the time of commencement of services.



ADDENDUM II COMPENSATION

In consideration of the satisfactory services to be performed by the Contractor in accordance with the provisions of Addendum I (Scope of Services), the Government agrees to pay the Contractor an amount not to exceed Fifty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$55,000.00) for services rendered, paid at an hourly rate of \$225.00 per hour for a maximum of ten (10) billable hours per week based on invoices submitted and approved, in accordance with the following:

1. The Contractor shall submit invoices to the Government on or by the fifth calendar day of each month for the preceding month's service for the Government's approval.
2. Each invoice must be submitted with a monthly report outlining the activities undertaken for the reporting period for the Government's consideration and approval.
3. The Government shall use its best efforts to pay all billing statements within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the billing statement submitted by the Contractor.
4. It is understood that the monetary cap shall be controlling (rather than number of hours of service) unless this contract is amended.



GOVERNMENT OF THE
**VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE
 UNITED STATES**
 ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS

PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: 03/15/2023 PAGE: 1 OF 1

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER: 00008325

REQUISITION NUMBER: 11980

SHIP TO: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STT
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 GOVERNMENT HOUSE
 21-22 KONGENS GADE
 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

BILL TO: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STT
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 GOVERNMENT HOUSE
 21-22 KONGENS GADE
 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

THIS PURCHASE ORDER IS ONLY VALID FOR NINETY (90) DAYS FROM DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE

THE PRICE ON THIS PURCHASE ORDER IS FIXED AND SHOULD NOT CHANGE WITHOUT ADVANCE WRITTEN CONSENT

VENDOR: NAGESH V. TAMMARA
 1402 H STREET, NE UNIT 304
 WASHINGTON, DC 20002

VENDOR REMIT

49081

VENDOR CONTACT Contact 1
 340--77-4-00

DELIVERY TERMS: _____

PAYMENT DUE 0 DAYS FROM INVOICE

Item#	Description/Part No.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
1	The Above Purchase Order Number Must Appear On All Correspondence - Packing Sheets And Bills Of Lading Encumber funds for Professional Services for Tammara V Nagesh 00200004 - 534000	EACH	\$11,362.50	1	\$11,362.50
					11,362.50
				Order Total	11,362.50

Purchase Order Authorization

Department or Agency Certifying Officer

Department of Property & Procurement Purchasing or Contracting Officer

PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: 11/19/2021 PAGE: 1 OF

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER: 00001018

REQUISITION NUMBER: 1632



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 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

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 GOVERNMENT HOUSE
 21-22 KONGENS GADE
 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

THIS PURCHASE ORDER IS ONLY VALID FOR NINETY (90) DAYS FROM DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE

VENDOR: NAGESH V. TAMMARA
 P.O. BOX 1615
 ST THOMAS, VI 00804

VENDOR REMIT

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DELIVERY TERMS: _____

DISCOUNT TERMS _____

Item#	Description/Part No.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
1	Encumber funds for Nagesh Tammara Professional Services 00200004 - 534000 55,000.00	EACH	\$55,000.00	1	\$55,000.00
Order Total					55,000.00

Purchase Order Authorization

Department or Agency Certifying Officer

Department of Property & Procurement Purchasing or Contracting Officer

PURCHASE ORDER INQUIRY PROFILE REPORT

Allocation Details						
Org	Obj	Proj	Description	Encumbered Amt	Bud	
00200004	534000		PROF SERV	\$55,000.00	U	
			Liquidated	\$22,218.75		
			Canceled	\$ 0.00		
			Allocated Open Encumbrance	\$32,781.25		

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PURCHASE ORDER

DATE: 06/29/2022 PAGE: 1 OF 1

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER: 00013300

REQUISITION NUMBER: 19262

SHIP TO: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STT
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 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

BILL TO: OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STT
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
 GOVERNMENT HOUSE
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 ST. THOMAS, VI 00802

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VENDOR: NAGESH V. TAMMARA
 1402 H STREET, NE UNIT 304
 WASHINGTON, DC 20002

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VENDOR CONTACT Contact 1
 340--77-4-00

DELIVERY TERMS: _____

PAYMENT DUE 0 DAYS FROM INVOICE

Item#	Description/Part No.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
1	The Above Purchase Order Number Must Appear On All Correspondence - Packing Sheets And Bills Of Lading Encumber Funds for Professional Services Office of the Governor 00200004 - 534000	EACH	\$10,856.25	1	\$10,856.25
					10,856.25
				Order Total	10,856.25

Purchase Order Authorization

Department or Agency Certifying Officer

Department of Property & Procurement Purchasing or Contracting Officer

PURCHASE ORDER INQUIRY PROFILE REPORT

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Allocation Details  
Org      Obj      Proj  Description      Encumbered Amt Bud  
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00200004 534000      PROF SERV      $10,856.25  U  
                        Liquidated      $ 0.00  
                        Canceled       $ 0.00  
                        Allocated Open Encumbrance $10,856.25  
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THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Charlotte Amalie, V.I. 00802
340-774-0001

March 20, 2023

Lisa Alejandro
Acting Commissioner
Department of Property and Procurement
8201 Sub Base, Suite 4
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands 00802

RE: Waiver of Liability of Insurance for Nagesh Tammara Esq.

Dear Commissioner Thomas:

The U.S. Virgin Islands Office of the Governor requests a waiver of general liability insurance, professional malpractice insurance and workers' compensation insurance for Nagesh Tammara Esq., an independent contractor for the Office of the Governor. Attorney Tammara will be performing services remotely and will not have direct relationships with clients on the government's behalf. Additionally, Attorney Tammara will have no employees. His performance will be under the supervision and direction of the Office of the Governor. Hence, the requirements for general liability insurance, professional liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance are not needed.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michèle Baker".

Michèle Baker
Acting Chief Legal Counsel
Office of the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands

FILED

January 26, 2023 10:40 AM

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VERONICA HANDY, ESQUIRE
CLERK OF THE COURT

Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands



Certificate of Good Standing

I, **VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQUIRE**, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States Virgin Islands, do hereby certify that:

NAGESH VENKAT TAMMARA, (VIBA NO. 1115)

was duly admitted and qualified as an Attorney and Counselor-At-Law in the United States Virgin Islands on **October 24, 2008** and as such, has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court and all other courts of this Territory according to its laws, rules and customs.

I further certify that as of this date, the above-named is an Attorney at Law in *Good Standing*. For the purposes of this Certificate, a member is in "good standing" if he or she is not presently suspended or disbarred for any reason and is current with his or her annual registration and licensing obligations under Rule 203(e).

Please note that records of professional discipline, if any, are not covered by this certification.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this **26th** day of **January, 2023**.




VERONICA J. HANDY, ESQUIRE
Clerk of the Supreme Court
of the Virgin Islands