

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 – 001

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CSA GROUP FOR PLANS REVIEW AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE SCOPE AND COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2006, the Town, in compliance with the Town's procurement procedures, published a Request for Proposal ("RFP") seeking Plan Review and Building Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2006, at 3:00 PM, the Town opened the two (2) responses that it received from CSA Group and Capri Engineering; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2006, at an advertised public hearing, the Town's Selection and Negotiation Committee (SNC) reviewed the two proposals and decided to hear presentations at the next scheduled SNC meeting; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2006, at an advertised public hearing, the Town's Selection and Negotiation Committee (SNC) heard from the two bidders and ranked CSA Group as the highest qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2006, at an advertised public hearing, the Town Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 2006-96, approved the recommendation of the SNC and directed the Town Administrator to bring forward an agreement with CSA Group at the next Town Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of entering into this agreement with CSA Group for Plans Review and Building Inspection Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council hereby approves the Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", between the Town of Southwest Ranches and CSA Group, for Plans Review and Building Inspection Services.

Section 3: The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to enter into an Agreement in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and to make such modifications, additions and/or deletions which they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 5th day of October, 2006, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Vice Mayor Don Maines.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		



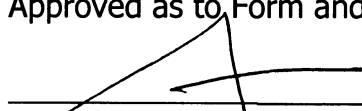
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

CSA SOUTHEAST, INC.

And

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

Providing for

PLANS REVIEW AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

This Agreement is made by and between CSA SOUTHEAST, INC. a Florida corporation (hereinafter referred to as "CSA"), and the TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as "TOWN").

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2006, the Town, in compliance with the Town's procurement procedures, published a Request for Proposal ("RFP") seeking Plans Review and Building Inspection Services; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2006, at 3:00 PM, the Town opened the two (2) responses that it received from CSA and Capri Engineering; and

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WHEREAS, on August 31, 2006, at an advertised public hearing, the Town's Selection and Negotiation Committee (SNC) heard from the two bidders and ranked CSA as the highest qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2006, pursuant to Resolution No. 2006 - 096 the Town Council approved the ranking of the SNC and authorized Town Administrator to negotiate an agreement with CSA; and

WHEREAS, CSA and the TOWN desire to enter into an Agreement for the provision of Plans Review and Building Inspection Services by CSA under the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, terms and conditions set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, CSA and TOWN do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
BACKGROUND, PURPOSE AND INTENT

- 1.1 The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein as if set forth in full hereunder.
- 1.2 It is the purpose and intent of this Agreement for CSA to provide plans review and building inspection services, in compliance with the Florida Statutes, the Florida Building Code, Broward County Amendments, and in furtherance of the TOWN'S commitment to preserve its rural lifestyle.
- 1.3 The TOWN and CSA find that the method of delivery of plans review and building inspection services set forth in this Agreement is in the best interest of the public and can be best accomplished through coordination of the provisions of such services as set forth herein.

ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 2.1 CSA agrees to provide plans review and building inspection services, as identified in the Request for Proposals, and as specifically delineated herein as Exhibit "A" attached (hereinafter referred to as "Scope of Services", "Services", or "Work").
- 2.2 TOWN hereby appoints CSA as the Building Official for the TOWN and authorizes the Official to perform the required duties, as requested by the TOWN pursuant to Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part thereof.
- 2.3 CSA agrees that all plan reviewers and inspectors must be specifically state certified to perform their designated tasks, including but not limited to maintaining a valid state and county license when appropriate. CSA's employees credentials must be kept up to date and a copy shall remain on file with the Town. CSA shall also designate staff to maintain all of the TOWN'S files.
- 2.4 As it relates to this Agreement, CSA designates Cosmo Tornese, PE as its chief building official. CSA may not remove Cosmo Tornese, PE as the TOWN'S chief building without the written consent of the Town Administrator.

- 2.5 CSA'S staff shall be available upon request, at no additional compensation, for staff support services at meetings of the Town Council or its boards. CSA shall be available if necessary, at no additional compensation, to provide testimony at all code enforcement hearings. CSA shall also be available as necessary to provide testimony at all other legal proceedings. CSA may charge an hourly rate commensurate with its rate schedule for testimony given at all legal proceedings.
- 2.6 CSA shall maintain daily office hours, as necessary, at a designated location, agreed to by both CSA and the Town Administrator, to provide a one stop shop for permits. At the time of this Agreement CSA agrees that the designated location will be within the offices of the Town's Zoning Department. Unless extended, reduced, or modified in writing by the Town Administrator, the office hours shall be between 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, as necessary, to support the volume of counter service to ensure that no wait will exceed one half hour.
- 2.7 All permit issuance activities will be performed by CSA staff on software applications provided by the CSA. Full functionality of the software system at off site locations will be effective no later than ninety (90) days after the execution of this Agreement. CSA staff will be responsible for processing, monitoring and tracking all permit applications, including issuance. Certificates of Occupancy and Certificates of Completion will be prepared by the CSA staff for the approval of the TOWN designated CSA Building Official. CSA's software application shall provide for online viewing and tracking permit data and scheduling and canceling inspections, and shall be fully operational within twelve (12) months of the execution of this Agreement.
- 2.8 All goods, materials and equipment necessary for the performance of its Scope of Services, including but not limited to, vehicles, cellular telephones, uniforms, office materials, and reference materials will be provided for the CSA inspectors, plan reviewers and Building Official by CSA.
- 2.9 Inspections will be performed within twenty four (24) hours of request or the next business day when called in before a weekend or holiday. Inspection requests must be made no later than 3:30 p.m. on the business day prior to the date requested. Plan review and turn around will be based on a six (6) business day cycle. In certain rare instances, plan review turn around time may be extended in writing upon request by CSA to the Town Administrator. Such request may be unreasonably withheld. CSA staff will be available to respond to permit holder questions and requests at CSA's office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ARTICLE 3
TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This Agreement shall become effective on November 1, 2006 (the Effective Date), and shall continue in full force and effect for thirty six (36) months, with extensions to be approved by the TOWN and CSA, unless earlier terminated in accordance with paragraph 3.2 hereof.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement is terminable at will by either party, with or without cause. Notice of termination shall be provided in accordance with the "NOTICE" section of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing ninety (90) days written notice. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, CSA shall solely be paid for any Work performed up to the date of termination and CSA shall not be entitled to any additional compensation, of any kind or in any amount, from TOWN as a result of being terminated. CSA specifically waives any and all rights to seek any additional sums or damages from TOWN due to being terminated other than CSA'S sole right to be paid for any Work performed up to the date this Agreement is terminated. Upon termination, CSA shall immediately refrain from performing further Work for the TOWN or incurring additional expenses.
- 3.3 In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement, CSA and TOWN shall cooperate in good faith in order to effectuate a smooth and harmonious transition from CSA to such other person or entity designated by the TOWN, who will assume Plans Review and Building Inspection Services, including the transfers to the TOWN of all files and records in possession of CSA which relate to the TOWN'S Plans Review and Building Inspection Services.
- 3.4 In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement, in the TOWN'S sole discretion, CSA shall complete plans review and inspections services previously started by CSA.

ARTICLE 4
COMPENSATION

- 4.1 The amount of compensation payable by the TOWN to CSA shall be based upon the rates and schedules as set forth in Exhibit "B", which amount shall be accepted by CSA as full compensation for all such work performed under this Agreement. It is acknowledged and agreed by CSA that these amounts are the maximum payable and constitute a limitation upon TOWN'S obligation to compensate CSA for its services related to this Agreement. This maximum amount, however, does not constitute a limitation of any sort, upon CSA'S obligation to perform all items of work required by or which can be reasonably inferred from the Scope of Services.

- 4.2 The initial rates and schedules have been adopted by the Town Council as part of the Resolution enacting this Agreement. The Town Council, at its own discretion, may modify the rate and schedule by subsequent Resolution. Said Resolution shall include the fees paid to CSA as well as the TOWN'S administrative fee, which shall be determined by TOWN in its sole discretion.
- 4.3 On the anniversary date of this Agreement, all hourly rates and fees described in this Agreement and Exhibits hereto may be increased by an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") increase, as measured by the nearest geographical index, with a maximum annual increase of no more than three percent (3%), unless both parties mutually agree in writing to an alternative arrangement.
- 4.4 CSA shall recuperate for the Town all fees charged for the performance of its services directly from those utilizing its services. The Town shall not incur any additional fees or charges in excess of that which is collected by CSA. By way of illustration, CSA shall be compensated based only on the actual permits issued by TOWN, according to the TOWN'S records, and based upon the payment schedule for each permit. The TOWN shall process the payment to the CSA on a monthly basis, paying all amounts that become due for the prior month in arrears. CSA shall input the time entries into the permitting system. Payments shall be made for projects with estimated permit fees of less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) as follows: for all such permits, one hundred percent (100%) of the fee shall be paid upon submittal of the application. If the estimated permit fee is later determined to require an adjustment, said adjustment shall occur prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Payments shall be made for projects with estimated permit fees of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or greater as follows: The contractor performing the work shall provide to CSA and the TOWN a time schedule for the project, which shall be subject to the Town Administrator's approval. For all such permits, sixty percent (60%) of the fee shall be paid upon submittal of the application and forty percent (40%) shall be paid at the time of the issuance of the certificate of occupancy or a certificate of completion or final inspection or abandonment, whichever is latest and applicable.

All plan review and inspections of TOWN projects shall be performed at a negotiated flat rate, which shall be determined in writing prior to commencement of review. All plan review and inspections relating to the "Corrections Corporation of America" project shall be performed in accordance with the TOWN'S Development Agreement, which shall be performed at a negotiated flat rate, which shall be determined in writing prior to commencement of review.

- 4.5 In instances wherein a penalty fee is imposed, the TOWN shall be entitled to the entire amount of the penalty fee, and CSA shall not be entitled to such penalty fee. A re-inspection fee shall not be considered a penalty.

- 4.6 TOWN shall pay CSA monthly in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act. Additionally, payment may be withheld by the Town Administrator, for failure of CSA to comply with a term, condition or requirement of this Agreement.
- 4.7 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Town Administrator may withhold, in whole or in part, payment to the extent necessary to protect itself from loss on account of inadequate or defective work of CSA which has not been remedied or resolved in a manner satisfactory to the Town Administrator. The amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by TOWN.
- 4.8 TOWN and CSA agree that CSA, if requested, will participate in drafting codes relating to plans review and building inspection services.
- 4.9 Upon termination of this Agreement, CSA shall refund to TOWN all unearned permit fees.

ARTICLE 5
INDEMNIFICATION, LIABILITY & INSURANCE

- 5.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law CSA shall indemnify, and hold harmless the TOWN and the TOWN'S officers and employees from liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and costs at all tribunal levels, including but not limited to, the trial level and all appeals, to the extent caused by the malfeasance, negligence, recklessness, or wrongful misconduct of CSA and persons employed or utilized by CSA in the performance of the Work pursuant to this Agreement. TOWN and CSA agree that 1% of the compensation due to CSA from TOWN pursuant to this Agreement is offered and accepted as sufficient separate consideration for CSA'S agreement to indemnify TOWN and TOWN'S officers and employees as provided for in this paragraph. This specific consideration for CSA'S agreement to indemnify is already incorporated in the rate agreed to between TOWN and CSA. CSA agrees to be fully responsible for acts and omissions of their respective agents or employees. Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the TOWN to which sovereign immunity may be applicable. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by a state agency or political subdivision of the State of Florida to be sued by third parties in any matter, whether arising out of this Agreement or any other contract. Notwithstanding the aforesaid and to the extent permitted by law, should a cause arise out of the performance of code compliance services as to the normal course of business and provided to the extent that such cause was not brought about by the malfeasance, negligence, recklessness, or wrongful misconduct of

CSA and persons employed or utilized by CSA in the performance of the Work pursuant to this Agreement, TOWN shall defend, save harmless and indemnify CSA.

5.2 Without limiting any of the other obligations or liabilities of CSA, CSA shall provide, pay for, and maintain in force all insurance specified herein. The TOWN shall be named as an additional insured of all the insurance policies to be acquired by CSA for the Work provided by CSA pursuant to this Agreement and shall also be identified as the certificate holder on all certificates of insurance. The insurance required by this Agreement shall be written by a company licensed in Florida and the company must reasonably be acceptable to the TOWN. The insurance required by this Section shall also cover all Work performed by CSA'S employees, independent contractors, subcontractors and/or sub-consultants pursuant to this Agreement. This insurance shall be primary and other insurance of the TOWN shall not be contributory. The insurance coverages to be acquired and maintained by CSA are as follows:

5.3 Workers' Compensation Insurance, if required, to apply to employees in compliance with the "Worker's Compensation Law" of the State of Florida; and

5.4 Comprehensive General Liability Insurance: CSA to provide comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum limit of coverage of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars per occurrence. Coverage must be afforded on a form no more restrictive than the latest edition of the Comprehensive General Liability policy, without restrictive endorsements, as filed by the Insurance Services Office, and must include coverage for:

- (a) Premises and/or Operations;**
- (b) Independent Contractors;**
- (c) Broad Form Property;**
- (d) Contractual;**
- (e) Personal injury; and**
- (f) Products/Completed.**

5.5 Automobile Liability Insurance, CSA to provide automobile liability insurance to cover any auto with a limit of coverage of at least Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars per occurrence.

- 5.6 **CSA shall provide to TOWN a certificate of Insurance and a copy of required insurance policies as required by this Section. All certificates and endorsements required herein shall state that TOWN shall be given thirty (30) days notice prior to expiration or cancellation of said policy.**
- 5.7 If the initial insurance expires prior to the completion of the Work, renewal copies of Policies shall be furnished at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of their expiration.

ARTICLE 6
RELATIONSHIP

- 6.1 CSA shall perform all of the Work enumerated in this Agreement solely as an independent contractor, and not as an employee of the TOWN. CSA shall be responsible for directing its efforts to the manner and means of accomplishing the Work to be performed hereunder by CSA.
- 6.2 Neither CSA nor TOWN intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7
AUDIT RIGHT AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

- 7.1 TOWN shall have the right to audit the books, records, computer records, electronic stored data, and accounts of CSA that are related to this Agreement. CSA shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to this Agreement. CSA shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by TOWN, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes) if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, of a minimum period of five (5) years after termination of this Agreement. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period of five (5) years, whichever is longer, the books, records and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by TOWN to be applicable to CSA's records, CSA shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirements of either federal or state law shall be violated by CSA. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records and accounts shall be a basis for TOWN's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

ARTICLE 8
REPORTS

- 8.1 By the Tenth (10th) day of each month, CSA shall provide the TOWN Administrator, the Town Attorney, and the Town Council, with a report delineating the previous month's activity. Said monthly information shall be provided to the TOWN through an electronic medium, in a form and format acceptable by the Town Administrator, via a system that is accessible by the intranet. If the Town Administrator determines that CSA's system is not compatible, or that another system should be utilized, the desired system shall be implemented and utilized by CSA at no additional cost to the TOWN. In addition to the monthly report, CSA shall provide daily, through an electronic medium accessible from the internet, clear and concise tracking information, which shall include the status of all matters including answers to questions and responses to complaints. This system shall be designed to allow residents to track the status of their plans review and inspection results. Report requirements will also include provisions of Section 2.7 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9
ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE

- 9.1 Assignment and Performance. Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered by CSA. In addition, CSA shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except with the prior approval of the Town Administrator, which shall be in his sole and absolute discretion. A list of all such subcontractors shall be included in the Proposal. If additional subcontractors are to be used during the term of this Agreement, other than those submitted in the Proposal, a list of such subcontractors shall be provided to the Town Administrator, subject to his approval.

CSA represents that all persons delivering the services required by this Agreement have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth in the RFP and to provide and perform such services to TOWN'S satisfaction for the agreed compensation.

CSA shall perform its duties, obligations and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner.

ARTICLE 10
OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

- 10.1 CSA agrees that all documents, programs, work product and documentation (hereinafter referred to as "Documentation") prepared by CSA pursuant to this Agreement shall be the property of TOWN, and CSA hereby assigns all of that Documentation to TOWN.

ARTICLE 11
NONDISCRIMINATION & PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME ACT

- 11.1 CSA shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person in its operations and activities or in its use or expenditure of funds in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. CSA shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the course of providing any services, including Titles I and II of the ADA (regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability), and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards. In addition, CSA shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons.
- 11.2 CSA's decisions regarding the delivery of services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin.
- 11.3 Public Entity Crime Act. CSA represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crime Act (Section 287.133, Florida Statutes), which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who is a contractor, consultant or other provider and who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a Public Entity Crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to TOWN, may not submit a bid on a contract with TOWN for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to TOWN, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with TOWN, and may not transact any business with TOWN in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for category two purchases for a period of thirty six (36) months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid hereto, and may result in debarment from TOWN'S competitive procurement activities. In addition to the foregoing, CSA further represents that there has been no determination, based on an audit, that it committed an act defined by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as a "public entity crime" and that it has not been formally charged with committing an act defined as a "public entity crime" regardless of the

amount of money involved or whether CSA has been placed on the convicted vendor list.

ARTICLE 12
ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 12.1 This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior negotiations and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein. The parties agree that this Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and supersedes previous Agreements and representations whether written or oral.

ARTICLE 13
CONSTRUCTION

- 13.1 This Agreement has been a joint effort of the parties, and the resulting documents, solely as a matter of judicial construction, shall not be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

ARTICLE 14
FURTHER ASSURANCES

- 14.1 TOWN and CSA agree to execute, acknowledge, and deliver, and cause to be done, executed, acknowledged, and delivered, all such further documents and perform such acts as shall be requested of it to carry out this Agreement and give effect hereto solely consistent with applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules or regulations. Accordingly, without in any manner limiting the specific rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement, the parties declare their intention to cooperate with each other in effecting the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15
COUNTERPARTS

- 15.1 This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which shall constitute the same Agreement.

ARTICLE 16
NO AMENDMENT OR WAIVER

- 16.1 This Agreement may not be changed, altered or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity as the execution of this Agreement, prior to the initiation of any Work reflecting such change.

ARTICLE 17
SEVERABILITY

- 17.1 In the event any term or provision of this Agreement shall be determined by appropriate judicial authority to be illegal or otherwise invalid, such provision shall be given its nearest legal meaning or be construed to be in full force and effect. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be determined by appropriate judicial authority to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be in no way affected, prejudiced, or disturbed thereby.

ARTICLE 18
PROFESSIONAL ASSURANCES

- 18.1 CSA shall perform all services under this Agreement in accordance with the highest standard of care used by similar professional code enforcement officers in Broward County, Florida, under similar circumstances and shall exercise a reasonable degree of skill and care, as determined by the degree of skill and care ordinarily employed by others of the same profession.

ARTICLE 19
NOTICE

- 19.1 Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, receipt requested, or by hand-delivery with a request for a written receipt of acknowledgment of delivery, addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the place last specified. The place for giving notice shall remain the same as set forth herein until changed in writing in the manner provided in this section. For the present the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice:

For TOWN:

Town of Southwest Ranches
John Canada, Town Administrator
6589 S.W. 160 Ave.
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

And

Keith M. Poliakoff, Esq.
Becker & Poliakoff, P.A.
3111 Stirling Rd.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

For CSA:

Carlos A. Penin, P.E., President
CSA Southeast, Inc.
15050 NW 79th Court, Suite 201
Miami Lakes, FL 33016

ARTICLE 20
RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 20.1 To prevent litigation, it is agreed by the parties hereto that TOWN Administrator shall decide all questions, claims, difficulties and disputes of whatever nature which may arise relative to the technical interpretation of the Agreement and fulfillment of this Agreement as to the character, quality, amount and value of any work done and materials furnished, or proposed, to be done or furnished under or, by reason of, the Agreement. The Town Administrator's decision shall be reduced to writing and a copy furnished to CSA within a reasonable time following submission to the TOWN of the question, claim, difficulty or dispute as referenced above. The TOWN Administrator's decision shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, so grossly erroneous as to necessarily imply bad faith, or not supported by competent evidence.**
- 20.2 To further prevent litigation, the parties shall endeavor to resolve any and all claims arising from this Contract by mediation. A request for mediation shall be filed, in writing, with the other party to the Contract. To the extent litigation is permitted under this Contract, the request shall be made prior to the filing of a legal or equitable proceeding, which shall not be filed prior to the outcome of mediation which will be completed within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days

from the date a request for mediation is submitted to the other party unless the parties agree to an extension. The statute of limitations of any claim shall be tolled from the date mediation is requested until completed. To the extent the parties cannot mutually select a mediator, within fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days, from the date a request for mediation has been submitted, either party can request the American Arbitration Association to appoint a mediator with experience to serve as mediator. The mediator selected to serve shall be certified by the Florida Supreme Court. The mediation shall be conducted in Broward County, Florida.

ARTICLE 21
APPLICABLE LAW & VENUE; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

- 21.1 This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any controversies or legal problems arising out of this Agreement and any action involving the enforcement or interpretation of any rights hereunder shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of an appropriate Court of competent jurisdiction in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Broward County, Florida.

BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, CSA AND TOWN HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO, OR ARISING OUT OF, THIS AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 22
ENFORCEMENT; ATTORNEY'S FEES

- 22.1 The TOWN and CSA are the beneficiaries of this Agreement and as such, may enforce this Agreement by action at law or in equity. In the event of any litigation between the TOWN and CSA resulting from and/or arising out of this Agreement, it is hereby acknowledged and agreed that the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover any and all reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the non-prevailing party in any such litigation, including attorneys fees and costs incurred at the trial level and on appeal.

ARTICLE 23
REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY

- 23.1 The individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of any entity do hereby represent and warrant that they are, on the date of this Agreement, duly

authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Agreement on behalf of their principal.

ARTICLE 24
SURVIVABILITY

24.1 ARTICLE 5 of this Agreement entitled "INDEMNIFICATION, LIABILITY & INSURANCE"; ARTICLE 7 of this Agreement entitled "AUDIT RIGHT AND RETENTION OF RECORDS"; ARTICLE 10 of this Agreement entitled "OWNERSHIP RIGHTS"; ARTICLE 14 of this Agreement entitled "FURTHER ASSURANCES"; ARTICLE 20 of this Agreement entitled "RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES"; ARTICLE 21 of this Agreement entitled "APPLICABLE LAW & VENUE; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL"; and ARTICLE 22 of this Agreement entitled "ENFORCEMENT; ATTORNEY'S FEES" shall survive the termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever.

ARTICLE 25
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

25.1 CSA shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 26
MISCELLANEOUS

26.1 Performance: CSA represents that all persons performing the services required under this Agreement have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth herein in a skillful and respectable manner.

26.2 Materiality and Waiver of Breach: CSA and TOWN agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof.

Either party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.

- 26.3 Conflicts: Neither party nor its employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with that party's loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment related to its performance under this Agreement.

The parties agree that none of its officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as an expert witness against the other in any legal or administrative proceeding related to performance under this Agreement in which he or she is not a party, unless compelled by court process. Further, the parties agree that such persons shall not give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of the other party or in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding related to the performance under this Agreement. The limitations of this section shall not preclude either party or any other persons from representing themselves in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding related to the performance under this Agreement.

In the event CSA is permitted to utilize subcontractors to perform any services required by this Agreement, CSA agrees to prohibit such subcontractors, by written contract, from having any conflicts within the meaning of this section.

- 26.4 CSA warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CSA, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CSA, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For a breach or violation of this provision, TOWN shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.
- 26.5 Severance. In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless TOWN or CSA elects to terminate this Agreement. An election to terminate this Agreement based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) days after the finding by the court becomes final.
- 26.6 No modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement.
- 26.7 Prior Agreements. This Agreement and its attachments constitute the entire Agreement between CSA and TOWN, and this document incorporates and

includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements, whether oral or written.

26.8 Drug-Free Workplace. CSA shall maintain a drug-free workplace.

26.9 Multiple Originals. This Agreement may be fully executed in three (3) copies by all parties each of which, bearing original signatures, shall have the force and effect of an original document.

26.10 Headings. Headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered in any interpretation of this Agreement.

26.11 Truth-in-Negotiation Certificate. Signature of this Agreement by CSA shall act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: CSA SOUTHEAST, INC., through its President Carlos A. Penin, authorized to execute same, and TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, signing by and through its Mayor duly authorized to execute same by Council action on the ____th day of October, 2006.

WITNESSES:

CSA SOUTHEAST, INC.

By: _____
Carlos A. Penin, President

____ day of October, 2006 (SEAL)

WITNESSES:

TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES

By: _____
Mecca Fink, Mayor

____ day of October, 2006

By: _____
John Canada, Town Administrator

ATTEST:

Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D.
Town Attorney

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EXHIBIT "A"

PLANS REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Plans review and building inspection services shall be provided based upon conformance with the standard procedural requirements presently employed and in conformity with the Florida Statutes and the Florida Building Code, Broward Amendments, as may be amended from time to time. Such services shall consist of, but not be limited by, the following:

- Plans review and building inspections shall be available a minimum of forty (40) hours per week.
- CSA shall intake and process all building plans from residents or officials of the TOWN. The intake reports shall be specifically and clearly logged in an electronic medium that can be accessible via the internet.
- CSA's software shall enable online viewing and tracking permit data and scheduling and cancelling inspections.
- CSA will provide permit records to the TOWN and such records will be archived by CSA at CSA's expense.
- Full review of all building plans shall be completed within six (6) business days of plan submittal. Day one shall entail an initial review for completeness, compliance, and to ensure professional standards. Plans may be returned if inadequacies are found during the initial review. Said inadequacies shall be specifically delineated in writing to the applicant.
- Inspections will be performed within twenty four (24) hours of request or the next business day when called in before a weekend or holiday. Inspection requests must be made no later than 3:30 p.m. on the business day prior to the date requested.
- CSA shall provide the monthly progress reports as specified in Article 8 of this Agreement.
- CSA shall regularly communicate with the Town Attorney and the Town Administrator regarding the prosecution of building code compliance matters and shall be available to testify at code enforcement hearings, at no further compensation, on the TOWN'S behalf.
- CSA'S files shall be well organized, thorough and complete.

- CSA shall promptly respond to all requests by title companies, or otherwise, seeking to determine if violations exist on specified properties. CSA may charge a reasonable fee, comparable to fees charged by neighboring municipalities or by the County, for this service and said fee shall go directly to CSA.

- CSA shall attend Council Workshops and Meetings and HOA meetings, if necessary, to provide input on Code issues at no additional compensation.

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EXHIBIT "B"
NEW FEE SCHEDULE – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2006

The Town of Southwest Ranches hereby approves and authorizes the following schedule of charges:

FEE SCHEDULE- "Building Code Services Fees," "General Fee Schedule," is to read as follows:

Fee Service Classification. The Fee Service Classification is applicable to any person requesting the services enumerated below from The Town of Southwest Ranches and the following schedule of charges shall apply:

<u>Coping Fees:</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Nonstandard Size Records:	
(a) Building Cod Services 11"x 17" Prints, each.....	\$1.00
2. Microfilm prints, per sheet.....	1.00
3. Photostat copies:	
(a) First 50 copies no larger than 8 ½" x 14".....	N/C
(b) Each additional copy.....	0.15
(c) 2 sided copies (duplex):	
(1) First side.....	0.15
(2) Second side.....	0.05
4. Scanned copies, per sheet.....	3.00

Assistance is to be charged at the rate of \$42.00 per hour for research, processing, formulation or printing computer generated reports from automated data, including but not limited to chronological listings of permit applications, historical reports, etc.)

General Fees Schedule-Premium Processing or Inspection:

1. Overtime for Florida Building Code (FBC) Inspections, Building Officials and/ or Plan Reviews. For any inspections and/or plan reviews requested to be performed before 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, or any hour during a holiday, a special overtime fee will be charged for each inspector and/or plan reviewer of each trade required for the inspection and/or plan review and added to the permit fee. Minimum charge per hour or fraction thereof:	
(a) Inspector.....	\$98.00
(b) Plans Examiner.....	\$105.00
(c) Building Official.....	\$126.00

2. Permit-Related Service Charges:
- (a) Pre-application plan review based on time consumed..... \$77.00
(Per hour)
 - (b) Pre-inspection.....\$56.00
 - (c) Re-inspection\$56.00
- Subsequent re-inspections for the same violation will be charged in multiples of \$56.00 for the 2nd, 3rd and so on.***
- 2nd re-inspection \$112.00**
 - 3rd re-inspection \$168.00**
 - 4th re-inspection \$224.00**
- (d) Minor change of plans after permits are issued:
 - (1) Per hour of fraction thereof..... \$77.00
 - (2) If proposed change represents a major alteration of floor plan and/or the configuration of the structure involving extensive reexamination computation, the original permit shall be voided, and a new permit applied for, one-half (1/1) of the original permit fee may be applied to the new permit.
 - (e) Replacement of plans, review each trade.....\$46.00
 - (f) Permit Card replacement\$46.00
 - (g) The Building Official may require an estimate of cost and/or other descriptive data as a basis for determining the permit fee if such fee is not presently in the fee schedule.
 - (h) When more than two sets of plans and/or specifications are submitted for review, a surcharge of \$4.00 per sheet for each additional set will be added to the permit fee.
3. Permit extensions \$46.00
4. Expired permit-Minimum \$111.00
- (i) A permit may be renewed within one hundred eighty (180) days after expiration on payment of one-half (1/2) of the original permit fee, the minimum, the minimum fee will be required.)
 - (j) After one hundred eighty (180) days, a new permit must be applied for and all associated stamps and approvals must be obtained. Any and all new regulations including but not limited to changes in the Florida building Code, must be complied with and full fees must be paid.
 - (k) On projects such as extensions, additions, carport enclosures, pools, fences, driveways, roofs, etc., a fee will be determined predicated on the number of inspections required to finalize the improvement at a rate per inspection of \$98.00
 - (l) In the event the total monies for the number of inspections exceed the cost of the permit renewals indicated in (a) and (b) of this subsection, the greater amount shall apply.
5. Change of Contractor \$75.00

- 6. Conference with Plan Reviewers, per hour, per discipline \$77.00
- 7. Permit application processing fee per job:
 - (a) Work valued up to \$1,000 \$29.00
 - (b) Work valued over \$1,000 is charged a non-refundable fee..... \$ 29.00
- 8. Property research fee, each request, each address \$52.00
- 9. Violations (work without permits) Double Fee
- 10. Minimum permit fee..... \$111.00

Special Fees:

- 1. A surcharge fee of \$0.35 per \$1,000 of job value permitted shall be collected on behalf of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals.
- 2. A surcharge fee of \$0.005 per square foot permitted shall be collected on behalf of the Florida State Department of Business and Professional Regulation pursuant to s. 468.631, Florida Statutes (2004).
- 3. A surcharge fee of \$0.005 per square foot permitted shall be collected on behalf of the Florida State Department of Business and Professional Regulation pursuant to s. 468.631, Florida Statutes (2004).
- 4. A premium service fee of \$105.00 per hour for plan review and \$98.00 per hour for inspection service shall be collected from customers who wish to benefit from the delivery of enhanced plan review and/or inspection services, or fee schedule at application. This premium service fee is charged in addition of any applicable permit and plan review fees charged.
- 5. A fee of \$77.00 per hour of service shall be collected from customers who request pre-sale surveys.

Building Permits Fee Schedule:

- 1. Issuing original Certificate of Occupancy – Certificate of Completion/Temporary Certificate of Occupancy/Partial Certificate of Occupancy per discipline for inspection \$46.00
- 2. Structural. Permit fees shall be calculated as follows:
 - (a) Minimum base permit fee (Minimum base permit fee will be added to the amounts listed for values below) \$111.00
 - (b) The structural permit fee shall be charged at the rate of 1.60 % of the job value.

The work is defined as the job value determined using the RS MEANS Manual (latest edition) for Structural, Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical or estimated job value provided by job applicant (whichever is greater). Permit fees include standard inspection(s).

Electrical Permits Fee Schedule:

1. Minimum base permit fee (Minimum base permit fee will be added to the amounts listed for value below)\$111.00
2. The electrical permit fee shall be charged at the rate of 1.60% of the job value.

The work is defined as the job value determined using the RS MEANS Manual (latest edition) for Structural, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical or estimated job value provided by job applicant (whichever is greater). Permit fees include standard inspections. Permit fees do not include Plan Review(s) or re-inspection(s).

Plumbing Permits Fee Schedule:

1. Minimum base permit fee (Minimum base permit fee will be added to the amounts listed for values below) \$111.00
2. The plumbing permit fee shall be charged at the rate of 1.60% of the job value.

The work is defined as the job value determined using the RS MEANS Manual (latest edition) for Structural, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical or estimated job value provided by job applicant (whichever is greater). Permit fees include standard inspections. Permit fees do not include Plan Review(s) or re-inspection(s).

Mechanical (Air Conditioning and Ventilation) Permits Fee Schedule:

1. Minimum base permit fee (Minimum base permit fee will be added to the amounts listed for values below) \$111.00
2. The mechanical permit fee shall be charged at the rate of 1.60% of the job value.

The work is defined as the job value determined using the RS MEANS Manual (latest edition) for Structural, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical or estimated job value provided by job applicant (whichever is greater). Permit fees include standard inspections. Permit fees do not include Plan Review(s) or re-inspection(s).

Elevators, Escalators and Other Apparatus:

1. Permit Fees for New Elevator Construction. Construction or alteration of passenger and freight elevators (including initial inspection and certificate):
 - (a) New elevator traction – each \$685.00
 - (b) New elevator hydraulic – each \$515.00
 - (c) Freight elevator – each \$685.00
 - (d) Residential elevator – each \$410.00
 - (e) Escalator – each \$270.00
 - (f) Dumbwaiters – each \$170.00
 - (g) Wheelchair lift – each \$205.00
 - (h) Lift – each \$340.00
 - (i) Conveyors and all other lifting and transporting apparatus (except as provided herein) – each drive \$110.00
 - (j) Major alterations and remodeling for an elevator – first two landings \$110.00
 - (k) Each landing thereafter – per floor \$10.00
 - (l) Refinish cab interior (no electrical work) \$170.00
 - (m) Vertical conveyor – each \$205.00
 - (n) Elevator for construction use only, 30 day limit – each \$170.00
 - (o) Key box – each \$55.00
 - (p) Re-inspection fee \$200.00

2. Fees for Existing Elevator Inspections and Renewals, Fees for annual certificate of operation renewal and re-inspection.
 - (a) Chairlift – each \$100.00
 - (b) Dumbwaiter:
 - (1) One (1) to four (4) landings \$72.00
 - (2) Five (5) to ten (10) landings \$102.00
 - (c) Escalator/Moving Walks – each \$143.00
 - (d) Hydraulic Elevator:
 - (1) Two (2) to three (3) landings \$100.00
 - (2) Four (4) to six (6) landings \$108.00
 - (3) Seven (7) to fifteen (15) landings \$115.00
 - (e) Traction elevator:
 - (1) Two (2) to three (3) landings \$93.00
 - (2) Four (4) to six (6) landings \$101.00
 - (3) Seven (7) to fifteen (15) landings \$115.00
 - (4) Sixteen (16) to twenty five (25) landings \$143.00
 - (5) Twenty six (26) and higher landings \$157.00

3. Additional Charge for Late Renewal of Certification of Operation.. \$75.00

Premium Fee Schedule for Plan Review

New Single Family residence

0-3,000 sq. ft.	\$675.00
3001-6,000 sq. ft.	\$900.00
6,001 +	\$1,425.00

Interior Remodel of Residents

0-3,000 sq. ft.	\$525.00
3001-6,000 sq. ft.	\$675.00
6,001 +	\$1,350.00

Pools \$300.00

Generators \$300.00

Demos \$375.00

Large Projects (not covered by above to set cost for initial review)

up to \$3,000,000	\$375.00
up to \$6,000,000	\$675.00
up to \$12,000,000	\$1,200.00
up to \$20,000,000	\$1,875.00