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## **SERVICE AGREEMENT**

### **(THE NATIONAL GROUP**

### **(MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made as of May 1, 2017 by and between THE NATIONAL GROUP, LLP, a partnership duly organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, with its principal place of business at 818 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20006 (“TNG”) and MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS with its principal place of business at McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Ave., Woodstock IL 60098 (“COUNTY”).

### **CONSIDERATION**

Subject to the termination provisions set forth herein, TNG hereby agrees to provide federal relations consulting services to COUNTY for a period of twelve (12) months (the “Term”), commencing on May 1, 2017 and terminating April 30, 2018, in consideration of the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) per month, payable at the completion of each month of service. This fee may be increased at the time of each renewal of this Agreement.

### **TERMINATION, REVIEW and RENEWAL**

Throughout the course of this Agreement, each party has the right to determine whether to continue the Agreement, amend it in any way agreeable to both parties, or terminate the Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason with 60 days written notice. On or about March 31, 2018, both parties will review the progress of the consulting activities provided by TNG toward agreed upon objectives. If it is deemed that sufficient progress has been made, this Agreement may be renewed for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods under the same terms unless amended in a manner acceptable to both parties.

### **EXPENSES**

General overhead expenses are understood to be included in the monthly fee. This includes such items as document preparation, materials, telephone, faxing, duplicating, travel in and around Washington, DC.

**CONSULTING ACTIVITIES**

In its capacity as a consultant, TNG shall make its best effort to assist COUNTY in developing and executing a government relations plan. The nature of this plan and its objectives shall be determined by COUNTY with the advice and assistance of TNG.

In this role, TNG shall assist COUNTY in assessing its long-range federal initiatives, establishing priorities among its projects, and developing a strategic plan for expanding its government outreach activities. TNG’s duties may include the following when appropriate: conduct an extensive inventory of COUNTY’S resources; develop the concept for agreed-upon initiatives; formulate a comprehensive plan and timetable for the initiatives; prepare the outline of a proposal for the initiatives; assist in the preparation of supporting documentation for the initiatives; develop legislative strategies concerning the initiatives; serve as liaison to government agencies as necessary; and monitor and report on government programs relevant to the initiatives and other possible areas of interest to COUNTY.

**ASSIGNABILITY**

Neither party shall assign any of its rights or delegate any of its duties or obligations under the Agreement without the express written consent of the other party.

**DISPUTE ARBITRATION**

Any dispute arising under this contract shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with rules of the American Arbitration Association in Washington, D.C.

**UNDERSTANDING**

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties. It may be changed only by written agreement signed by both parties.

**EXECUTION**

In witness whereof the authorized representatives of COUNTY and TNG do hereby execute this contract.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

THE NATIONAL GROUP, LLP

By \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MCHENRY COUNTY

By \_\_\_\_\_