EXHIBIT A

CUSTODIAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This Contract is entered into between RENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY, a municipal corporation, referred to as "Owner", and ________________, referred to as "Contractor."

In consideration of the following terms and conditions and those contained in the documents incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract, the parties agree as follows:

1. THE WORK

1.1. The Contractor shall perform all work and furnish all tools, materials, labor and equipment for the Owner and all work associated with the project entitled: Custodial Services as set forth in Attached Exhibit A.

1.2. The Project shall be performed in accordance with this Public Works Contract and the following Contract Documents: Owner Instructions to Bidders and Specifications Exhibit 1, Contractor’s Proposal, Exhibit 2 and all other forms and documents referenced in such documents which are hereby referred to as the Contract Documents and by this reference are made a part of this Contract.

1.3. The Contract Documents, shall be read together. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement. In the event that any of the terms of Contract Documents conflict with each other, the following shall be the order of precedence:

1.3.1. The terms of this Document entitled “Public Works Contract” shall take precedence over the terms of Exhibits 1 and 2. The terms of Exhibit 1 shall take precedence over the terms of Exhibit 2. Any conflicts in the contract documents shall be brought to the attention of the Owner.

1.4. The Contractor shall provide and bear all expense of all equipment, supplies, work, and labor of any sort whatsoever that may be required for completing the work provided for in this Contract.

1.5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Contract and incorporated Contract Documents and other terms and conditions, the provisions of this Contract shall control. The conflict shall be brought to the attention of the Owner.

1.6. Owner agrees to use its best efforts to allow Contractor full access and use of the premises as necessary for Contractor to perform the work with minimal interruption or interference from Owner’s personnel and activities.

1.7. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all Federal, State, and local regulations affecting the work including but not limited to Chapter 70.86 RCW, Chapter 296-305 WAC and Chapter 294-24WAC.
2. COMPENSATION

2.1. The Owner shall pay the Contractor for the full performance of the Contract the sum of ________ per month in accordance with the provisions below. The monthly amount shall be adjusted each January 1 while this Contract is in place by 100% of the Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue CPI-W percentage increase for the period of June to June.

2.2. The Contractor shall provide monthly statements which shall indicate the work performed as of the end of the period covered by the statement.

2.3. Statements received by the 10th day of the month and approved by the Owner will be processed for payment the same month.

2.4. The Owner shall determine the amounts owing to the Contractor based on compliance with the work requirements and on evaluations of Contractor's statements.

2.5. Unless a retainage bond is obtained, all payments shall be subject to withholding of the retained percentage as provided in Section 12.

2.6. Washington State Sales Tax shall be included on each statement submitted by the Contractor.

3. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

3.1. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and save the Owner and its commissioners, officers, employees and agents harmless from any and all claims and risks and losses, damages, demands, suits, judgments and attorney’s fees or other expenses of any kind on account of or relating to injury to or death of any and all persons or on account of all property damage of any kind, or in any manner connected with the work performed under this Contract, or caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, a subcontractor or their property, employees or agents during performance of the work or at any time before final acceptance, except only for those losses resulting from the sole negligence of the Owner with regard to activities within the Contractor’s scope of work.

3.2. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this Contract is subject to RCW 4.24.115, then, in the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Contractor and the Owner, its members, officers, employees and agents, the Contractor’s liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Contractor’s negligence. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes Contractor’s waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties.

3.3. In an arbitration or lawsuit with respect to this hold harmless provision, the Contractor shall prepare and defend that lawsuit at its own cost and expense. If judgment is rendered or settlement made requiring payment of damages by the Owner, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers, the Contractor shall pay the same.
4. INSURANCE

4.1. The Contractor shall obtain the insurance described in this section from insurers approved by the State Insurance Commissioner pursuant to RCW Title 48. The insurance must be provided by an insurer with a rating of A-VIII or higher in the A.M. Best’s Key Rating Guide, which is licensed to do business in the state of Washington (or issued as a surplus line by a Washington Surplus lines broker). The Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the insurance provided, based on the insurer (including financial condition), terms and coverage, the Certificate of Insurance, and/or endorsements.

4.2. The Contractor shall keep this insurance in force during the term of the Contract and for thirty (30) days after the Physical Completion date, unless otherwise indicated in Section 4.3.

4.3. If any insurance policy is written on a claims made form, its retroactive date, and that of all subsequent renewals, shall be no later than the effective date of this Contract. The policy shall state that coverage is claims made, and state the retroactive date. Claims-made form coverage shall be maintained by the Contractor for a minimum of 36 months following the Final Completion or earlier termination of this Contract, and the Contractor shall annually provide the Owner with proof of renewal. If renewal of the claims made form of coverage becomes unavailable, or economically prohibitive, the Contractor shall purchase an extended reporting period (“tail”) or execute another form of guarantee acceptable to the Owner to assure financial responsibility for liability for services performed.

4.4. The insurance policies shall contain a “cross liability” provision.

4.5. The Contractor’s and all sub contractors’ insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory insurance as respects the Owner’s insurance, self-insurance, or insurance pool coverage.

4.6. The Contractor shall provide the Owner and all Additional Insureds with written notice of any policy cancellation, within two business days of their receipt of such notice.

4.7. Upon request, the Contractor shall forward to the Owner a full and certified copy of the insurance policy(s).

4.8. The Contractor shall not begin work under the Contract until the required insurance has been obtained and approved by the Owner.

4.9. Failure on the part of the Contractor to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the Owner may, after giving five business days notice to the Contractor to correct the breach, immediately terminate the Contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the Owner on demand, or at the sole discretion of the Owner, offset against funds due the Contractor from the Owner.
4.10. All costs for insurance shall be incidental to and included in the unit or lump sum prices of the contract and no additional payment will be made.

4.11. All insurance policies, with the exception of Workers Compensation, shall name the following listed entities as additional insured(s):

4.11.1. The Owner and its officers, elected officials, employees, agents, and volunteers;

4.11.2. The above-listed entities shall be additional insured(s) for the full available limits of liability maintained by the Contractor, whether primary, excess, contingent or otherwise, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Contractor are greater than those required by this Contract, and irrespective of whether the Certificate of Insurance provided by the Contractor describes limits lower than those maintained by the Contractor.

4.12. Contractor shall ensure that each subcontractor of every tier obtains and maintains at a minimum the insurance coverage listed in Paragraph 5. Upon request of the Owner, the Contractor shall provide evidence of such insurance.

4.13. The Contractor shall deliver to the Owner a Certificate(s) of Insurance and endorsements for each policy of insurance meeting the requirements set forth herein when the Contractor delivers the signed Contract for the work. The certificate and endorsements must conform to the following requirements:

4.13.1. An ACORD certificate or a form determined by the Owner to be equivalent.

4.13.2. Copies of all endorsements naming Owner and all other entities listed in Paragraph 4.11 as Additional Insured(s), showing the policy number. The Contractor may submit a copy of any blanket additional insured clause from its policies instead of a separate endorsement. A statement of additional insured status on an ACORD Certificate of Insurance shall not satisfy this requirement.

4.13.3. Any other amendatory endorsements to show the coverage required herein.

4.14. The insurance shall provide the minimum coverage and limits set forth below. Providing coverage in these stated minimum limits shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor from liability in excess of such limits. All deductibles and self-insured retentions must be disclosed and are subject to approval by the Owner. The cost of any claim payments falling within the deductible shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

5. TYPES AND LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

5.1. The Contractor shall maintain Workers’ Compensation Insurance as required by State or Federal statute, for all of Contractor’s employees to be engaged in work under this contract and, in case any such work is sublet, the Contractor shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide Workers’ Compensation Insurance for all of the subcontractor’s employees engaged in such work. The Contractor’s Labor & Industries account number shall be noted on the Certificate of Insurance.
5.1.1. A policy of Commercial General Liability Insurance, including:
   - Per project aggregate
   - Premises/Operations Liability
   - Personal/Advertising Injury
   - Contractual Liability
   - Independent Contractors Liability
   - Stop Gap / Employers’ Liability

5.1.2. Such policy must provide the following minimum limits:
   - $1,000,000 Each Occurrence
   - $2,000,000 General Aggregate
   - $2,000,000 Products & Completed Operations Aggregate
   - $1,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury, each offence
   - $2,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury, Aggregate

5.1.3. Stop Gap / Employers’ Liability
   - $1,000,000 Each Accident
   - $1,000,000 Disease - Policy Limit
   - $1,000,000 Disease - Each Employee

5.1.4. Automobile Liability for owned, non-owned, hired, and leased vehicles, with an
   MCS 90 endorsement and a CA 9948 endorsement attached if “pollutants” are to
   be transported. Such policy(ies) must provide the following minimum limit:
   - $1,000,000 combined single limit

5.1.5. The Contractor shall comply with Workers’ Compensation coverage as required
   by the Industrial Insurance laws of the state of Washington.

6. CHANGE ORDERS

6.1. The Owner reserves the right to make, at any time during the work, such changes in
   quantities and such alterations in the work as are necessary to satisfactorily complete the
   work. Such changes in quantities and alterations shall not invalidate the contract nor
   release the surety, and the Contractor agrees to perform the work as altered. Among
   others, these changes and alterations may include:

6.1.1. Deleting any part of the work,
6.1.2. Increasing or decreasing quantities,
6.1.3. Altering the way the work is to be done,
6.1.4. Adding new work,
6.1.5. Ordering the Contractor to speed up or delay the work.

6.2. The Owner will issue a written change order for any change. If the alterations or changes
   in quantities significantly change the character of the work under the contract, whether or
   not changed by any such different quantities or alterations, an adjustment, excluding loss
   of anticipated profits, will be made to the contract. The basis for the adjustment shall be
   agreed upon prior to the performance of the work. If a basis cannot be agreed upon, then
an adjustment will be made either for or against the Contractor in such amount as the Owner may determine to be fair and equitable.

6.3. The Contractor shall proceed with the work upon receiving:

6.3.1. A written change order approved by the Owner.

6.4. The Contractor accepts all requirements of a change order by:

6.4.1. endorsing it,
6.4.2. writing a separate acceptance, or
6.4.3. not protesting in the way this section provides.

6.5. A change order that is not protested as provided in this section shall be full payment and final settlement of all claims for contract time and for all costs of any kind, including costs of delays, related to any work either covered or affected by the change. By not protesting as this section provides, the Contractor also waives any additional entitlement and accepts from the Owner any written or oral order (including directions, instructions, interpretations, and determinations). By failing to follow the procedures of this section, the Contractor completely waives any claims for protested work.

6.6. The Contractor may protest change orders or other claims as provided below:

6.6.1. If the Contractor is in disagreement with anything required in a change order or another written order from the Owner, including any direction, instruction, interpretation, or determination by the Owner, the Contractor shall:

6.6.2. Immediately give a signed written notice of protest to the Owner before doing the work specified in the change order or within fourteen (14) calendar days of the occurrence of an event or events giving rise to a claims, or within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date the Contractor knew or should have known of the facts or events giving rise to a claim, whichever occurs first;

6.6.3. Supplement the written protest within 15 calendar days with a written statement providing the following:

(a) The date of the protested order or claim
(b) The nature and circumstances which caused the protest or claim;
(c) The contract provisions that support the protest or claim;
(d) The estimated dollar cost, if any, of the protested or claimed work and how that estimate was determined; and
(e) An analysis of the progress schedule showing the schedule change or disruption if the Contractor is asserting a schedule change or disruption; and

6.7. If the protest is continuing, the information required above, shall be supplemented as requested by the Owner. In addition, the Contractor shall provide the Owner, before final payment, a written statement of the actual adjustment requested. Throughout any protested work, the Contractor shall keep complete records of extra costs and time
incurred. The Contractor shall permit the Owner access to these and any other records needed for evaluating the protest as determined by the Owner. The Owner will evaluate all protests provided the procedures in this section are followed. If the Owner determines that a protest is valid, the Owner will adjust payment for work or time. No adjustment will be made for an invalid protest.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE, WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF PROTEST OR CLAIM WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE WAIVER OF ANY PROTEST OR CLAIMS ARISING IN ANY WAY FROM THE FACTS OR EVENTS SURROUNDING THE UNDERLYING CHANGE ORDER OR CLAIM OR CAUSED BY THAT DELAY.

6.8. In spite of any protest or claim, the Contractor shall proceed promptly with the work as the Owner orders.

7. CLAIMS

7.1. The Contractor shall give written notice to the Owner of all claims other than change orders within five (5) calendar days of the occurrence of events giving rise to the claim. Any claim for damages, additional payment for any reason, or extension of time, shall be conclusively deemed to have been waived by the Contractor unless a timely written claim is made in strict accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement. At a minimum, a Contractor’s written claim must include the information required in Paragraph 6.6 regarding protests.

7.2. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE, WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF CLAIM WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE WAIVER OF ANY CLAIMS ARISING IN ANY WAY FROM THE FACTS OR EVENTS SURROUNDING THAT CLAIM.

7.3. THE CONTRACTOR’S ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PAYMENT (EXCLUDING WITHHELD RETAINAGE) SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXCEPT THOSE PREVIOUSLY AND PROPERLY MADE AND IDENTIFIED BY THE CONTRACTOR AS UNSETTLED AT THE TIME REQUEST FOR FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE.

8. TERM, TERMINATION AND RENEWAL:

8.1. This Contract shall be effective January 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2022 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the early termination provisions herein.

8.2. If Contractor breaches any of its obligations under this Contract, and fails to cure the same within five (5) days of written notice to do so, the Owner may terminate this Contract, in which case the Owner shall pay the Contractor cost incurred to date of written notice.
8.3. The Owner may terminate this Contract upon ten (10) days written notice to the Contractor for any reason and without cause in which case the Owner shall pay the Contractor for costs incurred to the date of written notice.

8.4. The Owner may, in Owner’s sole discretion, grant a renewal of this Contract for up to an additional three years subject to mutual agreement on the adjustment of any Compensation under Section 2.

8.5. In the event the Owner substantially changes the scope of the Work identified in Section 1, Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Owner.

9. CONTRACTOR RECORDS

9.1. Contractor agrees to make all project related books and records available to the Owner for inspection, review, photocopying and audit in the event of a Contract related dispute, claim, modification or other Contract related action at reasonable times and at places designated by the Owner.

10. DEFECTIVE OR UNAUTHORIZED WORK

10.1. The Owner reserves the right to withhold payment from the Contractor for any defective or unauthorized work. Defective or unauthorized work includes, without limitation: work and materials that do not conform to the requirements of this contract, and extra work and materials furnished without the Owner’s written approval. If the Contractor is unable, for any reason, to satisfactorily complete any portion of the work, the Owner may complete the work by contract or otherwise, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Owner for any additional costs incurred by the Owner. "Additional costs" means all reasonable costs incurred by the Owner, including legal costs and attorneys’ fees, beyond the maximum contract price under this Agreement. The Owner further reserves the right to deduct the cost to complete the work, including any additional costs, from any amounts due or to become due to the Contractor.

11. PREVAILING WAGES

11.1. Contractor shall pay prevailing wages and shall comply with chapter RCW 39.12 and chapter 49.28 RCW. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall be required to pay State of Washington prevailing wage rates. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall file Statements of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages for employees annually. The Contractor will, at a minimum, be required to pay the prevailing wage in effect on January 1st of each year, for that years' contract maintenance work. When the Owner receives approved Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages for the contract year, the Owner on a monthly basis will make payments for work done to the Contractor. Affidavits shall be filed after December the contract year for the work performed during the contract year. The Contractor certifies that it has not been cited for two violations within the last five (5) years, and is not prohibited from bidding on public works contract. The Contractor further certifies that it will use no sub-contractor who is prohibited. In the event prevailing
wage employees or contractors are used, the Contractor shall notify Owner and the relevant prevailing wage schedules shall be added as an exhibit to this Agreement.

12. RETAINAGE

12.1. Pursuant to RCW 60.28, a sum of 10 percent of the monies earned by the Contractor will be retained from progress estimates. Such retainage shall be used as a trust fund for the protection and payment (1) to the State with respect to taxes imposed pursuant to Title 82 RCW, and (2) the claims of any person arising under the Contract.

12.2. In the event the Contractor chooses to obtain a retained percentage bond in the minimum amount of 5% of the annual contract sum in a form acceptable the Owner, such bond may be used to replace the percentage retainage requirement and any previously retained funds shall be disbursed to the Contractor.

12.3. Monies retained under this Section shall be retained in a fund by the Owner unless Contractor elects for an alternative method of holding the retainage as provided under RCW 60.28.

12.4. The Contractor agrees to notify Owner within five (5) days of the receipt of any of the following:

12.4.1. Notification that a lien may be claimed by any person, firm or corporation furnishing materials, supplies or equipment to any subcontractor for work on the project in accordance with RCW 60.28.015.

12.4.2. Notification by the Department of Labor and Industries of any proceeding, complaint or investigation conducted under the provisions of RCW 39.12.065.

12.4.3. The retained percentage may be held by Owner until all claims and proceedings referred to above have been resolved to the satisfaction of Owner.

12.4.4. In the event the retainage is insufficient to cover payment of the items set forth in Section 16.1, Contractor shall be liable for all such insufficiencies and all costs incurred by Owner, including attorney fees, to recover such insufficiencies.

13. PROJECT SAFETY.

13.1. The Contractor shall be solely and completely responsible for safety conditions on the job site, including the safety of all persons and property during performance of the work. The services of Owner’s employees or the Owner’s agents or Consultant’s personnel in conducting construction review of the Contractor's performance is not intended to include review of the adequacy of the Contractor's work methods, equipment, bracing, scaffolding or trenching, or safety measures in, on or near the construction site. The Contractor shall provide safe access for the Owner and its inspectors to adequately inspect the quality of work and the conformance with project specifications.
13.2. All work shall be performed to comply with all county, state and federal safety regulations.

14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

14.1. If the parties are unable to resolve a dispute regarding this Agreement through negotiation, any party may request mediation through a process to be mutually agreed to in good faith between the parties within 30 days of a party notifying the other parties in writing that a dispute exists “Dispute Notice.” The participating parties shall share equally the costs of mediation and each participating party shall be responsible for its own costs in preparation and participation in the mediation, including expert witness fees and reasonable attorney’s fees.

14.2. If a mediation process cannot be agreed upon or if the mediation fails to resolve the dispute then, within 45 calendar days of the Dispute Notice or within 30 days of end of the mediation, either party may submit the dispute to binding arbitration according to the procedures of the Superior Court Rules for Mandatory Arbitration, including the Local Mandatory Arbitration Rules of the Superior Court as amended, located in the county in which the Project is located, unless the parties agree in writing to an alternative dispute resolution process. The arbitration shall be before a disinterested arbitrator selected pursuant to the Mandatory Arbitration Rules with all participating parties sharing equally in the cost of the arbitrator. The location of the arbitration shall be mutually agreed or established by the assigned Arbitrator, and the laws of Washington will govern its proceedings. The prevailing party, in addition to costs, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees as determined by the arbitrator.

14.3. Following the arbitrator’s issuance of a ruling/award, either party shall have 30 calendar days from the date of the ruling/award to file and serve a demand for a bench trial de novo in the Superior Court of the County in which the Project is located. The court shall determine all questions of law and fact without empanelling a jury for any purpose.

14.4. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, this dispute resolution process shall be the sole, exclusive and final remedy to or for either party for any dispute regarding this Agreement, and its interpretation, application or breach, regardless of whether the dispute is based in contract, tort, any violation of federal law, state statute or local ordinance or for any breach of administrative rule or regulation and regardless of the amount or type of relief demanded.

14.5. The prevailing party in any action to enforce the terms of this contract, in addition to costs, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of arbitration including expert witness fees, paralegal costs and copying costs as determined by the arbitrator or court including costs and fees incurred on appeal.

15. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15.1. Independent Contractor. The parties intend that the Contract Document will create an independent contractor relationship.
15.2. Nondiscrimination. In the hiring of employees for the performance of work under the Contract Documents the Contractor, its subcontractors, or any person acting on behalf of Contractor shall not, by reason of race, religion, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.

15.3. Compliance with Laws. Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations that are now effective or in the future become applicable to Contractor’s business, equipment, and personnel engaged in operations covered by the Contract Documents or accruing out of the performance of those operations.

15.4. Work Performed at Contractor’s Risk. Contractor shall take all precautions necessary and shall be responsible for the safety of its employees, agents, and subcontractors in the performance of the contract work. All work shall be done at Contractor’s own risk, and Contractor shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to materials, tools, or other articles used or held for use in connection with the work.

15.5. Nonwaiver of Breach. The failure of the Owner to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms and rights contained herein, or to exercise any option herein conferred in one or more instances, shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of those terms and rights and they shall remain in full force and effect.

15.6. Governing Law. The Contract Documents shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. If any dispute arises between the Owner and Contractor under any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, resolution of that dispute shall be available only through the jurisdiction, venue, and rules of the Superior Court of the County in which the Project is located.

15.7. Written Notice. All communications regarding the contract shall be sent to the parties at the addresses listed on the signature page of the contract, unless otherwise notified. Any written notice shall become effective upon delivery, but in any event three (3) calendar days after the date of mailing by registered or certified mail, and shall be deemed sufficiently given if sent to the addressee at the address stated in the contract.

15.8. Assignment. Any assignment of this contract by the Contractor without the written consent of the Owner shall be void.

15.9. Modification. No waiver, alteration, or modification of any of the provisions of the Contract Documents shall be binding unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of the Owner and Contractor.

15.10. Severability. If any one or more sections, sub-sections, or sentences of the contract are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the contract and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

15.11. Entire Agreement. The written provisions and terms of the Contract Documents, which include these General Conditions as well as the mechanical, electrical, and
structural consultants’ specifications, provisions, and plans, together with any attached exhibits, supersede all prior verbal statements by any representative of the Owner, and those statements shall not be construed as forming a part of or altering in any manner the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents and any attached Exhibits contain the entire agreement between the parties. Should any language in any Exhibit to the Contract Documents conflict with any language contained in the Contract Documents, the terms of the Contract Documents shall prevail.

Owner

By: ____________________________

Contractor

By: ____________________________

Contractor Reg. No. __________________
UBI Number: __________________

Dated: __________________________

Dated: __________________________