


**TOWN OF HARRISON
VILLAGE OF HARRISON**

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Richard Dionisio, Supervisor
Members of the Town Board

FROM: Andrea C. Rendo, Town Attorney 

DATE: April 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Security Professional Service Agreement

Attached for consideration, is a proposed Security Professional Service Agreement with Allied Universal Security Services. I have reviewed the Agreement, deem it to be in order and accordingly request authorization for the Supervisor to execute same.

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Attachment

cc: Maureen MacKenzie, Comptroller
Purchasing Department



SECURITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

FULL LEGAL NAME OF SECURITY PROVIDER ("Allied Universal"): Universal Protection Service, LP d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, for itself and on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Universal Protection Service, LLC d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, which may provide service hereunder within certain states

FULL LEGAL NAME OF CLIENT : Town Village of Harrison

By signing below by their duly authorized representatives, Client and Allied Universal agree to be legally bound to the Agreement, General Terms and Conditions and Exhibits attached hereto, which form a binding and enforceable part of this Agreement as of the day and year first written below ("Commencement Date").

CLIENT: Town Village of Harrison

By: _____

Name: Richard Dionisio
Title: Supervisor/Mayor
Attn: Law Department
Address for Notices:
1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, 10528

UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE, LP d/b/a
Allied Universal Security Services

By: _____

Name: Gina Henderson
Title: Branch Manager
Address for Notices:
Eight Tower Bridge, 161 Washington Street, Suite 600, Conshohocken, PA
19428

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of three (3) years beginning on January 1, 2024. This Agreement will automatically continue thereafter on a month to month basis until terminated by either party on thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party. This Agreement may be terminated by either party for non-performance by the other party upon five (5) days written notice to the non-performing party. The non-performing party shall have the opportunity to cure the non-performance within that five-day period. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

Allied Universal shall provide security professional services (the "Services") in the amount, for the times and at the location(s) set forth in Exhibit A. Client shall pay Allied Universal for the performance of the Services and any other products and/or services provided by Allied Universal hereunder at the rates ("Billing Rates") and other charges set forth in Exhibit B or otherwise payable hereunder without deduction or set-off. Client shall pay in full the amount of and will be deemed to accept all invoices submitted to Client within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. The Billing Rates set forth in Exhibit B are valid for the first twelve (12) months of the initial term, thereafter they will be increased 5% annually, effective as of the anniversary date of the Commencement Date, in an amount equal to the greater of (i) the percentage increase determined pursuant to prevailing wage increases. Allied Universal will invoice Client on a monthly basis for all Services for the preceding weekly period (starting Friday and ending the following Thursday) and any other products and/or services provided by Allied Universal.

A. Scope of Services

1. Allied Universal agrees to provide the Services in a professional and diligent manner. Allied Universal does not warrant or guarantee that the Services constitute complete security at Client's location(s) so as to prevent any incident, loss, theft, damage or injury (including death). Client agrees that Allied Universal has not been engaged as a security consultant with respect to any location(s).
2. From time to time, Client may request a change in the Services. Such requested changes will be communicated in writing, will be effective only upon Allied Universal's written approval which Allied Universal will not unreasonably decline. However, in no event will a refusal by Allied Universal to approve requested changes constitute a breach of this Agreement or otherwise constitute cause for Client's termination of this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that Exhibit A solely governs Allied Universal's duties at Client's location(s).
3. The purpose of any inspection at Client's location(s) by Allied Universal is solely to assist Client with its loss control program. The safe maintenance of Client's premises and operations and equipment on those premises and the avoidance of unsafe conditions and practices is the sole responsibility of Client.

B. Independent Contractor / Personnel

1. Allied Universal is responsible for the hiring, training and supervision of all security professionals assigned by Allied Universal to Client's location(s). Should Client direct or supervise security officers or change the instructions or supervision given to the security professionals by Allied Universal, or including requiring Allied Universal personnel to use force, Client will be responsible for any damages, liabilities, claims or other consequences that may result.
2. In addition to the Services set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, and in addition to any general or routine training provided by Allied Universal to its security professionals, Allied Universal shall provide each of its employees assigned to Client's location(s) with any additional training at the costs set forth in Exhibit B.
3. Allied Universal shall provide uniforms for all assigned personnel. Allied Universal will maintain these uniforms in good condition at Allied Universal's sole cost and expense unless otherwise provided in Exhibit B. Equipment and non-standard uniforms required by Client will be provided as mutually agreed upon and at a cost mutually agreed upon in writing. Allied Universal's personnel will not be required to carry weapons of any kind, unless otherwise expressly set forth herein.
4. Security professionals assigned to Client's location(s) are employees of Allied Universal, which is acting as an independent contractor. Allied

Universal will pay all compensation due and owing to its employees and all required payroll taxes and withholdings as required by City, County, State and/or Federal authorities.

5. Allied Universal is entitled to assign personnel to Client's location(s) in full compliance with applicable equal opportunity and civil rights law and other applicable employment laws. Upon reasonable written notice, Client shall have the right to request in writing that any of Allied Universal's employees whose performance it finds to be unacceptable be removed from its location(s); provided reasons for such request do not violate applicable law.

6. Client acknowledges that Allied Universal has spent considerable time and expense in recruiting and training its employees. As such, Client agrees that it will not employ, as a security professional or in any related capacity, directly or indirectly, including employment through a successor security contractor, any person who has been employed by Allied Universal in a supervisory capacity and assigned to Client's location for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days following the last date of that person's employment with Allied Universal. In the event of a breach of this provision by Client, Client shall pay Allied Universal the average weekly billing for such employee for four (4) months as liquidated damages together with all legal fees and other costs arising from the breach of this provision.

C. Billing

1. The Billing Rates do not include the direct bill items ("Direct Bill Item(s)") identified in Exhibit B, which shall be invoiced and paid by Client to Allied Universal in accordance with the payment terms herein. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Allied Universal may pass through any increase in any and all of the costs of any and all Direct Bill Items when incurred or accrued, and Client shall reimburse Allied Universal for such costs.

2. The parties agree any wage rates or wage estimates included in Exhibit B, any other addenda, any pricing sheet, RFP submission, and/or other document are for demonstration purposes only and will not have any impact on the Billing Rates or on the wages Allied Universal pays its employees.

3. In the event that Allied Universal experiences an increase in its costs resulting from any increase, whether or not anticipated, in or resulting from: (1) Federal, state or local taxes, levies, or required withholdings imposed or assessed on amounts payable to and/or by Allied Universal hereunder or by or in respect of Allied Universal to its personnel; (2) Federal, state or local minimum wage rates, mandated paid time off and/or sick leave, changes in overtime wage regulations, uniform maintenance expenses or other required employee allowances, licensing fees and/or requirements, or wage, medical, welfare and other benefit costs under collective bargaining agreements; (3) costs related to insurance and/or workers' compensation; and/or (4) costs related to medical and/or welfare benefits and other requirements, including without limitation costs incurred by Allied Universal pursuant to applicable federal, state and/or local law, including, without limitation "Healthcare Reform Legislation Costs" (as defined below), the Billing Rates shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in Allied Universal's costs resulting from the items set forth in sub-clauses (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this paragraph. Allied Universal will provide Client notice of such change in the Billing Rates.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, Allied Universal may pass through the costs set forth in sub-clauses (1)-(4) of Section C(3) to Client as incurred or accrued and Client shall pay Allied Universal for such costs.

5. "Healthcare Reform Legislation Costs" means the costs and/or assessments incurred by Allied Universal in respect of employee medical and/or welfare benefits and other requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the related statutes and regulations.

6. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, Allied Universal's fees and charges do not include any sales, use, excise or similar taxes, levies or duties ("Taxes"). Client is responsible for paying for all such Taxes in respect of Allied Universal's Services or in respect of amounts payable by Client hereunder. If Allied Universal has the legal obligation to pay or collect Taxes for which Client is responsible under this section, the appropriate amount shall be promptly paid by Client to Allied Universal unless Client provides Allied Universal with either a valid and current tax exemption certificate or direct pay certificate, authorized by the appropriate taxing authority.

7. Client agrees to pay Allied Universal one and one-half percent (1.5 %)

per month interest or such maximum amount as permitted by law, whichever is less, on any invoice not paid within thirty (30) days of invoice date. In the event that legal action is required to collect on any past-due invoiced amount owed to Allied Universal by Client under this Agreement, Client agrees to pay to Allied Universal the costs and attorneys' fees incurred by Allied Universal in such action.

D. Physical and Intellectual Property

1. Client recognizes and acknowledges that in performing its duties under this Agreement, Allied Universal may install and utilize proprietary software (hereinafter "Proprietary Software"), a valuable, special and unique asset of Allied Universal and/or third parties. This Proprietary Software is and will remain the sole and exclusive property of Allied Universal and/or those applicable third parties.

2. Client further agrees that materials developed, generated, or produced pursuant to this Agreement, including but not limited to Post Orders, security plans, emergency plans, diagrams, reports, and writings, both internal and external (hereinafter collectively, "Work Product"), may include the proprietary information of Allied Universal and will remain the sole and exclusive property of Allied Universal. Client and Client's personnel will have no proprietary interest in the Work Product. Client acknowledges that it will not share such Work Product with any third party and any Work Product in Client's possession shall be returned to Allied Universal upon termination or expiration of this Agreement.

3. Any property, equipment or supplies furnished by Allied Universal to its personnel in performance of the Services described in this Agreement shall remain the property of Allied Universal and shall be returned to Allied Universal promptly at the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

E. Insurance and Indemnification

1. Allied Universal shall maintain and provide, at its expense, appropriate Workers' Compensation coverage for its security professionals and personnel assigned to Client's location(s) at limits imposed by statute, including Employer Liability coverage.

2. Allied Universal shall maintain for its own protection and benefit various other policies of insurance, including Commercial General Liability coverage, for its performance of security Services at Client's location(s), among others.

3. Allied Universal shall maintain Automobile Liability insurance to cover its employees' operation of Allied Universal's owned, leased and non-owned vehicles. However, to the extent that Client requires Allied Universal employees to drive Client's vehicles in performance of the Services described in this Agreement, Client agrees to carry Automobile Liability insurance for those vehicles with bodily injury and property damage limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Such insurance will be primary for any loss or damage occurring for Client vehicles operated by Allied Universal employees in performance of the Services being provided under this Agreement, and under no circumstances shall Allied Universal indemnify or defend Client or Client's insurer for losses that occur or arise out of Allied Universal's operation of Client-owned vehicles.

4. Client agrees that Allied Universal is not an insurer of Client's operations, personnel or facilities. Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, Client assumes all risk of loss, physical damage and personal injury at its operations, to its personnel and/or facilities or any other property resulting from fire, theft or other casualty, and Client waives any right of recovery and its insurers' right of subrogation against Allied Universal for any loss or damage resulting from any such occurrence.

5. Allied Universal will protect, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Client, its directors, professionals and employees from and against all claims, actions, liabilities, damages, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (the "Losses") directly resulting from the performance of the Services expressly required under this Agreement, provided such Losses (1) are caused solely by the grossly negligent failure of Allied Universal to perform the Services required pursuant to this Agreement, or by other grossly negligent actions or omissions in the performance of those same Services by Allied Universal, or through the willful misconduct or unlawful activity of Allied Universal; and (2) are not caused in any way through the negligence, willful misconduct or unlawful activity of Client or otherwise resulting from Allied Universal's compliance with specific direction from Client.

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, should Allied Universal be found liable for any Losses hereunder for any reason, the sole and exclusive remedy of Client in any situation, whether in

contract or tort, or otherwise, shall be limited to Client's actual and direct damages, and shall in no event exceed the lesser of: (i) the amounts invoiced over the previous twelve (12) month period and paid by Client to Allied Universal or (ii) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), such amounts to be inclusive of any defense costs.

7. Client shall protect, defend, hold harmless and indemnify Allied Universal, its respective successors and assigns, and its directors, professionals and employees from and against all Losses asserted against Allied Universal arising out of incidents or occurrences taking place or arising at Client's location provided that any such Losses: a) occur due to Allied Universal's compliance with Client's directions and requests (including but not limited to requests in Section B.5); and/or, b) are: (1) attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to damage to tangible property; and, (2) are not caused in any way through the negligence, willful misconduct or unlawful activity of Allied Universal, or the failure of Allied Universal to perform the Services set forth in this Agreement.

8. Under no circumstances will Allied Universal be liable to Client, or any other person or entity, for consequential, incidental, indirect or punitive damages, or for lost profits.

9. Client shall give written notice to Allied Universal of any Losses or potential Losses of Client arising out of or relating to this Agreement within thirty (30) days following notification of the occurrence giving rise to such Losses or potential Losses. No action to recover any Loss of Client shall be instituted or maintained against Allied Universal by Client unless notice of such Loss shall have been given by Client to Allied Universal in the manner and form set forth herein. No action to recover for any Loss of Client shall be instituted or maintained by Client against Allied Universal unless instituted not later than twelve (12) months following notification of the occurrence giving rise to such Loss.

F. Compliance with Laws

1. Some or all of the physical security guard services identified in this Agreement could be designated as a Qualified Anti-terrorism Technology ("QATT") under the Support Anti-terrorism by Effective Technologies ("SAFETY") Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. §§ 441-444, as amended. Where this QATT has been deployed in defense against, response or recovery from an act of terrorism, as that latter term is defined under the SAFETY Act (as herein defined), Allied Universal and Client agree to waive all claims against each other, including their professionals, directors, agents or other representatives, arising out of the manufacture, sale, use or operation of the QATT, and further agree that each is responsible for losses, including business interruption losses, that it sustains, or for losses sustained by its own employees resulting from an activity arising out of such act of terrorism. This provision shall apply throughout the term of this Agreement, regardless of whether Allied Universal should cease to have SAFETY Act coverage for these Services for any reason.

2. Client shall, at its own cost and expense, comply in full with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, licenses, permits or fees ("Governmental Regulations") applicable to its operations and its performance under this Agreement, including without limitation, (i) environmental laws, (ii) laws relating to accessibility by and accommodation of handicapped persons, and (iii) laws relating to discrimination of any type of manner. Client shall notify Allied Universal in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of any inquiry, notice, subpoena, lawsuit, or other evidence of an investigation by any public agency or the commencement of any judicial or administrative litigation, or arbitration proceedings with respect to Allied Universal's operations at the property and/or performance under this Agreement. Should Allied Universal be issued a citation or other sanction because of conditions on the premises created by others, Client shall pay and will be responsible for the fine. The foregoing shall include, but not be limited to, all applicable health, safety, and labor standards.

3. Under no circumstances will Allied Universal indemnify Client for Workers' Compensation claims or for fulfilling independent statutory duties Client owes to third parties or its employees.

G. Miscellaneous

1. This Agreement represents the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning the subject matter herein and replaces any and all previous agreements, understandings, representations, discussions or offers. No modification to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and

executed by both parties and delivered to each respective party hereto.

2. A written waiver by either party of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement at any time shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of such term or condition for the future or of any subsequent breach of the Agreement. The failure to enforce a particular provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such provision or otherwise prejudice Allied Universal's right to enforce such provision at a later time.

3. This Agreement is entered into solely for the mutual benefit of the parties hereto and no benefits, rights, duties or obligations are intended or created by this Agreement as to any third parties.

4. Each party further warrants and represents that this Agreement has been executed by a duly authorized individual.

5. This Agreement and all matters collateral hereto shall be governed by the laws of the state wherein the Services are to be provided without reference to its choice of law provisions.

6. If any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement are ruled to be invalid or inoperative, all the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

7. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement. The parties agree that this Agreement will be considered signed when the signature of a party is delivered by facsimile transmission or delivered by scanned image (e.g. .pdf or .tiff file) as an attachment to email.

8. Allied Universal shall not be responsible for additional expenses and costs incurred by it or Client to provide Services pursuant to this Agreement as a result of unusual circumstances including, but not limited to, strikes, riots, revolutions, wars, military actions, fires, floods, droughts, natural disasters, pandemics, active shooter events, snow storms, blizzards or other inclement weather, accidents, insurrections, lockouts or other acts of God, perils of the sea, stoppage of labor, or other events considered as "Force Majeure", or by any other unavoidable cause beyond Allied Universal's reasonable control. All such additional expenses shall be the responsibility of Client as an additional charge invoiced and paid by Client as it is incurred, pursuant to the terms of the Billing section set forth above. Additionally, to the extent that Allied Universal is unable to perform, or is delayed in performing, the Services set forth in this Agreement, such nonperformance or delayed performance is not a breach of this Agreement nor cause for termination of this Agreement.

9. Either party may assign this Agreement to an affiliate meaning an entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the party. Except as permitted in this section, Client may not assign, delegate or subcontract this Agreement without the prior written consent of Allied Universal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Client assigns this Agreement, it shall remain liable hereunder after such assignment.

10. Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered either in person, by nationally recognized overnight delivery service or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties at the address shown in the opening paragraph (or as may be directed by a party in the future by written notice).

11. In connection with the negotiation, execution and performance of this Agreement, each party acknowledges that it has been and will be provided with confidential business information of the other party ("Confidential Information"). Each party will exercise reasonable commercial efforts to protect and preserve the confidentiality of Confidential Information, including at a minimum those methods and procedures it uses to protect its own confidential information. A party shall not be required to preserve the confidentiality of Confidential Information to the extent it becomes public other than through the action of the party, or disclosure is required by law. If Allied Universal is required to disclose information belonging to Client, Client shall indemnify Allied Universal, its respective successors and assigns, and its directors, professionals, and employees from and against all Losses asserted against Allied Universal arising out of said disclosure.

12. The parties further acknowledge and agree that to the extent Allied Universal has assumed insurance, defense and indemnification obligations hereunder, such obligations shall not apply to any work performed by Allied Universal at the direction of Client, or work performed by Allied Universal that is not specifically set forth on Exhibit A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided herein or in any other direction (oral or written), Allied Universal and Client agree that in no event shall Allied Universal employees

be required to undertake any duty which could potentially expose themselves to unreasonable risk or harm. At all times, Client represents and warrants that the policies and requirements Allied Universal and its employees are requested and/or required to adhere to by Client are lawful.

13. For the avoidance of doubt, any duties contrary to and/or in excess of the Services, shall be agreed upon by the parties in writing. In the event that there are any post orders, directives, or other specification documents of any type ("Post Orders"), they shall not form any part of this Agreement, they are not incorporated into this Agreement and are not a novation or modification or expansion of the duties set forth in this Agreement. Further, if there is any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any other documents, this Agreement shall control. Under no circumstances shall the Post Orders expand the liabilities of the parties toward each other or any third party.

14. Allied Universal has not provided any advice or consultation services to Client regarding what may or may not be the proper levels of security staffing, or the methods of security provided by Allied Universal hereby. The duties and responsibilities of Allied Universal are specifically set forth herein. Client acknowledges that Client alone has chosen the number of security professionals and type of services, e.g., armed, unarmed, to be provided under the Agreement; that Allied Universal has informed Client that additional security professionals and/or services are available at an additional cost; and that Client has elected not to avail itself of additional security professionals or services at this time and unless mutually agreed upon in writing.

15. The following provisions shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason: A.1; A.3; B.1; B.4; B.5; B.6; C;D; E; F and G.

EXHIBIT "A"

to Agreement Between

Allied Universal
And

Town Village of Harrison

LOCATIONS FOR SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY

Allied Universal
12 Water Street, White Plains, NY
914-425-0081
845-913-9436

<u>Location</u>	Specify for each location: <u>Armed</u> <u>Unarmed</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>
Town Village of Harrison - 1 Heineman Place	Armed	66 hours- Armed Security Professional
Town Village of Harrison - 1 Heineman Place	Unarmed	40 hours-Security Officer Lead – Over 40 hours is Billable OverTime

Description of Services:

The Services Allied Universal will provide Client pursuant to this Agreement are:

- Security professional is to perform assigned duties of patrolling and observing the above location(s) as directed by Client.
- Any unusual incidents detected or reported will be reported to Client via the designated Client contact. An incident report will be filled out and a copy will be forwarded to Client. The security professional creating the report will be available to explain the incident report during their shift.
- The security professional will also report criminal activity and/or visible hazards observed and/or reported while on post.

The location(s), day(s) and time(s) listed in this Exhibit A may not be altered by Client, unless mutually agreed upon in a writing signed by the parties. The scope of services does not include any structures, parking lots, appurtenances, or nearby areas not specifically listed herein.

EXHIBIT "B"

to Agreement Between

Allied Universal
And

Town Village of Harrison

BILLING RATES

The initial Billing Rates for services shall be as follows:

For Location 1:	Rate
Security Professional Regular Rate	\$28.35 Per Hour
Security Professional Overtime Rate	\$42.53 Per Hour
Security Professional Holiday Rate	\$42.53 Per Hour
Armed Security Professional Regular Rate	\$58.24 Per Hour
Armed Security Professional Overtime Rate	\$87.36 Per Hour
Armed Security Professional Holiday Rate	\$87.36 Per Hour

Additional Notes:

- > Mutually agreed-upon merit increases will result in a Bill Rate Increase.

* *Requested Overtime:* With requests for a specific individual to work more than their Overtime Limit for any special reason, regardless of the notice provided and provided that the individual is able to accommodate, only the overtime impact for that individual will be billed. An individual's Overtime Limit may be a weekly (e.g. 40 hours) or daily limit (e.g. 8 hours) depending on the location. Example, in a location where 40 hours per week is the Overtime Limit: "We need Officer Smith to stay two extra hours at the end of his shift to help with a special project." The additional two hours will only be billed at the overtime rate if those hours exceed the Overtime Limit of 40 hours per week.

1. ADDITIONAL BILLING TERMS EXTRA SERVICE REQUESTS. In the event that <Client> requests additional services beyond that listed on Addendum "A" which are received with less than 72 hours notice, such additional services will be billed at the overtime rate. If the request for additional services exceed five percent (5%) of the base contract hours, then the additional services shall be billed at the billable overtime rate regardless of the amount of notice given. The billable overtime rates for such additional services will continue to apply until this Agreement is amended in writing to provide for the increase in base hours.
2. The holiday billing rate shall be used for all work performed on New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, or as otherwise determined by mutual written agreement of the parties, or by applicable collective bargaining agreement.
3. A labor strike or other emergency situation that creates a working environment for security professionals that is more hazardous than the normal condition under this contract will be cause to negotiate a temporary billing rate for modified services.
4. Allied Universal shall be compensated for all time including preparation, travel to/from, and actual time spent in any court of law, judicial, quasi-judicial or other proceeding, mediation, deposition, arbitration to which Allied Universal is subpoenaed or agrees to appear, arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement at the rate of: \$125.00 per hour, for director or manager and \$65.00 per hour for all other employees in addition to reasonable costs and expenses incurred. This paragraph will survive the termination of this agreement.