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Exhibit A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

CONTRACT FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 2nd day of August 2007, by and between J. Gordon Routley (hereinafter referred to as "the Consultant") and the City of Charleston (hereinafter referred to as the "City") for the professional services defined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth below, the City and the Consultant agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The Consultant will provide professional services to the City of Charleston in connection with the City's Post Incident Assessment and Enhancement Review. In this capacity, the Consultant will perform the following services as a member of the Review team:

1. Participate as a subject matter expert in an independent review of the Charleston Fire Department and the overall state of fire protection services in the City of Charleston. The objective of this effort is to identify the need for any changes and improvements based on the best practices of the fire service and public fire protection, considering national standards, recommended policies and practices, and the specific needs of the City of Charleston. The Consultant will assist in developing a set of recommendations for changes and improvements that should be implemented on a timely basis and without delay.

2. Participate as a subject matter expert in the review and analysis of documents related to the fire incident that occurred on June 18, 2007. The ultimate objective of the review and analysis will be to develop any needed recommendations for changes and improvements to implement lessons learned from this incident. This analysis will take into account the findings and recommendations of all other official agencies and organizations that are involved in investigative efforts.

3. Participate as a subject matter expert in a Strategic Planning process to develop a mid-range (3 to 5 years) to long-range (6 to 10 years) plan for the full implementation of recommended changes and improvements to the Charleston Fire Department and the overall delivery of public fire protection services in the City of Charleston.

The Consultant's participation in the work of the City's Post Incident Assessment and Enhancement Review will be coordinated by the designated project leader, J. Gordon Routley. The entire project will be conducted with an emphasis on firefighter safety and