



## AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES

### By and Between

#### GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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("GVSU")

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### And

#### North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup

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("NBWW")

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The North Branch Chicago River Watershed Workgroup (NBWW) wishes to retain Grand Valley State University to perform certain services ("**Services**") related to four sampling events (May-September 2025) at 5 locations testing for 3 markers: human (1), dog (2) and gull (3), described in the statement of work, attached hereto as **Exhibit A ("Statement of Work")**. GVSU represents that it has sufficient training, expertise, and time to provide the Services and is willing to provide such Services as an independent contractor in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("**Agreement**"). For the purposes of this Agreement, GVSU and NBWW may be referred to collectively as the "**Parties**," or each a "**Party**."

The Parties agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** GVSU agrees to perform the Services set forth in the Statement of Work. GVSU will not perform any work in furtherance of such Services until Service Agreement is fully executed.

2. **Payment.** GVSU will invoice NBWW in accordance with the fee schedule and payment schedule provided in the Statement of Work. NBWW will pay invoices in U.S. dollars within thirty (30) days of receipt and in accordance with invoice instructions.

3. **Reports.** Reports will be the property of NBWW. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, NBWW grants to

GVSU the right to use such Reports for research and educational purposes, including related publication purposes, subject to Section 7. In the event that GVSU intends to publish any information contained in the Reports, GVSU will give NBWW thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such publication and will allow NBWW to review proposed publication to ensure GVSU's compliance with Section 7.

4. **Works Made for Hire.** The Parties specifically acknowledge and agree that the Services, the Model, the Reports, and any other results of the Services are considered "works for hire," as that term is defined in the Copyright Law of the United States of America and upon

NBWW's payment of GVSU in full under this Agreement shall be the sole property of NBWW (subject to GVSU limited use rights described in Section 3).

**5. Title to Equipment, Supplies, and Materials.** Title to any equipment, supplies, and materials purchased by GVSU or NBWW for use by GVSU in performing the Services shall vest with and be retained by GVSU, notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement.

**6. Independent Contractors.** GVSU and NBWW are independent contractors, neither has the right or authority to bind the other in any way, and no personnel, employees, agents, or representatives of any party shall be deemed to be employees of the other.

**7. Confidential Information.** Should it be necessary for GVSU to receive NBWW's Confidential Information ("**Confidential Information**"), NBWW agrees to mark the word "Confidential" on any such Confidential Information; or, if given orally, NBWW agrees to reduce such Confidential Information to writing and clearly mark it as "Confidential" within ten (10) days of the oral disclosure. GVSU will not disclose Confidential Information marked as provided above for a period of three (3) years from the date of disclosure unless we include a CRIIA statement where appropriate. Confidential Information does not include information that: (a) is known to the public or otherwise in the public domain at the time of disclosure; (b) becomes publicly known after disclosure by any means other than breach of this Agreement; (c) was already known to GVSU at the time of disclosure; (d) is obtained by GVSU, free of any obligations of confidentiality, from a third party who has a lawful right to disclose it; (e) is independently generated by or for GVSU without use of such Confidential Information; or (f) is required by law or court order to produce. GVSU agrees to notify NBWW before producing any documents under this provision.

**8. Representations.** Each Party represents and warrants to the other that: (a) it has the legal right and power to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder; (b) the performance of its obligations under this Agreement will not conflict with its charter documents or any agreements, contracts, or other arrangements to which it is a party; (c) it is organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction and has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement; and (d) upon execution and delivery of this Agreement, this Agreement shall constitute a valid and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms. NBWW represents that it will comply with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the jurisdiction where the Reports are used, including without limitation any export and import laws. NBWW acknowledges and agrees that (i) GVSU is an academic organization and, as such, may utilize methods that have not been accepted by standard-setting organizations or certified by government agencies; (ii) the Services are not performed under Good Laboratory Practices, as that term is defined by federal regulations; (iii) the results of the Services, including the Reports, are not to be used for clinical medicine diagnosis, treatment, or similar purposes; and (iv) if any Services involve a human subjects protocol or research animal protocol, GVSU's institutional coversheet or letter with an approval number should be provided. GVSU makes no representation that NBWW's use of the Reports will not infringe on any patent or proprietary right of any third party. GVSU MAKES NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AS TO ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE SERVICES OR THE REPORTS.

9. **Other Research and Services.** NBWW further acknowledges that GVSU has in the past performed and will in the future perform research and services for GVSU or for third parties concerning medical and scientific information and know-how in furtherance of GVSU's goals for public good, subject to the provisions of Section 7, nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of GVSU to conduct any research or to provide services of any type to any other party.

10. **Assumption of Risk.** NBWW hereby assumes any and all risk associated with (i) any documentation, records, or other materials provided by NBWW to GVSU to facilitate the performance of the Services under this Agreement ("**Research Materials**"); (ii) GVSU's use of Research Materials in the performance of Services; and (iii) use of the Reports by NBWW or any third parties.

11. **Limitation of Liability.** GVSU's total liability under this Agreement is limited to the total amounts to be paid to GVSU by NBWW in accordance with the Statement of Work. GVSU SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, OR OTHER INDIRECT DAMAGES SUFFERED BY NBWW OR ANY OTHER THIRD PARTIES AS A RESULT OF THE SERVICES OR THE REPORTS, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

12. **Term.** This Agreement shall become effective on the date indicated in Exhibit A and will remain in effect for one (1) year or until terminated in accordance with Section 13.

13. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated, in whole or in part, for any reason or for no reason, by either Party at any time upon fifteen (15) days' notice to the other Party. Additionally, GVSU may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 19. Upon termination by either Party, NBWW will compensate GVSU for (a) all work completed or in progress as of the date of termination, and

(b) any obligations incurred by GVSU as of the date of termination that cannot be revoked or cancelled as of that date.

14. **Survival.** The respective obligations of the Parties set forth in this Agreement that by their nature would continue beyond the termination of this Agreement, including but not limited to obligations concerning payment obligations, title to equipment, confidentiality, use of either Party's name, compliance with laws, and governing law, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. **Dispute Resolution.** If there is a disagreement between the Parties relating to the terms of this Agreement that is not resolved in the normal course of business, either Party may give the other Party written notice of such dispute. Within twenty (20) days after delivery of such notice and thereafter as necessary, the Parties' agents shall meet or conference to exchange relevant information and attempt in good faith to resolve such dispute. If any such dispute cannot be resolved thereby, the Parties shall, before formal legal proceedings are instituted, undertake nonbinding, voluntary, facilitative mediation under the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, before a mediator agreed upon by the Parties, to attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute, and such mediation shall be conducted at a mutually convenient site agreed upon by the Parties. The Parties agree that any dispute failing resolution in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be brought before any court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Michigan or, if the dispute includes issues reserved to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal district courts, before the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, and the Parties irrevocably agree to submit to the jurisdiction of either such court.

16. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by the other Party that arises from delay in the performance of, restriction of the Party's ability

to perform, or failure to perform the Party's obligations under this Agreement to the extent that and for so long as the delay, restriction, or failure results from any circumstance or occurrence that is beyond the reasonable control of that Party, including but not limited to acts of nature, governmental actions, war or national emergency, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, strike, lock-out or other form of industrial action other than an action relating solely to that Party's own workforce (a "**Force Majeure Event**"); provided the Force Majeure Event arises without the fault or negligence of that Party. If a Force Majeure Event affects either Party (the Party experiencing the Force Majeure Event, the "**Affected Party**"), the Affected Party shall promptly notify the other Party of the nature and extent of the Force Majeure Event. The obligations of the Affected Party shall be postponed only for so long as and to the extent necessitated by the Force Majeure Event; provided that if any Force Majeure Event continues for a period exceeding three (3) months, the other Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to the Affected Party. The Affected Party will use its commercially reasonable best efforts to avoid, remove, or lessen the effects of any Force Majeure Event on its obligations under this Agreement and to resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement as soon as possible. Nothing in this agreement will suspend or modify the obligation of either party to pay any money under this Agreement.

**17. Export Controls and Economic Sanctions.** It is GVSU policy to remain compliant at all times with all U.S. export control regulations, including but not limited to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations and Export Administration Regulations. In the event that NBWW wishes to provide export-controlled goods, software, services, or technical data to GVSU during the course of activity under this Agreement, NBWW must first notify GVSU's Office of Research Compliance

and Integrity of its intention to provide such items and indicate who at GVSU will be the intended recipient. NBWW will provide export-controlled items only after GVSU's Office of Research Compliance and Integrity has furnished written confirmation that GVSU is prepared to accept delivery of such items.

**18. Use of Party's Name.** Neither Party will use the name, symbols, marks, or logotypes of the other Party in any publicity, advertising, website, or news release without the prior written consent of the other. This restriction shall not apply to materials used solely for financing purposes, to publicly-available documents identifying the existence of this Agreement, or to regulatory filings required of either Party. NBWW will not state or imply that GVSU has tested, approved, or drawn any conclusions regarding any product, substance, or process, except as expressly set forth in the Reports.

**19. Modification; Severability; No Waiver.** No amendment or modification of any terms, provisions or conditions of this Agreement shall be binding or enforceable unless in writing and signed by both of the Parties. If any provision of this Agreement shall be rendered or deemed unenforceable, the remainder shall be enforced as fully as possible and the unenforceable provision shall be deemed modified to the limited extent necessary to permit its enforcement in a manner most closely approximating the intention of the Parties as expressed herein. If the unenforceable provision is determined by GVSU to be material to this Agreement and cannot be adequately modified to GVSU's satisfaction, GVSU may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to NBWW. No waiver by either Party of any right or remedy under this Agreement, or delay in the exercise of any such right or remedy, will constitute a waiver of any other right or remedy.

**20. Assignment.** Neither Party may assign or delegate this Agreement or any of its duties or

rights hereunder, whether voluntarily or by operation of law, without the prior written consent of the other Party. If either Party attempts to assign or delegate its duties or rights hereunder, the attempted assignment or delegation will be void and deemed to be a material breach of this Agreement.

21. **Notices.** Any notice, request, approval, consent, authorization, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement will be in writing and will be considered to have been given if either (a) delivered and receipted by express courier service, charges prepaid, or (b) sent by electronic mail, provided that there is evidence and confirmation of delivery and receipt. Any such communications shall be sent to the appropriate Party at the address indicated above.

22. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement is the entire agreement between the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof. No verbal agreement or representation between the Parties either before, during, or after the execution of this Agreement, shall affect or modify any of the terms or obligations herein. If any term or condition of the Statement of Work, or any other work or purchase order that

purports to relate to this Agreement, is inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement shall supersede such term or condition.

23. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and without the application of choice of law principles. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods will not apply to this Agreement. GVSU and NBWW irrevocably agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of state and federal courts located in the State of Michigan for the resolution of claims, disputes, and controversies under this Agreement.

24. **Counterparts; Electronic Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, which may be executed separately or simultaneously and each of which shall be deemed to be the original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Electronic signatures and electronically transmitted documents are binding.

The undersigned represent that they are duly authorized to execute this Agreement.

**GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY**

DocuSigned by:  
  
 By: 32F6087975FF4C5...  
 (Signature)

Kim Squiers

Its: Director, Office of Sponsored Programs

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NORTH BRANCH CHICAGO RIVER WATERSHED WORKGROUP**

  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

Brandon Janes  
 (Type or Print Name)

Its: NBWW President  
 (Type or Print Title)

Date: 5/13/2025

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# Exhibit A

## Statement of Work

Date: 4/29/25

Re: Scope of Work and Cost Not to Exceed

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Based on our discussion the proposed analysis plan is as follows: Four sampling events (May-September 2025) at 5 locations testing for 3 markers: human (1), dog (2) and gull (3).

This contract is not-to-exceed \$10,000. If analysis is requested above \$10,000 additional contract amendments will be required.

**Project Period:** May 01 – Dec 31, 2025

### Fee & Payment Schedule:

\$350 per sample x 22 samples = \$7,700  
GVSU administrative costs = \$2279  
Total contract amount not to exceed \$10,000

Payment is due upon completion of services.

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