

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF MADISON
AND
DEAN C. BRASSER**

This Agreement made this 6th day of July, 2010, by and between the City of Madison, a municipal corporation of Dane County, Wisconsin (hereafter, the "City") and Dean C. Brassler, a natural person (hereafter, the "Comptroller"),

WITNESSETH;

WHEREAS, Dean Brassler has held the position and performed the duties of City Comptroller since August 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retain Dean C. Brassler as an employee of the City of Madison to perform the services described herein on its sole behalf as the City Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, Dean C. Brassler represents that he possesses the necessary knowledge, skill, and experience to perform such services and is willing to perform such services as the City Comptroller, and

WHEREAS, Dean C. Brassler has been duly selected and has been confirmed for re-appointment to the position of City Comptroller by the Common Council of the City of Madison on July 6, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City has authorized the execution of the Agreement by Resolution No _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and agreements contained in this document, the receipt and sufficiency of which is mutually acknowledged, the parties do agree as follows:

I. COMPTROLLER HIRED

Dean C. Brassler is hereby hired as a non-civil service employee of the City, holding the position of City Comptroller pursuant to the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. The Comptroller shall have and exercise full authority and discretion as a Department head within the City's organizational structure and act as Appointing Authority for employees of the Comptroller's Office in accordance with all appropriate City Ordinances and Mayor's Administrative Procedure Memoranda.

II. FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPTROLLER

A. General Responsibilities:

The principal function of this position is that of the City Comptroller. This is highly responsible managerial and professional work in directing the operations, programs and staff of the City Comptroller's Office. The City Comptroller's Office is functionally responsible for City-wide financial management services to include general accounting, fiscal management, budgeting, internal audit, risk management, financial services (e.g., managing the assets and liabilities of various City funds, providing financial advisory services to enterprise operations, etc.), purchasing, payroll, (financial) economic development analysis and debt management. This work characteristically involves highly complex financial analysis and consultation at the policy level. Work is performed under the direction of the Mayor.

B. Examples of Duties and Responsibilities:

Manage the staff, programs, and functions of the City Comptroller's Office. Plan and direct overall departmental activities. Develop and implement City accounting, budgetary, financial management, and related City administration systems and programs. Review program results with staff for compliance with objectives; and approve detailed financial statements and reports. Hire, train, assign, motivate, evaluate and discipline staff.

Provide financial management services relative to the City's numerous funds. Manage the assets and liabilities of these funds. Provide financial advisory and analytic services for the City's enterprise operations and special funds. Review budgets and financial statements to identify problems and recommend remedies. Review long-range financial projections and cash forecasts. Review financial status of each fund and establish goals.

Direct the City's budgetary process. Oversee budget reviews and studies. Provide policy-level support to the Mayor's Office, Board of Estimates and Common Council in the development, analysis, and implementation of the City budget.

Provide high level economic development financial services. Develop methods and procedures for performing financial reviews of economic development projects. Prepare financial feasibility studies for T.I.F. projects and develop detailed financial plans. Prepare documents to

support debts. Review low-cost loans and other financial assistance programs. Review proposed Industrial Revenue Bond issues and report findings to Common Council.

Direct the City's audit program by identifying priorities and policy considerations. Establish audit objectives and oversee implementation through a subordinate supervisor. Review audit results. Maintain liaison with and support department heads, the Mayor's Office, and Board of Estimates relative to audit functions.

Provide managerial review and policy-level decisions regarding the City's Risk Management program. Approve insurance policies for City-wide coverage. Review and recommend annual budget for Risk Management, including amounts for premiums, Worker's Compensation, safety estimates and self-insurance retentions. Review and approve changes in policies and procedures affecting risk activities.

Provide debt management services. Review the annual borrowing requirements for the City of Madison and prepare long-term debt policies. Manage the City's debt service costs. Prepare documentation and Official Statement for City borrowing (and solicit bids accordingly).

Oversee the City's purchasing program and staff through a subordinate supervisor. Provide policy-level direction and oversight to purchasing activities and functions through the establishment of adequate procedures, and through the identification and resolution of programmatic problems.

Provide high-level consultation to the Mayor and Common Council, and on financial management issues. Prepare complex financial analysis and reports.

Perform related work as required.

- C. The Comptroller agrees to perform such functions and duties at a professional level of competence and efficiency. The Comptroller shall abide by all requirements of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and of the ordinances, resolutions, regulations, rules and practices of the City which exist at the time of execution of this Agreement or which may, hereafter, be enacted or amended by the State of Wisconsin or the City in the exercise of their lawful authority. In the event a provision of this Agreement conflicts with any City ordinance, resolution, regulation, rule or policy, the provision of the Agreement shall control, except as provided in Madison General Ordinance 3.35.

- D. The Comptroller shall devote full time to the duties and responsibilities provided herein and shall engage in no pursuit which interferes with them. The Mayor, however, may approve the Comptroller's reasonable time away from the regular duties and responsibilities provided such time is approved in advance and taken as vacation leave or absence without pay. Further, the Mayor may authorize other limited outside professional activities on City time provided that they are determined to be of benefit to the City and the Comptroller is not compensated for such activities. Nothing herein limits the Comptroller from performing outside services for compensation, provided such outside services have been approved by the Mayor, are not done on City time, and otherwise comply with City ordinances and rules.
- E. The standard City work week is 38.75 hours. However, the Comptroller shall have reasonable flexibility from this standard to accommodate additional time expended outside regular working hours required by attendance at meetings and the like. Such flexibility is not intended to provide or be used as additional vacation or other paid leave.
- F. The Comptroller shall have no right to make contracts or commitments for or on behalf of the City except as pre-authorized by statute, ordinance or express written consent of the City.
- G. The Comptroller shall continue to reside within the City of Madison for the duration of this contract.

III. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- A. The Comptroller's salary shall be based on an annualized rate of 139,391.72 and shall be paid in approximately equal biweekly payments according to regular City payroll practices. The effective date of said salary shall be August 1, 2010. Annual salary adjustments during the term of this agreement may be made at the Mayor's discretion, subject to approval of the Common Council, as provided in the City's established managerial pay plan. The Comptroller shall not be entitled to receive any additional overtime compensation, compensatory time off, or bonuses.
- B. The Comptroller shall, in addition to the compensation provided in Paragraph A above, except as otherwise set forth in the Agreement be entitled to the following benefits:
 - 1. The Comptroller shall receive the same benefits as other professional non-represented employees in Compensation Group 18 as may be provided by the Madison General Ordinances, Resolution of the Common Council, Administrative Procedure

Memoranda or other official City action subject to paragraph II. G. hereof.

2. The Comptroller shall be entitled to twenty seven (27) days of vacation in each year of this Agreement. Credited but unused vacation may be carried forward to the succeeding year. Except as otherwise provided, the Comptroller shall be paid in full for credited but unused vacation existing at the expiration of this Agreement or upon the Comptroller's retirement, when qualified for receipt of Wisconsin Retirement Fund benefits.
3. The Comptroller shall be eligible to participate at City expense in professional seminars, conferences, workshops, and related meetings consistent with the role as Comptroller and according to applicable Administrative Procedure Memoranda.
4. The Comptroller shall be eligible to participate in the City CARS Program.

IV. TERM: RENEWAL OPPORTUNITY; NON-RENEWAL

- A. This Agreement shall take effect August 1, 2010, and shall expire on July 31, 2015, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.
- B. The Mayor, in his/her sole discretion, may offer renewal of this Agreement to the Comptroller. The Mayor shall notify the Comptroller of the intent to renew the Agreement at least ninety (90) calendar days before the expiration of this Agreement. Failure to so notify the Comptroller shall extend the term of this Agreement by the time of the delay in actual notification (but in no event for more than ninety (90) days) without change in the Comptroller's anniversary date, and shall not act as a full renewal of the Agreement. Renewal of the Agreement and of its provisions shall be subject to the approval of the Common Council. In the event the Common Council does not renew this Agreement, this Agreement will remain in effect for ninety (90) days following the non-renewal action by the Common Council.
- C. The Mayor, in his/her sole discretion, may elect not to offer renewal of this Agreement to the Comptroller. In such event, the Mayor shall notify the Comptroller of the intent not to renew the contract at least ninety (90) calendar days before the expiration of this Agreement. Failure to so notify shall extend the term of this Agreement by the time of the delay in actual notification (but in no event for more than ninety (90) days) and shall not act as a renewal of the Agreement. At the expiration of the Agreement, the parties' rights, duties, responsibilities and obligations shall end. However, the Comptroller will, at the sole discretion of the Mayor, be

eligible to take a voluntary demotion into any vacant or newly created position for which the Comptroller is qualified.

- D. In the event of non-renewal of this Agreement, under either Paragraphs B or C above, the Mayor may, in his/her sole discretion, terminate this Agreement at any earlier date within ninety (90) days of the expiration of this Agreement, as determined by the Mayor. The early termination is to be accomplished by (a) notifying the Comptroller of the date of early termination, and (b) committing to buy out the balance of this Agreement in a lump sum, including salary and leave benefits (vacation, floating holiday, paid leave, sick leave) earned or to be earned through the original term of this Agreement, together with payment of the City's share of any health insurance premiums or the provision for such payment through the original term of this Agreement. The buy-out may be for the full period left on this Agreement, or any portion of the final ninety (90) days thereof. If this Agreement is terminated early through the provisions of this buy-out clause, Comptroller's employment with the City ends as of the date of early termination.

V. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The Comptroller is subject to the Mayor's supervision and is, during the term of this Agreement, subject to the Mayor's authority to impose discipline on or to discharge the Comptroller as is provided in Sec. 3.53(16) of the Madison General Ordinances, or as may be renumbered or amended hereafter. The Comptroller shall be entitled to the procedural appeal and provisions contained in such subsection or as may be provided other non-represented employees at the time of imposition of suspension or discharge.

VI. CITY OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS

The City shall provide staff, equipment, supplies and space which it deems reasonable, in its sole discretion, for the conduct of the work of the Comptroller. The City retains the sole right to determine the organizational structure and overall functioning of the Comptroller's Office.

VII. REOPENING THE AGREEMENT

Either party may request that the Agreement be reopened for re-negotiation if or when the Comptroller's duties or responsibilities change significantly. A "significant" change in the Comptroller's duties is defined as that degree of change in duties and responsibilities which would qualify a civil service position for reclassification pursuant to standard City personnel practices.

Factors which may be considered include the addition or deletion of duties, changes in Departmental/Divisional services or the addition or deletion of

programs. If there is no agreement, the original Agreement shall control and shall not be reopened. Agreement changes, if any, and any resulting reclassification of the position shall not be deemed the creation of a new position so as to require competition.

VIII. LIABILITY PROTECTION

The City shall defend and indemnify the Comptroller against and for any and all demands, claims, suits, actions and legal proceedings brought against him in his official capacity or personally for acts performed within the scope of his employment to the extent and only to the extent authorized by the Wisconsin Statutes in effect at the time of the act complained of and as may be provided by any City insurance coverage for employees at such time.

IX. DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Pursuant to Madison General Ordinance 3.35, the Comptroller shall file a Statement of Economic Interests with the City Clerk each year.

X. APPEARANCE BEFORE ANY CITY ENTITY FOLLOWING SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

The Comptroller shall be subject to the provisions of the Madison General Ordinance 3.35.

XI. DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS PROPERTY OF THE CITY

All of the documents, materials, files, reports, data and the like which the Comptroller prepares or receives while this Agreement is in effect are the sole property of the City of Madison. The Comptroller will not publish any such materials or use them for any research or publication without attribution to the City other than as work performed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

XII. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. The Comptroller may unilaterally terminate this Agreement during its term. If the Comptroller unilaterally terminates this Agreement on less than ninety (90) calendar days notice in writing to the Mayor, the Comptroller shall forfeit all rights to recover the cash equivalent of accumulated sick leave, unused vacation leave, and all other future benefits. These forfeiture provisions shall not apply if the Comptroller retires from this position (upon qualifying for receipt of benefits pursuant to the Wisconsin Retirement Fund requirements). If the City Comptroller unilaterally terminates this agreement on ninety (90) or more calendar days' notice in writing to the Mayor, the City Comptroller shall have rights to be paid the

cash equivalent of accumulated sick leave, unused vacation and all other future benefits accumulated at the time of the unilateral termination.

- B. The Comptroller's discharge (as provided for in Madison General Ordinance 3.53(16)) during the term of this Agreement shall be deemed a breach of material provision of the Agreement. In the event of a discharge or other breach of a material provision of the Agreement by the Comptroller, the Comptroller shall forfeit all compensation and benefits from the date of notification of the breach by the City. This action shall not impact the receipt of benefits earned during the total period of employment. In the event of a breach of a material provision of this Agreement by the City, the Comptroller shall notify the Mayor in writing within thirty (30) working days, which shall be followed by a meeting of the parties to resolve the alleged breach. In the event the issue is not resolved, the Comptroller may pursue contract remedies.
- C. The City retains the right, in its sole discretion, to abolish the position of City Comptroller or to reorganize as it deems in the best interest of the City. In the event the City abolishes the position of City Comptroller or reorganizes the Department/Division to the extent that the position of City Comptroller is no longer required, this Agreement shall terminate and all rights, duties and obligations of the parties shall mutually end without recourse one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after final approval of such abolishment of position or reorganization by the Common Council, except as provided in Madison General Ordinance 3.35.

XIII. NO ASSIGNMENT OR SUBCONTRACT

The Comptroller shall not assign or subcontract any interest of obligation under this Agreement.

XIV. AMENDMENT

This Agreement shall be amended only by written Addendum to Agreement of the parties approved and authorized for execution in the same fashion as this original Agreement.

XV. NO WAIVER

No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising any right, power or remedy on either party's part shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof, or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy.

XVI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

No agreements, oral or written, express or implied, have been made by either party hereto, except as expressly provided herein. All prior agreements and negotiations are superseded hereby. This Agreement and any duly executed addenda or amendments thereto constitute the entire Agreement between the parties hereto.

XVII. SEVERABILITY

In the event any provisions of this Agreement are determined by any court of law to be unconstitutional, illegal, or unenforceable, it is the intention of the parties that all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

XVIII. GOVERNING INTENT AND LAW

This Agreement shall be interpreted in the first instance in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Substitute Report of the Human Resources Committee Report approved by the Common Council on August 2, 1988 and shall be controlled, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the day and year first written above.

WITNESS:

CITY OF MADISON
A Municipal Corporation

David Cieslewicz, Mayor

Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk

Dean C. Brassler, Comptroller

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael May, City Attorney