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VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE REAL ESTATE CONTRACTUAL FORMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, WI 53705 Contact: Adam Barr (608) 266-2112 **February 9, 2022**

The following agenda describes the issues that the Council plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions and deliberations of the Council.

AGENDA

9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- Α. Adoption of Agenda (1)
- В. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2022 (2)
- C. Reminders – Scheduling Concerns
- D. Introductions, Announcements, and Recognition
- E. **Administrative Matters**
 - 1. Department, Staff and Council Updates
 - 2. Real Estate Examining Board Update
- F. Review of Real Estate Contractual Forms for Revision - Discussion and Consideration
 - WB-24 Option to Purchase (3-5)
 - WB-24 Draft (**6-14**)
- G. **Next Steps**
- **Public Comments** H.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 6, 2022 ***********************************

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VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE REAL ESTATE CONTRACTUAL FORMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2022

PRESENT: Joseph Busch (arrived at 9:50 a.m.), Debra Conrad, John Drzewiecki (arrived at

9:49 a.m.), Michael Gordon (excused at 1:00 p.m.), Cori Lamont, Sonya Mays, Kim Moermond, Laura Peck (arrived at 10:24 a.m.), Angela Rowland, Jonathan

Sayas, Pamela Widen

EXCUSED: Casey Clickner, Thomas Weber, Jr.

STAFF: Adam Barr, Executive Director; Megan Glaeser, Bureau Assistant; and other

DSPS Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Sonya Mays, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum of eight (8) members was confirmed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Michael Gordon moved, seconded by Cori Lamont, to adopt the agenda as

published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2021

MOTION: Jonathan Sayas moved, seconded by Debra Conrad, to approve the

minutes of December 8, 2021 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

(John Drzewiecki arrived at 9:49 a.m.)

(Joseph Busch arrived at 9:50 a.m.)

(Laura Peck arrived at 10:24 a.m.)

(Michael Gordon was excused at 1:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Laura Peck moved, seconded by John Drzewiecki, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

OPTION TO PURCHASE REVISIONS

To: DSPS Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Committee

From: WRA Forms Committee

Date: February 3, 2022

RE: WB-24 Option to Purchase

RECAP:

The DSPS Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Committee worked on the WB-24 and arrived at the draft accompanying this memo. That draft has also been preliminarily formatted anticipating it is almost final and there may be a need to act quickly to get this to the REEB once the Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Committee approves the form as final. The yellow highlights are the new modifications made by the DSPS Real Estate Contractual Forms Advisory Committee.

- 1. New language under Option Terms, lines 10-21, was crafted. The idea is to indicate the option fee and option extension fee are nonrefundable unless otherwise indicated. This is to take account of the fact that an option fere might be refunded if the title objections cannot be remedied. WRA Forms Committee is in agreement.
- 2. Line 86: Condition Reports. The "or"s were changes to "and"s. WRA Forms Committee is in agreement.
- 3. Lines 131-132: Should the blue highlighted language be removed? The option has been granted and the buyer is performing due diligence in order to decide if he will exercise the option. Should the seller receive copies of any reports the buyer receives? Or should this language be removed? The WRA Forms Committee is in favor of leaving this in but believes the word "promptly" should be removed.

Title evidence discussion, lines 179-240

The lines show in yellow and green highlighting on the attached draft are the proposed changes/language the DSPS Forms Council is working with. The language is also shown below. This is substantially the same as the WRA Forms Committee draft with the DSPS Forms Council modifications discussed below.

Line 190 shows the addition of "provide a recordable" conveyance as there was a question raised about who pays for recording the deed if the buyer exercises the option and closes. Also see lines 215-216. **OK**

Lines 194-211 TITLE UPON GRANTING OF OPTION

On line 205 the seller is being asked to remove the buyer's objections to title "by time of closing," not "within 15 days." See gray highlighting below.

Also, on line 206, if the buyer does not waive the title objections when the seller has provided notice they are unable to remove the title objections, the buyer "may" – not "shall" – deliver notice terminating the option. The parties are free to craft their own resolutions, use other remedies, and/or amend the option.

TITLE UPON GRANTING OF OPTION

If the box at line xxx is not checked, no title evidence shall be provided by Seller upon the granting of this Option.

- Seller shall provide title evidence to Buyer or Buyer's attorney not more than ____ days ("15" if left blank) after Seller grants this Option showing title to the Property as of a date no more than 15 days before delivery of such title evidence to be merchantable per lines xxx-xxx, subject only to liens which will be paid out of the proceeds of closing and standard title insurance requirements and exceptions. (Seller)(Buyer) [STRIKE ONE] ("Buyer" if neither is stricken) shall pay for this title evidence.
- TITLE NOT ACCEPTABLE UPON GRANTING OF OPTION: If title evidence provided by Seller after the granting of this Option is not acceptable, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of Buyer's objections to title within ___ days ("15" if left blank) after delivery of the title commitment to Buyer or Buyer's attorney. Seller shall have ___ days ("15" if left blank), from Buyer's delivery of the notice stating title objections, to deliver notice to Buyer stating Seller's election to remove the objections by time of closing. If Seller is unable to remove said objections, Buyer shall have 5 days from receipt of notice thereof to deliver written notice waiving the objections. If Buyer does not waive the objections, Buyer may deliver written notice to Seller terminating this Option and Buyer's option fee (shall)(shall not) [STRIKE ONE] be returned ("shall" if neither is stricken) to Buyer.
- <u>SELLER CHANGES PROHIBITED</u>: The Parties agree that Seller shall not rezone the Property or create any additional liens or encumbrances on title after Seller grants this Option without Buyer's prior written consent except for liens and encumbrances that will be removed at closing.

Lines 212-240 TITLE UPON EXERCISE OF OPTION

At line 230 the title commitment is delivered to buyer/buyer's attorney "not less than ___ days ("15" if left blank) after exercise of the Option" instead of "not less than 5 business days before closing." It was thought to be acceptable to receive the title evidence soon rather than waiting until right before closing as is done in residential offers. Whatever time passes between receipt of the title commitment and when the buyer closes is thought to be covered by the gap coverage. **OK**

At this point that may be new liens and encumbrances and if they cannot be satisfied then the seller is in breach of contract under the Seller Changes Prohibited provision.

Language was added at lines 226-227 saying: "any title evidence disclosed to Buyer under the provisions of lines xxx-xxx, unless otherwise agreed by parties," because the buyer should not be allowed to object to something that was disclosed in the prior title evidence delivered after the option was granted unless the parties otherwise agree in writing. You don't get 2 kicks at the cat. **OK**

New sentence at lines 237: "Buyer shall also retain all remedies for a Default, if any, by Seller under this Option as stated at lines xxx-xxx." This is intended to emphasize that the buyer may have other contract remedies or remedies at law and equity and may want to take an action other than going forward or terminating the option contract. **OK**

New sentence at lines 239-240: "Buyer may not object to title defects disclosed to Buyer in the title evidence submitted to Buyer after granting of the options if not resolved when title is submitted." This may not be needed given the language at lines 226-227. **OK** – **fine to leave it as it does no harm and helps explain.**

TITLE UPON EXERCISE OF OPTION

■ <u>TITLE EVIDENCE</u>: Seller shall give evidence of title in the form of an owner's policy of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price on a current ALTA form issued by an insurer licensed to write title

insurance in Wisconsin. Seller shall pay all costs of providing title evidence to Buyer. Buyer shall pay the costs of providing the title evidence required by Buyer's lender and recording the deed or other conveyance.

- <u>GAP ENDORSEMENT</u>: Seller shall provide a "gap" endorsement or equivalent gap coverage at (Seller's)(Buyer's) [STRIKE ONE] ("Seller's" if neither is stricken) cost to provide coverage for any liens or encumbrances first filed or recorded after the commitment date of the title insurance commitment and before the deed is recorded, subject to the title insurance policy conditions, exclusions and exceptions, provided the title company will issue the coverage. If a gap endorsement or equivalent gap coverage is not available, Buyer may give written notice that title is not acceptable for closing (see lines xxx-xxx).
- <u>DELIVERY OF MERCHANTABLE TITLE</u>: If Buyer exercises this Option, the required title insurance commitment shall be delivered to Buyer's attorney or Buyer not less than ___ days ("15" if left blank) after exercise of the Option showing title to the Property as of a date no more than 15 days before delivery of such title evidence to be merchantable per lines xxx-xxx, subject only to liens which will be paid out of the proceeds of closing, any title evidence disclosed to Buyer under the provisions of lines xxx-xxx, unless otherwise agreed by parties, and standard title insurance requirements and exceptions.
- TITLE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CLOSING: If title is not acceptable for closing, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of Buyer's objections to title by the time set for closing. Seller shall have _____ days ("15" if left blank), from Buyer's delivery of the notice stating title objections, to deliver notice to Buyer stating Seller's election to remove the objections and the time for closing shall be extended as necessary for this purpose. If Seller is unable to remove said objections, Buyer shall have 5 days from receipt of notice thereof to deliver written notice waiving the objections, and the time for closing shall be extended accordingly. If Buyer does not waive the objections, Buyer may deliver written notice to Seller terminating this Option and Buyer's option fee (shall)(shall not) [STRIKE ONE] be returned ("shall not" if neither is stricken) to Buyer.

Buyer shall also retain all remedies for a Default, if any, by Seller under this Option as stated at lines xxx-xxx.

Providing title evidence acceptable for closing does not extinguish Seller's obligations to give merchantable title to Buyer. Buyer may not object to title defects disclosed to Buyer in the title evidence submitted to Buyer after granting of the options if not resolved when title is submitted.

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WB-24 OPTION TO PURCHASE

1	LICENSEE DRAFTING THIS OPTION ON [DATE] IS (AGENT OF BUYER) (AGENT
	OF SELLER/LISTING FIRM) (AGENT OF BUYER AND SELLER) STRIKE THOSE NOT APPLICABLE
	The Seller (Optionor),, hereby grants to
4	the Buyer (Optionee),, an option to purchase (Option) the Property known as [Street Address],
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8	of, County of, Wisconsin, on the following terms:, Wisconsin, on the following terms:
9	is/are signed by all Sellers and delivered to Buyer on or before (Time is of the Essence).
	OPTION TERMS
11	■ INITIAL OPTION FEE: An option fee of \$ will be paid by Buyer to Seller within days of the later of: (i) the granting of this Option, or (ii) the deadline for execution of a lease if line xxx of this Option is checked.
12	the later of: (I) the granting of this Option, or (II) the deadline for execution of a lease if line xxx of this Option is checked. ■ EXERCISE DEADLINE: This Option may only be exercised if Buyer delivers written notice to Seller no later than
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15	■ EXERCISE: To exercise this Option, Buyer must sign and deliver (i) the notice at lines xxx-xxx, or (ii) any other written
	notice which states that Buyer exercises this Option. If the Option is exercised, \$ of the option fee
17	and \$ of the option extension fee, if any, shall be a credit against the purchase price at closing.
	■ EXTENDED OPTION TERM: The Deadline to exercise this Option shall be extended until midnight on,
	upon payment of <mark>an option extension fee of</mark> \$ to Seller on or before
20	■ OPTION FEES: Unless otherwise provided in this Option, the option fee and the option extension fee shall be nonrefundable.
	■ OPTION FEES. Offices officialise provided in this Option, the option fee and the option extension fee shall be notificial dable. CAUTION: If the option fees are to be paid into the listing firm's trust account or to a third party, specify in additional
	provisions at lines xxx-xxx or xxx-xxx or in a separate agreement attached per line xxx. An escrow agreement should
	be drafted by the Parties or an attorney.
	ITERMS OF PURCHASE If this Option is exercised per the terms of this Option, the following shall be the terms of purchase:
	■ PURCHASE PRICE: Dollars
	(\$) will be paid in cash or equivalent at closing unless otherwise agreed in writing.
	■ INCLUDED IN PURCHASE PRICE: Included in the purchase price is the Property, all Fixtures on the Property as of the date on line 1 of this Option (unless excluded at lines xx-xx), and the following additional items:
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	NOTE: The terms of this Option, not the listing contract or marketing materials, determine what items are included
	or not included.
	■ NOT INCLUDED IN PURCHASE PRICE: Not included in purchase price is Seller's personal property (unless
	included at lines xx-xx) and the following:
36	CAUTION: Identify trade fixtures owned by tenant, if applicable, and Fixtures that are on the Property (see lines
	xx-xx) to be excluded by Seller or that are rented (e.g., water softeners or other water treatment systems, LP
	tanks, etc.) and will continue to be owned by the lessor.
	■ <u>FIXTURE</u> : A "Fixture" is an item of property which is physically attached to or so closely associated with land or
	improvements so as to be treated as part of the real estate, including, without limitation, physically attached items not
	easily removable without damage to the premises, items specifically adapted to the premises and items customarily
43	treated as fixtures, including, but not limited to, all: garden bulbs; plants; shrubs and trees; screen and storm doors and
	windows; electric lighting fixtures; window shades; curtain and traverse rods; blinds and shutters; central heating and
	cooling units and attached equipment; water heaters and treatment systems; sump pumps; attached or fitted floor
	coverings; awnings; attached antennas; garage door openers and remote controls; installed security systems; central
	vacuum systems and accessories; in-ground sprinkler systems and component parts; built-in appliances; ceiling fans;
	fences; storage buildings on permanent foundations and docks/piers on permanent foundations. A "Fixture" does not
	include trade fixtures owned by tenants of the Property.
	CAUTION: Exclude any Fixtures to be retained by Seller or which are not owned by Seller, such as rented fixtures
	(e.g., water softener or other water conditioning systems, home entertainment and satellite dish components,
	L.P. tanks, etc.) on lines xx-xx. CAUTION: Consider an agreement which addresses responsibility for clearing the Property of personal property and
	debris, if applicable.
	TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE "Time is of the Essence" as to: (1) payment of option fees; (2) payment of extension fees;
	(3) Seller's grant of this Option; (4) Buyer's exercise of this Option; (5) occupancy; (6) date of closing; STRIKE AS
	APPLICABLE and all other dates and Deadlines in this Option except:
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	failure to perform by the exact date or Deadline is a breach of contract. If "Time is of the Essence" does not apply to a
60	date or Deadline, then performance within a reasonable time of the date or Deadline is allowed before a breach occurs.
61	RECORDING OF OPTION Buyer (may) (may not) STRIKE ONE record this Option at Buyer's expense.
	Buyer (may) (may not) STRIKE ONE ("may" if neither is stricken) record a separate instrument evidencing this Option at
	Buyer's expense. If recording this Option or a separate instrument evidencing this Option, the parties agree to provide the
	applicable legal description and authenticated or acknowledged signatures as may be required.
	CAUTION: Failure to record may give persons with subsequent interests in the Property priority over this Option.
	LEASED PROPERTY If Property is currently leased and lease(s) extend beyond closing, Seller shall assign Seller's rights
	under the lease(s) and transfer all security deposits and prepaid rents thereunder to Buyer at closing. The terms of the (written)
68	s (oral) STRIKE ONE lease(s), if any, are
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	Insert additional terms, if any, at lines xxx-xxx or xxx-xxx or attach as an addendum per line xxx.
71	LEASE-OPTION PROVISIONS CHECK BOX ON LINE XXX OR XXX, IF APPLICABLE:
72	Concurrent with the granting of the Option, Seller and Buyer have entered into a written lease for the Property.
73	This Option is contingent upon Seller and Buyer, within days from the granting of this Option,
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81	Buyer may not exercise this Option unless Buyer is current with all rent.
82	Any material breach of the lease by Buyer shall also constitute a default under this Option.
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84	PROPERTY CONDITION REPRESENTATIONS Seller represents to Buyer that, as of the date Seller grants this Option,
	Seller has no notice or knowledge of any Defects (lines xx-xx) other than those identified in Seller's disclosure report
	and, if applicable, Real Estate Condition Report dated, and, if
	applicable, Vacant Land Disclosure Report dated, which was/were received by Buyer prior to Buyer
	signing this Option and which is/are made a part of this Option by reference COMPLETE DATES OR STRIKE AS
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	CAUTION: Wisconsin law requires owners of property that includes one-to-four dwelling units to provide Buyers
	with a Real Estate Condition Report as provided in Wis. Stat. § 709.03. If the Property does not include any
	buildings, a Vacant Land Disclosure Report containing the disclosures provided in Wis. Stat. § 709.033 may be
	required. Excluded from these requirements are sales of property with 1-4 dwelling units that has never been
	inhabited, sales exempt from the real estate transfer fee, and sales by certain court-appointed fiduciaries, for
	example, personal representatives who have never occupied the Property. The law provides: "§ 709.02
	Disclosure the owner of the property shall furnish, not later than 10 days after acceptance of an option
	contract, to the prospective buyer of the property a completed copy of the report A prospective buyer who
100	does not receive a report within the 10 days may, within two business days after the end of that 10-day period,
101	rescind the option contract by delivering a written notice of rescission to the owner or the owner's agent."
	Buyer may also have certain rescission rights if a Real Estate Condition Report or Vacant Land Disclosure Report
103	disclosing defects is furnished before expiration of the 10 days, but after the Option is submitted to Seller. Buyer
104	should review the report form or consult with an attorney for additional information regarding rescission rights.
105	Seller agrees to notify Buyer in writing of any Defect which Seller becomes aware of after Seller's granting of, but prior to
106	Buyer's exercise of this Option, which is materially inconsistent with the above representations. For purposes of this
107	provision (lines xxx-xxx), Defect does not include structural, mechanical or other conditions of which the Buyer has actual
108	knowledge or written notice or which Buyer discovers prior to the exercise of this Option.
109	BUYER DUE DILIGENCE Prior to the granting or exercising of this Option, Buyer may wish to perform certain authorized
	inspections, investigations and testing of the Property. Buyer shall provide for any specific inspections, investigations or
	tests Buyer intends to perform as part of Buyer's due diligence items on lines xxx-xxx, xxx-xxx, or xxx-xxx or attach as an
	addendum per line xxx. In addition, Buyer may need to obtain and review documents relevant to financing approval,
	appraisals, or perform general due diligence activities for the transaction, including but not limited to: business records,
	condominium documents, maps or other information, municipal and zoning ordinances, recorded building and use
	restrictions, covenants and easements of record, as they may prohibit or restrict certain uses and improvements for the
	Property. Buyer may also need to obtain or verify certain permits, zoning variances, other governmental or private
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approvals, environmental audits and subsoil tests, required road improvements, utility hook-up and installation costs, or

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	other development related costs and fees, in order to fully determine the feasibility of any proposed or planned
	development of the Property. Seller agrees to cooperate with Buyer as necessary to complete any due diligence items or
	any authorized investigations, testing and inspections as provided for in this Option, without cost to Seller, unless
121	otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
122	INSPECTIONS AND TESTING Buyer may only conduct inspections or tests if specific authorizations are included in this
123	Option. An "inspection" is defined as an observation of the Property which does not include an appraisal or testing of the
124	Property, other than testing for leaking carbon monoxide, or testing for leaking LP gas or natural gas used as a fuel
	source, which are hereby authorized. A "test" is defined as the taking of samples of materials such as soils, water, air or
	building materials from the Property and the laboratory or other analysis of these materials. Seller agrees to allow Buyer's
	inspectors, testers, appraisers and qualified third parties reasonable access to the Property upon advance notice, if
	necessary to perform the activities authorized in this Option. Buyer or licensees or both may be present at all inspections
	and testing. Except as otherwise provided, Seller's authorization for inspections does not authorize Buyer to conduct
	testing of the Property. Buyer agrees to promptly restore the Property to its original condition after Buyer's inspections
	and testing are completed unless otherwise agreed to with Seller. Buyer agrees to promptly provide copies of all inspection
	and testing reports to Seller. Seller acknowledges that certain inspections or tests may detect environmental pollution
	which may be required to be reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
134	AUTHORIZATION FOR APPRAISAL, INSPECTIONS AND TESTS Buyer is authorized to have the Property appraised by a
135	Wisconsin licensed or certified appraiser and to conduct the following inspections and tests (see lines xxx-xxx) prior to Buyer's
136	exercise of this Option. Any inspection(s) and test(s) shall be performed by a qualified independent inspector or expert, or an
137	independent qualified third party. Inspections and testing shall be conducted pursuant to government or industry protocols and
138	standards, as applicable.
139	List inspections (e.g., home, roof, foundation, septic) here:
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	List tests (e.g., radon, lead-based paint, well water) here:
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	Describe additional inspections and tests, if any, at lines xxx-xxx or xxx-xxx or attach as an addendum per line xxx.
	NOTE: Any testing authorizations should specify the areas of the Property to be tested, the purpose of the test,
	(e.g., to determine if environmental contamination is present), any limitations on Buyer's testing and any other
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TITLE EVIDENCE

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180 CONVEYANCE OF TITLE: Upon payment of the purchase price, Seller shall convey the Property by warranty 181 deed (or condominium deed if Property is a condominium unit, trustee's deed if Seller is a trust, personal 182 representative's deed if Seller is an estate or other conveyance as provided herein), free and clear of all liens and 183 encumbrances, except: municipal and zoning ordinances and agreements entered under them, recorded easements for 184 the distribution of utility and municipal services, recorded building and use restrictions and covenants, present uses of the 185 Property in violation of the foregoing disclosed in Seller's Real Estate Condition Report and in this Option, general taxes 186 levied in the year of closing and 187

(insert other allowable exceptions from title, if any), 189 which constitutes merchantable title for purposes of this transaction. Seller, at Seller's cost, shall complete and execute 190 the documents necessary to provide a recordable conveyance and pay the Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Fee.

191 WARNING: Municipal and zoning ordinances, recorded building and use restrictions, covenants and easements 192 may prohibit certain improvements or uses and therefore should be reviewed, particularly if Buyer contemplates 193 making improvements to Property or a use other than the current use.

194 TITLE UPON GRANTING OF OPTION

195 If the box at line xxx is not checked, no title evidence shall be provided by Seller upon the granting of this Option. Seller shall provide title evidence to Buyer or Buyer's attorney not more than days ("15" if left blank) after Seller 197 grants this Option showing title to the Property as of a date no more than 15 days before delivery of such title evidence 198 to be merchantable per lines xxx-xxx, subject only to liens which will be paid out of the proceeds of closing and standard 199 title insurance requirements and exceptions. (Seller)(Buyer) [STRIKE ONE] ("Buyer" if neither is stricken) shall pay for 200 this title evidence.

- 201 TITLE NOT ACCEPTABLE UPON GRANTING OF OPTION: If title evidence provided by Seller after the granting of 202 this Option is not acceptable, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of Buyer's objections to title within days ("15" if left 203 blank) after delivery of the title commitment to Buyer or Buyer's attorney. Seller shall have ____ days ("15" if left blank), 204 from Buyer's delivery of the notice stating title objections, to deliver notice to Buyer stating Seller's election to remove the 205 objections by time of closing. If Seller is unable to remove said objections, Buyer shall have 5 days from receipt of notice 200 thereof to deliver written notice waiving the objections. If Buyer does not waive the objections, Buyer may deliver written 207 notice to Seller terminating this Option and Buyer's option fee (shall)(shall not) [STRIKE ONE] be returned ("shall" if 208 neither is stricken) to Buyer.
- 209 SELLER CHANGES PROHIBITED: The Parties agree that Seller shall not rezone the Property or create any additional 210 liens or encumbrances on title after Seller grants this Option without Buyer's prior written consent except for liens and 211 encumbrances that will be removed at closing.

212 TITLE UPON EXERCISE OF OPTION

- 213 TITLE EVIDENCE: Seller shall give evidence of title in the form of an owner's policy of title insurance in the amount 214 of the purchase price on a current ALTA form issued by an insurer licensed to write title insurance in Wisconsin. Seller 215 shall pay all costs of providing title evidence to Buyer. Buyer shall pay the costs of providing the title evidence required 216 by Buyer's lender and recording the deed or other conveyance.
- 217 GAP ENDORSEMENT: Seller shall provide a "gap" endorsement or equivalent gap coverage at (Seller's)(Buyer's) 218 STRIKE ONE] ("Seller's" if neither is stricken) cost to provide coverage for any liens or encumbrances first filed or 219 recorded after the commitment date of the title insurance commitment and before the deed is recorded, subject to the 220 title insurance policy conditions, exclusions and exceptions, provided the title company will issue the coverage. If a gap 221 endorsement or equivalent gap coverage is not available, Buyer may give written notice that title is not acceptable for 222 closing (see lines xxx-xxx).
- 223 DELIVERY OF MERCHANTABLE TITLE: If Buyer exercises this Option, the required title insurance commitment shall be delivered to Buyer's attorney or Buyer not less than __ days ("15" if left blank) after exercise of the Option 225 showing title to the Property as of a date no more than 15 days before delivery of such title evidence to be 226 merchantable per lines xxx-xxx, subject only to liens which will be paid out of the proceeds of closing, any title evidence 227 disclosed to Buyer under the provisions of lines xxx-xxx, unless otherwise agreed by parties, and standard title 228 insurance requirements and exceptions.
- 229 TITLE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CLOSING: If title is not acceptable for closing, Buyer shall notify Seller in writing of Buyer's objections to title by the time set for closing. Seller shall have ____ days ("15" if left blank), from Buyer's 231 delivery of the notice stating title objections, to deliver notice to Buyer stating Seller's election to remove the objections 232 and the time for closing shall be extended as necessary for this purpose. If Seller is unable to remove said objections, 233 Buyer shall have 5 days from receipt of notice thereof to deliver written notice waiving the objections, and the time for 234 closing shall be extended accordingly. If Buyer does not waive the objections, Buyer may deliver written notice to Seller 235 terminating this Option and Buyer's option fee (shall)(shall not) [STRIKE ONE] be returned ("shall not" if neither is 236 stricken) to Buyer.

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237 Buyer shall also retain all remedies for a Default, if any, by Seller under this Option as stated at lines xxx-xxx.

238 Providing title evidence acceptable for closing does not extinguish Seller's obligations to give merchantable title to

Buyer. Buyer may not object to title defects disclosed to Buyer in the title evidence submitted to Buyer after granting of the options if not resolved when title is submitted.

■ SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS/OTHER EXPENSES: Special assessments, if any, levied or for work actually commenced prior to the date this Option is exercised shall be paid by Seller no later than closing. All other special assessments shall be paid by Buyer. "Levied" means the local municipal governing body has adopted and published a final resolution describing the planned improvements and the assessment of benefits.

245 CAUTION: Consider a special agreement if area assessments, property owners association assessments, special 246 charges for current services under Wis. Stat. § 66.0627 or other expenses are contemplated. "Other expenses" 247 are one-time charges or ongoing use fees for public improvements (other than those resulting in special 248 assessments) relating to curb, gutter, street, sidewalk, municipal water, sanitary and storm water and storm 249 sewer (including all sewer mains and hook-up/connection and interceptor charges), parks, street lighting and 250 street trees, and impact fees for other public facilities, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 66.0617(1)(f).

1 DEFINITIONS

- 252 <u>ACTUAL RECEIPT</u>: "Actual Receipt" means that a Party, not the Party's recipient for delivery, if any, has the document 253 or written notice physically in the Party's possession, regardless of the method of delivery. If the document or written 254 notice is electronically delivered, Actual Receipt shall occur when the Party opens the electronic transmission.
- <u>BUSINESS DAY</u>: "Business Day" means a calendar day other than Saturday, Sunday, any legal public holiday under Wisconsin or Federal law, and any other day designated by the President such that the postal service does not receive registered mail or make regular deliveries on that day.
- DEADLINES: "Deadlines" expressed as a number of "days" from an event, such as acceptance, are calculated by excluding the day the event occurred and by counting subsequent calendar days. The Deadline expires at Midnight on the last day. Additionally, Deadlines expressed as a specific number of Business Days are calculated in the same manner except that only Business Days are counted while other days are excluded. Deadlines expressed as a specific number of "hours" from the occurrence of an event, such as receipt of a notice, are calculated from the exact time of the event, and by counting 24 hours per calendar day. Deadlines expressed as a specific day of the calendar year or as the day of a specific event, such as closing, expire at Midnight of that day. "Midnight" is defined as 11:59 p.m. Central Time.
- DEFECT: "Defect" means a condition that would have a significant adverse effect on the value of the Property; that would significantly impair the health or safety of future occupants of the Property; or that if not repaired, removed or replaced would significantly shorten or adversely affect the expected normal life of the premises or adversely affect the use of the Property.
- 269 FIRM: "Firm" means a licensed sole proprietor broker or a licensed broker business entity.
- 270 PARTY: "Party" means the Buyer or the Seller; "Parties" refers to both Buyer and Seller.
- 271 PROPERTY: Unless otherwise stated, "Property" means the real estate described at lines x-x.
- INCLUSION OF OPTIONAL PROVISIONS Terms of this Offer that are preceded by an OPEN BOX () are part of this Offer ONLY if the box is marked such as with an "X". They are not part of this offer if marked "N/A" or are left blank.
- PROPERTY DIMENSIONS AND SURVEYS Buyer acknowledges that any land, building or room dimensions, or total acreage or building square footage figures, provided to Buyer by Seller or by a broker, may be approximate because of rounding, formulas used or other reasons, unless verified by survey or other means.
- 277 CAUTION: Buyer should verify total square footage formula, total square footage/acreage figures, and land, 278 building or room dimensions, if material.
- BUYER'S WALK-THROUGHS Within 3 days of the earlier of: (i) the Deadline for Buyer's exercise of this Option; or (ii) the Buyer's exercise of this Option; and again within 3 days prior to closing, at a reasonable time pre-approved by Seller or Seller's agent, Buyer shall have the right to walk through the Property to determine that there has been no significant change in the condition of the Property, except for ordinary wear and tear and changes agreed upon by the Parties, and that any Defects Seller has agreed to cure have been repaired in the manner agreed to by the Parties.
- MAINTENANCE Seller shall maintain the Property and all personal property included in the purchase price until the east earlier of closing or Buyer's occupancy, in materially the same condition it was in as of the date Buyer exercises this Option, except for ordinary wear and tear and changes agreed upon by Parties.
- PROPERTY DAMAGE BETWEEN EXERCISE OF OPTION AND CLOSING
 If, prior to closing, the Property is damaged
 in an amount of not more than five percent of the purchase price, other than normal wear and tear, Seller shall promptly
 notify Buyer in writing, and will be obligated to and restore the Property to materially the same condition that it was on the
 day this Option was exercised. Seller shall provide Buyer with copies of all required permits and lien waivers for the
 lienable repairs no later than closing. If the amount of damage exceeds five percent of the purchase price, Seller shall
 promptly notify Buyer in writing of the damage and this Option may be canceled at the option of Buyer. Should Buyer elect
 to carry out this Option despite such damage, Buyer shall be entitled to the insurance proceeds, if any, relating to the
 damage to the Property, plus a credit towards the purchase price equal to the amount of Seller's deductible on such
 policy, if any. However, if this sale is financed by a land contract or a mortgage to Seller, any insurance proceeds shall
 he held in trust for the sole purpose of restoring the Property.

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DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION Buyer and Seller authorize the agents of Buyer and Seller to: (i) distribute copies of the Option to Buyer's lender, appraisers, title insurance companies and any other settlement service providers for the transaction as defined by the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA); (ii) report sales and financing concession data to multiple listing service sold databases; (iii) provide active listing, pending sale, closed sale and financing concession information and data, and related information regarding seller contributions, incentives or assistance, and third party gifts, to appraisers researching comparable sales, market conditions and listings, upon inquiry; and (iv) distribute copies of this Offer to the seller, or seller's agent, of another property that Seller intends on purchasing.

OCCUPANCY Occupancy of the entire Property shall be given to Buyer at time of closing unless otherwise provided in this Option at lines xxx-xxx or xxx-xxx or in an addendum attached per line xxx. At time of Buyer's occupancy, Property shall be in broom swept condition and free of all debris and personal property except for personal property belonging to current tenants, or that sold to Buyer or left with Buyer's consent. Occupancy shall be given subject to tenant's rights, if any.

DEFAULT Seller and Buyer each have the legal duty to use good faith and due diligence in completing the terms and conditions of this Option. A material failure to perform any obligation under this Option is a default which may subject the defaulting party to liability for damages or other legal remedies.

If Buyer defaults, Seller may:

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- (1) sue for specific performance if Buyer has exercised this Option; or
- (2) terminate the Option and may sue for actual damages.

If Seller defaults, Buyer may:

- (1) sue for specific performance; or
- (2) terminate the Option and may sue for actual damages.

In addition, the Parties may seek any other remedies available in law or equity.

The Parties understand that the availability of any judicial remedy will depend upon the circumstances of the situation and the discretion of the courts. If either Party defaults, the Parties may renegotiate the Option or seek nonjudicial dispute resolution instead of the remedies outlined above. By agreeing to binding arbitration, the Parties may lose the right to litigate in a court of law those disputes covered by the arbitration agreement.

323 NOTE: IF ACCEPTED, THIS OPTION CAN CREATE A LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE CONTRACT. BOTH PARTIES 324 SHOULD READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. BROKERS MAY PROVIDE A GENERAL EXPLANATION OF THE 325 PROVISIONS OF THE OPTION BUT ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM GIVING ADVICE OR OPINIONS 326 CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS UNDER THIS OPTION OR HOW TITLE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT CLOSING. 327 AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IF LEGAL ADVICE IS NEEDED.

ENTIRE CONTRACT This Option, including any amendments to it, contains the entire agreement of the Buyer and Seller regarding the transaction. All prior negotiations and discussions have been merged into this Option. This agreement binds and inures to the benefit of the Parties to this Option and their successors in interest.

1 CONDOMINIUM UNITS

332 CAUTION: If this Option involves a condominium unit, Buyer should obtain and review the condominium 333 disclosure documents before entering into this Option. See lines (xxx-xxx).

334 If the Property is a residential condominium unit, Seller must comply with the following:

- CONDOMINIUM DISCLOSURE MATERIALS: Seller agrees to deliver to Buyer, within 10 days of Buyer exercising this Option, current and accurate copies of the condominium disclosure materials required by Wis. Stat. § 703.33. The condominium disclosure materials include a copy of the following and any amendments to any of these [except as may be limited for small condominiums with no more than 12 units per Wis. Stat. § 703.365(1)(b) and (8)]: (a) proposed or existing declaration, bylaws and any rules or regulations, and an index of the contents; (b) proposed or existing articles of incorporation of the association, if it is or is to be incorporated; (c) proposed or existing management contract, employment contract or other contract affecting the use, maintenance or access of all or part of the condominium; (d) projected annual operating budget for the condominium including reasonable details concerning the estimated monthly apayments by the purchaser for assessments and other monthly charges; (e) leases to which unit owners or the association will be a party; (f) general description of any contemplated expansion of condominium including each stage of expansion and the maximum number of units that can be added to the condominium; (g) unit floor plan showing location of common delements and other facilities available to unit owners; (h) the executive summary.
- <u>BUYER RESCISSION RIGHTS</u>: As provided in Wis. Stat. § 703.33(4)(a), Buyer may, within 5 business days after receipt of all the required disclosure documents or following notice of any material changes in the required disclosure documents, rescind this Option by written notice delivered to Seller. If the disclosure materials are delivered to Buyer and disclosure materials are delivered to Buyer and disclosure materials, either rescind the Option or request any missing documents. Seller has 5 business days after receipt of Buyer's request for missing documents to deliver the requested documents. Buyer may rescind the sale within 5 business days after the earlier of Buyer's receipt of requested missing documents or the deadline for Seller's delivery of the documents [Wis. Stat. § 703.33(4)(b)]. Any document delivered to Buyer may not be changed or amended following delivery if the change or amendment would materially affect the rights of Buyer without first obtaining approval of Buyer.

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The Parties agree that the 5 business days begin upon the earlier of: (1) Buyer's Actual Receipt of the disclosure materials, requested missing documents or material changes or (2) upon the deadline for Seller's delivery of the disclosure materials or the requested missing documents.

360 NOTE: BUYER SHOULD READ ALL DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY. LICENSEES MAY PROVIDE A GENERAL 361 EXPLANATION OF THE DOCUMENTS BUT ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM GIVING LEGAL ADVICE OR 362 OPINIONS.

CONTINGENCY FOR ADDITIONAL CONDOMINIUM INFORMATION: This Offer is contingent upon Seller delivering to Buyer, at Seller's expense, within 10 days of Buyer exercising this Option the information listed below that exists as of the date on line 1 of this Option:

- ♦ The Condominium Association's financial statements for the 2 two years.
- The minutes of the last 3 Unit owners' meetings.
- The minutes of Condominium board meetings during the 12 months prior to acceptance of this Offer.
- Information about contemplated or pending Condominium special assessments.
- The Association's certificate of insurance.
- A statement from the Association indicating the balance of reserve accounts controlled by the Association.
- Any Common Element inspection reports (e.g. roof, swimming pool, elevator and parking garage inspections, etc.) held by the Association.
 - ♦ Information regarding any pending litigation involving the Association.
 - ◆ The Declaration, bylaws, budget and/or most recent financial statement of any master association or Additional Association the Unit may be part of.

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NOTE: Because not all of the listed materials may exist or be available from the Condominium Association, Seller may wish to verify availability prior to Seller's granting of this Option.

BUYER RESCISSION RIGHTS: Buyer may, within 5 business days after receipt of all the listed materials rescind this Option by written notice delivered to Seller. If the materials are delivered to Buyer and Buyer does not receive all of the listed materials, Buyer may, within 5 business days after Buyer's receipt of the materials, either rescind the Option or request any missing materials in writing. Seller has 5 business days after receipt of Buyer's request for missing listed materials to deliver the requested materials. Buyer may rescind the sale within 5 business days after the earlier of Buyer's receipt of requested missing materials or the deadline for Seller's delivery of the materials.

The Parties agree that the 5 business days begin upon the earlier of: (1) Buyer's Actual Receipt of the listed materials or requested missing materials or (2) upon the deadline for Seller's delivery of the listed materials or requested missing materials.

390 ■ OPTION FEES NOT A DEPOSIT: The Parties agree that if this Option is for a residential condominium unit, the option fee 391 and any option extension fee are not deposits subject to return under Wis. Stat. § 703.33(4)(c).

NOTICE ABOUT SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY You may obtain information about the sex offender registry and persons registered with the registry by contacting the Wisconsin Department of Corrections on the Internet at http://www.doc.wi.gov or by telephone at (608) 240-5830.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN REAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (FIRPTA)
Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC)
provides that a transferee (Buyer) of a United States real property interest must pay or withhold as a tax up to 15% of the
total "Amount Realized" in the sale if the transferor (Seller) is a "Foreign Person" and no exception from FIRPTA
withholding applies. A "Foreign Person" is a nonresident alien individual, foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign
trust, or foreign estate. The "Amount Realized" is the sum of the cash paid, the fair market value of other property
transferred, and the amount of any liability assumed by Buyer.

401 CAUTION: Under this law if Seller is a Foreign Person, and Buyer does not pay or withhold the tax amount, Buyer 402 may be held directly liable by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for the unpaid tax and a tax lien may be placed 403 upon the Property.

404 Seller hereby represents that Seller is a non-Foreign Person, unless (1) Seller represents Seller is a Foreign Person in a 405 condition report incorporated in this Offer per lines 105-108, or (2) no later than 10 days after acceptance, Seller delivers 406 notice to Buyer that Seller is a Foreign Person, in which cases the provisions on lines 530-532 apply.

407 **IF SELLER IS A NON-FOREIGN PERSON.** Seller shall, no later than closing, execute and deliver to Buyer, or a qualified substitute (attorney or title company as stated in IRC § 1445), a sworn certification under penalties of perjury of Seller's non-foreign status in accordance with IRC § 1445. If Seller fails to timely deliver certification of Seller's non-foreign status, Buyer shall: (1) withhold the amount required to be withheld pursuant to IRC § 1445; or, (2) declare Seller in default of this Offer and proceed under lines 494-501.

412 **IF SELLER IS A FOREIGN PERSON.** If Seller has represented that Seller is a Foreign Person, Buyer shall withhold the 413 amount required to be withheld pursuant to IRC § 1445 at closing unless the Parties have amended this Offer regarding 414 amounts to be withheld, any withholding exemption to be applied, or other resolution of this provision.

415 **COMPLIANCE WITH FIRPTA.** Buyer and Seller shall complete, execute, and deliver, on or before closing, any 416 instrument, affidavit, or statement needed to comply with FIRPTA, including withholding forms. If withholding is required 417 under IRC § 1445, and the net proceeds due Seller are not sufficient to satisfy the withholding required in this transaction,

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	Seller shall deliver to Buyer, at closing, the additional funds necessary to satisfy the applicable withholding requirement
	Seller also shall pay to Buyer an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for actual costs associated with the filing and administration
	of forms,
	affidavits, and certificates necessary for FIRPTA withholding and any withholding agent fees. Any representations made by Seller with respect to FIRPTA shall survive the closing and delivery of the deed.
	Firms, Agents, and Title Companies are not responsible for determining FIRPTA status or whether any FIRPTA exemption
	applies. The Parties are advised to consult with their respective independent legal counsel and tax advisors regarding
	FIRPTA.
426	DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS AND WRITTEN NOTICES Unless otherwise stated in this Option, delivery of documents and
	written notices to a Party shall be effective only when accomplished by one of the authorized methods specified at lines xxx
	xxx.
429	(1) Personal: giving the document or written notice personally to the Party, or the Party's recipient for delivery if named at line
	xxx or xxx.
	Name of Seller's recipient for delivery, if any:
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	commercial delivery service, addressed either to the Party, or to the Party's recipient for delivery, for delivery to the Party's address at line xxx or xxx.
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	(5) Email: electronically transmitting the document or written notice to the email address.
	Email Address for Seller:
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445	PERSONAL DELIVERY/ACTUAL RECEIPT Personal delivery to, or Actual Receipt by, any named Buyer or Seller
	constitutes personal delivery to, or Actual Receipt by, all Buyers or Sellers. ADDENDA: The attached
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484	This Option was drafted by [Licensee and Firm]
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495	Seller Entity Name (if any):
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498	Seller's/Authorized Signature ▲ Print Name/Title Here ► Date ▲
	This Option was presented to Seller by [Licensee and Firm]
	on at a.m./p.m.
504	This Option is rejected This Option is countered Seller Initials ▲ Date ▲ Seller Initials ▲ Date ▲ Seller Initials ▲ Date ▲ NOTE: Parties wishing to counter this Option should draft a new Option (WB-24) or draft a Counter-Offer (WB-44) to reference this Option.
	NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF OPTION By signing below and delivering this notice (see lines xx-xx) to Seller, Buyer hereby exercises this Option to Purchase.
508	Buyer Entity Name (if any):
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