

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND   §

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES  
BULLHEAD BAYOU OVERFLOW CONTROL STUDY/CONCEPT DESIGN**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between Fort Bend County, (hereinafter "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (hereinafter "Consultant"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Consultant provide certain professional consulting services including but not limited to conducting a hydraulic study to evaluate the overflow from the Brazos River into Bullhead Bayou and the SH 99/US 90A interchange, and provide recommendations to reducing flooding at the interchange, (hereinafter "Services"); and

WHEREAS, County has determined that this Agreement is for personal or professional services and therefore exempt from competitive bidding under Chapter 262 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it is qualified and desires to perform such services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

**Section 1. Scope of Services**

Consultant shall render Services to County as defined in the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2. Personnel**

2.1 Consultant represents that it presently has, or is able to obtain, adequate qualified personnel in its employment for the timely performance of the Scope of Services required under this Agreement and that Consultant shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel, in the opinion of County, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays.

2.2 All employees of Consultant shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Consultant who, in the opinion of County, is incompetent or by his conduct becomes detrimental to the project shall, upon request of County, immediately be removed from association with the project.

### **Section 3. Compensation and Payment**

3.1 Consultant's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A. County agrees to pay Consultant an amount not to exceed eighty-five thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$85,300.00) for the performance of the Basic Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A. Further, County agrees to pay Consultant an additional amount not to exceed forty-two thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$42,000.00) for the Additional Services, as determined necessary and authorized in writing by the County Engineer. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is one hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$127,300.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without an amendment executed by the parties.

3.2 All performance of the Scope of Services by Consultant including any changes in the Scope of Services and revision of work satisfactorily performed will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by County.

3.3 County will pay Consultant based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Consultant shall submit to County staff person designated by the County Engineer, one (1) electronic (pdf) copy of the invoice showing the amounts due for services performed in a form acceptable to County. County shall review such invoices and approve them within thirty (30) calendar days with such modifications as are consistent with this Agreement and forward same to the Auditor for processing. County shall pay each such approved invoice within thirty (30) calendar days. County reserves the right to withhold payment pending verification of satisfactory work performed.

### **Section 4. Limit of Appropriation**

4.1 Consultant clearly understands and agrees, such understanding and agreement being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that County shall have available the total maximum sum of one hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$127,300.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Consultant does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Consultant may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Consultant shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed one hundred twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$127,300.00).

**Section 5. Time of Performance**

Time for performance of the Scope of Services under this Agreement shall begin with receipt of the Notice to Proceed and end no later than July 31, 2019. Consultant shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Services, within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County.

**Section 6. Modifications and Waivers**

6.1 The parties may not amend or waive this Agreement, except by a written agreement executed by both parties.

6.2 No failure or delay in exercising any right or remedy or requiring the satisfaction of any condition under this Agreement, and no course of dealing between the parties, operates as a waiver or estoppel of any right, remedy, or condition.

6.3 The rights and remedies of the parties set forth in this Agreement are not exclusive of, but are cumulative to, any rights or remedies now or subsequently existing at law, in equity, or by statute.

**Section 7. Termination**

7.1 Termination for Convenience – County may terminate this Agreement at any time upon forty-eight (48) hours written notice.

7.2 Termination for Default

7.2.1 County may terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement for cause in the following circumstances:

7.2.1.1 If Consultant fails to perform services within the time specified in the Scope of Services or any extension thereof granted by the County in writing;

7.2.1.2 If Consultant materially breaches any of the covenants or terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement or fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in any of these circumstances does not cure such breach or failure to County's reasonable satisfaction within a period of ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice from County specifying such breach or failure.

7.2.2 If, after termination, it is determined for any reason whatsoever that Consultant was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of the County in accordance with Section 7.1 above.

7.3 Upon termination of this Agreement, County shall compensate Consultant in accordance with Section 3, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to County. Consultant's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by County in the same manner set forth in Section 3 above.

7.4 If County terminates this Agreement as provided in this Section, no fees of any type, other than fees due and payable at the Termination Date, shall thereafter be paid to Consultant.

#### **Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents**

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Consultant as a part of its work under this Agreement, shall become the property of County upon completion of this Agreement, or in the event of termination or cancellation thereof, at the time of payment under Section 3 for work performed. Consultant shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

#### **Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records**

Consultant will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Consultant for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services at mutually convenient times. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Consultant shall bear no liability or responsibility for deliverables that have been modified post-delivery or used for a purpose other than that for which they were prepared under this Agreement.

#### **Section 10. Insurance**

10.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Consultant shall furnish County with properly executed certificates of insurance which shall evidence all insurance required and provide that such insurance shall not be canceled, except on 30 days' prior written notice to County. Consultant shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Consultant shall maintain such insurance coverage from the time Services commence until Services are completed and provide replacement certificates, policies and/or endorsements for any such insurance expiring prior to completion of Services. Consultant shall obtain such insurance written on an Occurrence form (or a Claims Made form for Professional Liability insurance) from such companies having Best's rating of A/VII or better, licensed or approved to transact business in the State of Texas, and shall obtain such insurance of the following types and minimum limits:

10.1.1 Workers' Compensation insurance. Substitutes to genuine Workers' Compensation Insurance will not be allowed. Employers' Liability insurance with limits of not

less than \$1,000,000 per injury by accident, \$1,000,000 per injury by disease, and \$1,000,000 per bodily injury by disease.

10.1.2 Commercial general liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the annual aggregate. Policy shall cover liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage and products/completed operations arising out of the business operations of the policyholder.

10.1.3 Business Automobile Liability insurance with a combined Bodily Injury/Property Damage limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall cover liability arising from the operation of licensed vehicles by policyholder.

10.1.4 Professional Liability insurance may be made on a Claims Made form with limits not less than \$1,000,000.

10.2 County and the members of Commissioners Court shall be included as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Consultant shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of County and members of Commissioners Court.

10.3 If required coverage is written on a claims-made basis, Consultant warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of the contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of 2 years beginning from the time that work under the Agreement is completed.

#### **Section 11. Indemnity**

**CONSULTANT SHALL INDEMNIFY COUNTY AGAINST ALL LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONSULTANT, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONSULTANT OR ANY OF CONSULTANT'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

#### **Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information**

12.1 Consultant acknowledges that it and its employees or agents may, in the course of performing their responsibilities under this Agreement, be exposed to or acquire information that is confidential to County. Any and all information of any form obtained by Consultant or its employees or agents from County in the performance of this Agreement shall be deemed to be confidential information of County ("Confidential Information"). Any reports or other documents or items (including software) that result from the use of the Confidential Information by Consultant shall be treated with respect to confidentiality in the same manner as the Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall be deemed not

to include information that (a) is or becomes (other than by disclosure by Consultant) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Consultant's possession without the obligation of nondisclosure prior to the time of its disclosure under this Agreement; or (c) is independently developed by employees or agents of Consultant who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

12.2 Consultant agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Consultant uses in maintaining the confidentiality of its own confidential information, and not to copy, reproduce, sell, assign, license, market, transfer or otherwise dispose of, give, or disclose Confidential Information to third parties or use Confidential Information for any purposes whatsoever other than the provision of Services to County hereunder, and to advise each of its employees and agents of their obligations to keep Confidential Information confidential. Consultant shall use its best efforts to assist County in identifying and preventing any unauthorized use or disclosure of any Confidential Information. Without limitation of the foregoing, Consultant shall advise County immediately in the event Consultant learns or has reason to believe that any person who has had access to Confidential Information has violated or intends to violate the terms of this Agreement and Consultant will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Consultant against any such person. Consultant agrees that, except as directed by County, Consultant will not at any time during or after the term of this Agreement disclose, directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any person, and that upon termination of this Agreement or at County's request, Consultant will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Consultant's possession which embody Confidential Information.

12.3 Consultant acknowledges that a breach of this Section, including disclosure of any Confidential Information, or disclosure of other information that, at law or in equity, ought to remain confidential, will give rise to irreparable injury to County that is inadequately compensable in damages. Accordingly, County may seek and obtain injunctive relief against the breach or threatened breach of the foregoing undertakings, in addition to any other legal remedies that may be available. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of the legitimate business interest of County and are reasonable in scope and content.

12.4 Consultant in providing all services hereunder agrees to abide by the provisions of any applicable Federal or State Data Privacy Act.

12.5 Consultant expressly acknowledges that County is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended, and notwithstanding any provision in the Agreement to the contrary, County will make any information related to the Agreement, or otherwise, available to third parties in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. Any proprietary or confidential information marked as such provided to County by Consultant shall not be disclosed to any third party, except as directed by the Texas Attorney

General in response to a request for such under the Texas Public Information Act, which provides for notice to the owner of such marked information and the opportunity for the owner of such information to notify the Attorney General of the reasons why such information should not be disclosed.

**Section 13. Independent Contractor**

13.1 In the performance of work or services hereunder, Consultant shall be deemed an independent contractor, and any of its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers performing work required hereunder shall be deemed solely as employees of Consultant or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

13.2 Consultant and its agents, employees, officers, or volunteers shall not, by performing work pursuant to this Agreement, be deemed to be employees, agents, or servants of County and shall not be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of County employment.

**Section 14. Notices**

14.1 Each party giving any notice or making any request, demand, or other communication (each, a "Notice") pursuant to this Agreement shall do so in writing and shall use one of the following methods of delivery, each of which, for purposes of this Agreement, is a writing: personal delivery, registered or certified mail (in each case, return receipt requested and postage prepaid), or nationally recognized overnight courier (with all fees prepaid).

14.2 Each party giving a Notice shall address the Notice to the receiving party at the address listed below or to another address designated by a party in a Notice pursuant to this Section:

County:	Fort Bend County Engineering Department Attn: County Engineer 301 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469
With a copy to:	Fort Bend County Attn: County Judge 401 Jackson Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Richmond, Texas 77469
Consultant:	AECOM Technical Services, Inc. Attn: Ross M. Gordon 19219 Katy Freeway, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77094

14.3 A Notice is effective only if the party giving or making the Notice has complied with subsections 14.1 and 14.2 and if the addressee has received the Notice. A Notice is deemed received as follows:

14.3.1 If the Notice is delivered in person, or sent by registered or certified mail or a nationally recognized overnight courier, upon receipt as indicated by the date on the signed receipt.

14.3.2 If the addressee rejects or otherwise refuses to accept the Notice, or if the Notice cannot be delivered because of a change in address for which no Notice was given, then upon the rejection, refusal, or inability to deliver.

**Section 15. Compliance with Laws**

Consultant shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, licensing laws and regulations. When required by County, Consultant shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

**Section 16. Standard of Care**

Consultant represents to County that Consultant has the skill and knowledge ordinarily possessed by members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area and Consultant will apply that skill and knowledge with care and diligence so that the Services provided hereunder will be performed and delivered in accordance with the prevailing professional standards.

**Section 17. Assignment**

17.1 Neither party may assign any of its rights under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other party. That party shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. All assignments of rights are prohibited under this subsection, whether they are voluntarily or involuntarily, by merger, consolidation, dissolution, operation of law, or any other manner.

17.2 Neither party may delegate any performance under this Agreement.

17.3 Any purported assignment of rights or delegation of performance in violation of this Section is void.

**Section 18. Applicable Law**

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

**Section 19. Successors and Assigns**

County and Consultant bind themselves and their successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators and assigns of the other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

**Section 20. Third Party Beneficiaries**

This Agreement does not confer any enforceable rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties.

**Section 21. Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in full force, if the essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

**Section 22. Publicity**

Contact with citizens of Fort Bend County, media outlets, or governmental agencies shall be the sole responsibility of County. Under no circumstances whatsoever, shall Consultant release any material or information developed or received in the performance of the Services hereunder without the express written permission of County, except where required to do so by law.

**Section 23. Captions**

The section captions used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

**Section 24. Conflict**

In the event there is a conflict between this Agreement and the attached exhibits, this Agreement controls.

**Section 25. Certain State Law Requirements for Contracts**

25.1 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel Chapter 2270 Texas Government Code: By signature below, Consultant verifies Consultant does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement.


25.2 Texas Government Code Section 2251.152 Acknowledgment: By signature below, Consultant represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Consultant is not listed on the website of the Comptroller of the State of Texas concerning the listing of companies that are identified under Section 806.051, Section 807.051 or Section 2253.153.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed or have caused their respective names to be signed to multiple counterparts to be effective on the date signed by the last party hereto.

FORT BEND COUNTY

AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

  
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Ross M. Gordon, Associate Vice President

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Date


September 6, 2018

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Date

ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Richard W. Stolleis, P.E., County Engineer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Marcus D. Spencer, First Assistant County Attorney

#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish and pay the obligation of Fort Bend County under this contract.

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Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

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# EXHIBIT A

## Bullhead Bayou Overflow Control Study / Concept Design

### Project Overview:

AECOM Technical Services, Inc. will conduct a hydraulic study to evaluate the overflow from the Brazos River into Bullhead Bayou and the SH 99 and US 90A interchange. This study will establish a consensus water surface elevation to be used to support development of conceptual improvement alternatives to prevent overflow from entering the depressed section at the SH 99 and US 90A interchange. It is anticipated that the improvement alternatives will interface with other improvements being considered by the County, TxDOT and other entities in the vicinity of the interchange. A final report shall be approved prior to December 31, 2018.

### Basic Services Scope of Work (Fixed Fee):

1. Provide general project management including client coordination and invoicing.
2. Oversee limited field survey to be conducted under separate contract to obtain supplemental survey info along US-90A and SH-99 in the vicinity of the interchange.
3. Obtain all available hydraulic models for the Brazos River and Bullhead Bayou in this area, including Costello's SWMM model, FNI's HEC-RAS model, Jones & Carter HEC-RAS model, and BRA/Halff's HEC-RAS model. This includes collection of previous surveys and concept designs collected/prepared by LID 7 related to potential improvements along US-90A. Review and compare models and results.
4. Incorporate a 2-dimensional domain between the Brazos River and Bullhead Bayou into the BRA/Halff HEC-RAS model. The 2D model domain is anticipated to extend from northwest of Richmond to Ditch H. The following storm events will be analyzed; the 1% AEP (100-year) and Hurricane Harvey. Hydrology from the BRA/Halff model will be used.
5. Compare model results to previous efforts, and perform limited calibration efforts.
6. Establish consensus 100-year water surface elevation (WSE) to be used for the design of overflow control alternatives. Required freeboard will be coordinated with the County and other stakeholders.
7. Develop up to three conceptual overflow control alternatives. Alternatives are anticipated to include berms at different locations, and corresponding control structures. Prepare plan view schematic and typical sections for preferred alternative.
8. Incorporate the preferred conceptual alternative into the 2D HEC-RAS model to assess performance / impact. Consider and model other projects under development by Fort Bend County which may impact project hydraulics in the area of interest.
9. Develop an order of magnitude cost estimate for each of the identified alternatives.
10. Prepare brief report summarizing analyses conducted, reviewing the benefits and challenges of potential alternatives, and providing a recommended alternative. This includes one draft for County review, and a final submittal addressing any comments.

**Additional Services (Specified Rate)**

1. Coordination and meetings with FBC and TxDOT to obtain consensus and approval of recommended alternative to prevent inflows into the SH 99 and US 90A interchange.
2. Coordination and meetings with FBC and LID 7 regarding how best to integrate the proposed County improvements with LID 7 plans for enclosing the north side of New Territory.
3. Coordination and meetings with the Union Pacific railroad to discuss potential improvements in the vicinity of the railroad right-of-way.
4. If necessary, update recommended alternative and revise concept designs and cost estimates.

**Compensation:**

**Basic Services**

Task No.	Task Name	Labor Subtotal	Avg. Bill Rate	Subtotal
		(hrs)	(\$)	(cost)
1	Project Management	30	\$173	\$5,200
2	Oversee Limited Field Survey	10	\$170	\$1,700
3	Review of Existing Brazos River Models	56	\$146	\$8,200
4	Develop Existing Conditions 2D Model	180	\$141	\$25,400
5	Compare Results / Perform Calibration	50	\$132	\$6,600
6	Determine Design Elevation	12	\$208	\$2,500
7	Develop up to 3 Conceptual Alternatives	134	\$124	\$16,600
8	H&H Modeling of Preferred Alternative	32	\$141	\$4,500
9	Cost Estimating	38	\$137	\$5,200
10	Report Preparation	69	\$129	\$8,900
ODCs				\$500
<b>Totals</b>		<b>611</b>	<b>\$140</b>	<b>\$85,300</b>

**Additional Services**

Task No.	Task Name	Not-to-Exceed Total
1	Hydraulic Analysis of Additional Alternatives	\$4,000
2	Develop Plan View Schematics for Additional Alternatives	\$16,000
3	TxDOT Coordination	\$5,000
4	LID 7 Coordination	\$5,000
5	UPRR Coordination	\$2,000
6	Design Revisions	\$10,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$42,000</b>