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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES DELINEATION**

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 Geotech Engineering and Testing, (hereinafter "Contractor"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Contractor provide professional engineering services for a wetlands and water bodies delineation to determine the location and extent of wetlands and water bodies occurring within an approximate 0.21 of an acre tract of County land related to the Owens Road (John Sharp Drive) Segment 2 – Project No. 17407 under the 2017 Mobility Bond Program (hereinafter "Services") pursuant to SOQ 14-025; and

WHEREAS, County has determined Contractor is the most highly qualified provider of the desired Services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications, and County and Contractor have negotiated to reach a fair and reasonable amount of compensation for the provision of such Services, as required under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Contractor 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

Contractor shall render the professional engineering services as described in Contractor's Proposal No. P19-152 dated August 8, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. Personnel

2.1 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of Contractor 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 Contractor's fees shall be calculated at the rates set forth in the attached Exhibit A. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars and no/100 (\$9,930.00) as set forth in Exhibit A. In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without a written agreement executed by the parties.

3.2 All performance of the Scope of Services by Contractor 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 Contractor based on the following procedures: Upon completion of the tasks identified in the Scope of Services, Contractor 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 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 Contractor 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 nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars and no/100 (\$9,930.00) specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities County may incur.

4.2 Contractor does further understand and agree, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to and the total maximum sum that County may become liable to pay to Contractor shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed nine thousand nine hundred thirty dollars and no/100 (\$9,930.00).

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 December 31, 2020. Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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. Contractor'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 Contractor.

Section 8. Ownership and Reuse of Documents

All documents, data, reports, research, graphic presentation materials, etc., developed by Contractor 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. Contractor shall promptly furnish all such data and material to County on request.

Section 9. Inspection of Books and Records

Contractor will permit County, or any duly authorized agent of County, to inspect and examine the books and records of Contractor for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed under the Scope of Services. County's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

Section 10. Insurance

10.1 Prior to commencement of the Services, Contractor 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. Contractor shall provide certified copies of insurance endorsements and/or policies if requested by County. Contractor 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. Contractor 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 named as additional insured to all required coverage except for Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability. All Liability policies including Workers' Compensation written on behalf of Contractor 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, Contractor 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

CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY AGAINST LOSSES, LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, AND CAUSES OF ACTION, INCLUDING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY'S REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES IN PROPORTION TO CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY, ARISING FROM ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR, ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES, PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THAT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACT, INTENTIONAL TORT, ERROR, OR OMISSION OF CONTRACTOR OR ANY OF CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, SERVANTS OR EMPLOYEES.

Section 12. Confidential and Proprietary Information

12.1 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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 Contractor) publicly known or is contained in a publicly available document; (b) is rightfully in Contractor'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 Contractor who can be shown to have had no access to the Confidential Information.

12.2 Contractor agrees to hold Confidential Information in strict confidence, using at least the same degree of care that Contractor 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. Contractor 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, Contractor shall advise County

immediately in the event Contractor 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 Contractor will at its expense cooperate with County in seeking injunctive or other equitable relief in the name of County or Contractor against any such person. Contractor agrees that, except as directed by County, Contractor 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, Contractor will promptly turn over to County all documents, papers, and other matter in Contractor's possession which embody Confidential Information.

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

12.5 Contractor 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, Contractor 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 contractor or, where permitted, of its subcontractors.

13.2 Contractor 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 st Floor Richmond, Texas 77469
Contractor:	Geotech Engineering and Testing Attn: David A. Eastwood, P.E., C.A.P.M., Principal Engineer 17407 US Highway 59 North Houston, Texas 77396

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

Contractor 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, Contractor shall furnish County with certification of compliance with said laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and decrees above specified.

Section 16. Standard of Care

Contractor represents shall perform the Services to be provided under this Agreement with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license. Further, Contractor shall perform the Services as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer.

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 Contractor 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 Contractor 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, Contractor verifies that if Contractor employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, Contractor 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, Contractor represents pursuant to Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, that Contractor 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.


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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

GEOTECH ENGINEERING AND TESTING

KP George, County Judge



David A. Eastwood, P.E., C.A.P.M.,
Principal Engineer

Date

9/4/19

Date

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk

APPROVED:



J. Stacy Slawinski, P.E., County Engineer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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.

Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

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EXHIBIT A



GEOTECH ENGINEERING and TESTING

Geotechnical, Environmental, Construction Materials, and Forensic Engineering



ACCREDITED
CERTIFICATE #0075-01
#0075-02

By E-mail and Regular Mail

LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77042

Attention: Mr. Robert Barnett, P.E.
Vice President

Proposal No. P19-152
August 8, 2019
Tel.: 713-953-5248
E-mail: rbarnett@lja.com

**PROPOSAL FOR
WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES DELINEATION
0.21-ACRE TRACT
OWENS ROAD SEG. 2 #17407
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS**

Gentlemen:

Geotech Engineering and Testing (GET) is pleased to submit this proposal to LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc. (LJA) for the above-referenced services.

Background

The site encompasses about 0.21 acres of an ephemeral creek located within the boundary for the proposed Owens Road expansion project, based on information presented in a February 11, 2019 Bio-West report provided to GET.

Scope of Work

The purpose of the wetlands and water bodies delineation is to determine the location and extent of wetlands and water bodies occurring within the Site, as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This includes navigable waters, tributaries to navigable waters, intermittent streams, and adjacent wetlands. The Corps of Engineers has been assigned jurisdiction over the aforementioned waters and, as such, has permitting authority for dredge or fill operations occurring in these waters. The purpose of the delineation is to establish the extent to which these features may interfere with the development of the Site. GET will conduct the Wetlands and Water Bodies Delineation in accordance with the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region (Version 2.0).

Wetland and water body boundary conditions will be surveyed using a sub-meter horizontal resolution GPS unit. We will obtain photographic documentation of field conditions and will record field observations on Corps-formatted data sheets that describe the soil, vegetation, and hydrologic conditions within wetlands and adjacent uplands. The data will be collated to develop boundary maps. Detailed drawings showing delineation boundaries and calculated acreages will be developed. The boundaries of any water bodies or drainage features encountered within the Site will be determined by evaluating the Ordinary High-Water Marks (OHWMs).

Upon completion of information gathering and interpretation of the applicable data, WA will prepare a report stating the findings of the wetlands and water bodies delineation. Included in the report will be documents required by the Corps, such as wetland datasheets, wetlands and water bodies boundary conditions, calculated acreages, and GPS coordinate data.

Schedule

We propose to complete the work within five weeks of authorization and notice to proceed.

Limitations

The scope of work and schedule are contingent upon the following assumptions:

- GET will have necessary access to the Site seven days per week.
- The Client will provide GET with Site plans, previous environmental reports, and/or other pertinent information regarding the Site.
- Routine emails and phone calls are included in the base price. Supplemental work on an as-needed basis, such as conference calls, meetings, negotiations with third parties, preparation of special exhibits, and the like, will be billed in accordance with the attached fee schedule.
- A stream condition assessment using the Galveston Corps district's stream tools is not included but could be conducted under a separate proposal and fee.

Cost Estimate

Based on the scope of work outlined above, we estimate the cost for our engineering services to be \$9,930. Our cost estimate includes one draft and one final report copy. Additional report copies will be provided for additional charges. We will also provide a PDF copy of the report on a CD. It should be noted that all regulatory agency records will be provided in a CD as an Appendix in our report. We will not be copying the Regulatory Agency Records.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to being of service to you on this project. Formal acceptance of this proposal can be acknowledged by signing below and returning one copy for our files.

Very truly yours,

GEOTECH ENGINEERING AND TESTING



David A. Eastwood, P.E., C.A.P.M.
Principal Engineer

ACCEPTED BY: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Enclosures: General Conditions

Copies Submitted: (1) LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc. – Mr. Robert Barnett, P.E.
(1) DAE

GENERAL CONDITIONS

PAYMENT TERMS - The entire payment is due upon receipt of our invoice. Any retainers are for the sole purpose of the securing part of the expenses. Upon completion of the project, any overpayment will be issued back to client, including the retainer paid (if applicable). If payment is not received within ten (10) days from the invoice date, Client agrees to pay a finance charge on the principal amount of the past due account of one and one-half percent per month (18% per annum). If one and one-half percent per month exceeds the maximum allowed by law, the charge shall automatically be reduced to the maximum legally allowable. Reasonable attorney fees, David Eastwood's hourly charges spent on collections, or any other cost incurred in collecting delinquent counts will be charged to the client. All sums are due and payable in Harris County, Texas. In the event of any dispute concerning this contract, venue for such dispute shall be in the County and State of GET's principal office location, Harris County, Texas, and shall be determined by binding arbitration conducted by the American Arbitration Association, if and only if, the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional limits of the Small Claims Courts of Harris County, Texas. All disputes not exceeding the Small Claims Court's jurisdictional limit shall be litigated in the Small Claims Courts Precinct 2, located at 101 S. Richey, Suite B, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas 77506. By signing this document, the client agrees this will be the venue for the litigation and it will override any other venues.

In the event Client requests termination of the services prior to completion, a termination charge in an amount equal to all charges incurred through the date services are stopped plus any shutdown costs may, at the discretion of GEOTECH ENGINEERING AND TESTING ("GET"), be made. If during the execution of the services, GET is required to stop operations as a result of changes in the scope of services, such as requests by the Client or requirements of third parties, additional charges will be applicable.

INSURANCE - GET maintains Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance in conformance with applicable state law. In addition, we maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and Automobile Liability Insurance with bodily injury and property damage. A certificate of insurance can be supplied evidencing such coverage upon written request. The certificate contains a clause providing fifteen days written notice is given prior to cancellation by the Insurer. Cost of providing such certificate is included in our quoted fees.

STANDARD OF CARE - The only warranty or guarantee made by GET in connection with the services requested or performed hereunder is that we will use that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised under similar conditions by reputable members of our profession practicing in the same or similar locality. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made or intended by our proposal for consulting services or by our furnishing oral or written reports.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY - Client agrees that GET's liability for any damage on account of any error, omission or other professional negligence will be limited to a sum not to exceed GET's fee. If Client prefers to have higher limits on professional liability, GET agrees to increase the limits up to a maximum of \$250,000 (Annual claims made) upon Client's written request at the time of accepting our proposal provided that Client agrees to pay an additional consideration of five percent of our total fee, or \$100.00, whichever is greater. The additional charge for the higher liability limits is because of the greater risk assumed and is not strictly a charge for additional professional liability insurance.

SAMPLING OR TESTING LOCATION - The fees included in this proposal do not include costs associated with surveying of the site or the accurate horizontal and vertical locations of tests. Field tests or boring locations described in GET's report, or shown on sketches, are based on specific information furnished by others or estimates made in the field by our technicians. Such dimensions, depths, or elevations should be considered as approximations unless otherwise specified in our report.

RIGHT-OF-ENTRY - Unless otherwise agreed, Client will furnish right-of-entry on the property for GET to make the planned borings, surveys, tests, and/or explorations. We will take reasonable precautions to minimize damage to the property caused by our operations, but have not included in our fee the cost of restoration of damage which may result. If client desires restoration of the property to its former condition, an additional fee will be required and notice of such desire must be provided in writing to GET, prior to our completion of services under this contract.

DAMAGE TO EXISTING MAN-MADE OBJECTS - It shall be the responsibility of the Client or his duly authorized representative, to disclose the presence and accurate location of all hidden or obscure man-made objects on the property where the field tests or boring will be performed. GET's field personnel are trained to recognize clearly identifiable stakes or markings in the field, and without special written instructions, to initiate field testing, drilling and/or sampling within a reasonable distance of each designated location. If GET is cautioned, advised, or given data, in writing, revealing the presence or potential presence of underground or overground obstructions, such as utilities, GET will give special instructions to its field personnel. As evidenced by Client's acceptance of this proposal, Client agrees to indemnify and hold GET harmless from all claims, suits, losses, personal injury, death and property liability resulting from unusual subsurface conditions or damages to subsurface structures, owned by Client or third parties, occurring in the performance of the proposed services, whose presence and exact locations were not revealed to GET in writing, or to reimburse GET for expenses incurred defending any such claims or suits, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

SAMPLE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT - Unless otherwise requested, test specimens or samples will be disposed of immediately upon completion of tests. Drilling samples or other specimens will be disposed of 14 days after submission of our report. Upon written request, GET will retain test specimens or drilling samples for a specified period of time, to be determined at the time of the writing. An acceptable storage charge will be determined prior to such storage.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS - All documents, including, but not limited to, drawings, specifications, reports, boring logs, field notes, laboratory data, calculations and estimates, prepared by GET as instruments of service pursuant to this Agreement, shall be the sole property of GET. Client agrees that all documents of any nature furnished to Client or Client's agents or designees, if not paid for, will be returned upon demand and will not be used by Client for any purpose whatsoever. Client further agrees that under no circumstances shall any documents produced by GET, pursuant to this Agreement be used at any location or for any project not expressly provided for in this Agreement without the written permission of GET. At the request and expense of Client, GET will provide copies of documents created in the performance of the work for a period not exceeding five years following submission of the report contemplated by this Agreement.

SAFETY - Should GET provide periodic observations or monitoring services at the job site during construction, Client agrees that, in accordance with generally accepted construction practices, the contractor will be solely and completely responsible for working conditions on the job site, including safety of all persons and property during the performance of the work and compliance with OSHA regulations, and that these requirements will apply continuously and not be limited to normal working hours. Any monitoring of the contractor's procedures conducted by GET is not intended to include review of the adequacy of the contractor's safety measures in, on, adjacent to, or near the construction site.

SITE VISIT - Client agrees that GET will not be expected to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections but that periodic observations appropriate to the construction stage shall be performed. It is further agreed that GET will not assume responsibility for the contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, and it is understood that field services provided by GET will not relieve the contractor of his responsibilities for performing the work in accordance with the plans and specifications. The words "supervision", "inspection", or "control" are used to mean periodic observation of the work and the conducting of tests by GET to verify substantial compliance with the plans, specifications and design concepts. Continuous inspections by our employees do not mean that GET is observing placement of all materials. Full-time inspections mean that an employee of GET has been assigned for eight-hour days during regular business hours. Any alteration of plans, including but not limited to; alteration of blueprints, specifications, recommendations, etc. by the Client or a third party, shall relieve GET of all liability for damages incurred, directly or indirectly, from such changes.

Initial _____