

ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority, a transportation corporation organized and operating under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter called the "FBCTRA" and Blackline Engineering, LLC, hereinafter called "Engineer."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the FBCTRA proposes to construct a right-of-way delineation fence and landscape improvements along Fort Bend Parkway south of Chasewood Drive (Project Number: 101.1047 (FCP47), in Fort Bend County, Texas, (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the FBCTRA desires to enter into an agreement with Engineer for the performance of services during the Project, that are within the scope of services in Attachment A ("Scope of Services");

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

AGREEMENT

1. General

The Engineer shall render professional services to FBCTRA related to the Project as defined in the Scope of Services in Attachment A.

The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Engineer under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of Engineer's profession practicing under similar conditions at the same time and in the same locality.

2. Compensation and Payment

- a. The Maximum Compensation under this Agreement is \$29,090.00. The amount paid under this Agreement may not exceed the Maximum Compensation without an approved supplemental agreement.

Compensation for the performance of services within the Scope of Services described in Attachment A will be paid as a lump sum amount not to exceed \$29,090.00, as shown in Attachment B. Progress payments for work detailed in Attachment A will be made when the Engineer has attained a level of completion equal to or greater than agreed upon milestones of completion in the reasonable opinion of FBCTRA.

Compensation for services described in Attachment A ("Scope of Services") will be paid per the rates described in Attachment B ("Compensation for Scope of Services") only for work authorized in writing prior to being performed and only for such work as was actually performed.

The Engineer shall furnish satisfactory documentation of such work (e.g. timesheets, billing rates, classifications, invoices, etc.) as may be required by FBCTRA.

- b. All performance of the Scope of Services and any services outside the Scope of Services ("Additional Services"), including changes in the contractual scope of work and revision of work satisfactorily performed, will be performed only when approved in advance and authorized by the FBCTRA, and Additional Services will be reimbursed based on the billing rates in effect at that time, to the extent that such labor costs and subcontracts are reasonable and necessary for the performance of such services. Out-of-pocket expense costs may be reimbursed only when approved in advance and authorized by the FBCTRA. Payment will be made on the basis of project progress to be billed monthly, and, for Additional Services, on the basis of time and expense records, and, in all cases, in accordance with those payment procedures set forth in subsection d. below. Billing rates will be inclusive of all direct labor, fringe benefits, general overhead, and profit.
- c. Where subcontractors are employed by the Engineer to perform pre-approved and pre-authorized Additional Services, the Engineer will be reimbursed for subcontractors' actual salaries and hourly rates, including overtime rates. Reimbursement to the subcontractor for non-salary costs incurred by subcontractor will be on the same basis as if the cost was incurred by the Engineer. For subcontractors employed for the convenience of the FBCTRA, the Engineer will be paid a subcontract administrative fee equal to ten percent (10%) of all subcontractor invoiced amounts.
- d. It is understood and agreed that monthly payments will be made to the Engineer by the FBCTRA based on the following procedures: On or about the fifteenth day of each month during the performance of services hereunder and on or about the fifteenth day of the month following completion of all services hereunder, the Engineer shall submit to the FBCTRA two (2) copies of invoices showing the amounts due for services performed during the previous month, set forth separately for work under this Agreement and for any Additional Services (accompanied by supporting certified time and expense records of such charges in a form acceptable to the FBCTRA). It is specifically understood that any requests for travel reimbursements shall comply with those procedures for travel reimbursement to Fort Bend County (the "County") employees established by the Fort Bend County Auditor (the "Auditor"). The FBCTRA 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. The County shall pay each such invoice as approved by the FBCTRA within thirty (30) calendar days after the FBCTRA's approval of same.

3. Time of Performance

The Engineer shall begin work upon receipt of Notice to Proceed and complete their services within 60 calendar days. The Engineer shall make every effort to expedite all phases of the provided services.

This Agreement will terminate upon the Engineer's completion of the Scope of Services to the satisfaction of the FBCTRA.

4. The FBCTRA's Option to Terminate

- a. The FBCTRA has the right to terminate this Agreement at its sole option at any time, with or without cause, by providing 30 days written notice of such intentions to terminate and by stating in said notice the "Termination Date" which shall be less than 30 days later than the actual receipt of such written notice by the Engineer. Upon such termination, the FBCTRA shall compensate the Engineer in accordance with Section 2, above, for those services which were provided under this Agreement prior to its termination and which have not been previously invoiced to the FBCTRA. The Engineer's final invoice for said services will be presented to and paid by the FBCTRA in the same manner set forth in Section 2(d), above.
- b. Termination of this Agreement and payment as described in subsection (a) of this section shall extinguish all rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities of the FBCTRA and the Engineer under this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect, provided, however, such termination shall not act to release the Engineer from liability for any previous default either under this Agreement or under any standard of conduct set by common law or statute. The obligations in Sections 5, 6, and 14 of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- c. If the FBCTRA 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 the Engineer.
- d. The FBCTRA's rights and options to terminate this Agreement, as provided in any provision of this Agreement shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any and all rights, actions, and privileges otherwise available under law or equity to the FBCTRA by virtue of this Agreement or otherwise. Failure of the FBCTRA to exercise any of its said rights, actions, options, or privileges to terminate this Agreement as provided in any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights, actions, or privileges otherwise available under the law or equity with respect to any continuing or subsequent breaches of this Agreement or of any other standard of conduct set by common law or statute.
- e. Copies of all completed and partially completed documents prepared under this Agreement shall be delivered to the FBCTRA within 30 days of the Termination Date or upon Engineer's receipt of fees due and payable at the Termination Date, whichever is sooner, when and if this Agreement is terminated.

5. Inspection of the Engineer's Books and Records

Upon written notice (including email), the Engineer will permit the FBCTRA, or any duly authorized agent of the FBCTRA, to inspect and examine the books and records of the Engineer, at reasonable times during normal business hours, for the purpose of verifying the amount of work performed on the Project. FBCTRA's right to inspect survives the termination of this Agreement for a period of four years.

6. Ownership and Reuse of Documents

Upon payment in full for undisputed amounts of Engineer's services, all documents, including original drawings, estimates, specifications, field notes, and data created, produced, developed or prepared by Engineer or its approved outside advisory or support consultants (collectively, the "Documents") shall be the property of the FBCTRA, subject to all of the following terms and conditions; provided, however, FBCTRA shall not own and shall have no right to receive any documents not deemed "final" by the Engineer until completion or termination of this Agreement, as applicable. Engineer will deliver the Documents to FBCTRA within 30 days of the completion or termination of this Agreement and may retain a set of reproducible record copies of the Documents, provided that the Engineer has received full compensation due pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. It is mutually agreed that FBCTRA will use the Documents solely in connection with the Project and for no other purposes, except with the express written consent of the Engineer, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any use of the Documents without the express written consent of the Engineer will be at FBCTRA's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer.

FBCTRA shall also be the owner of all intellectual property rights of the services rendered hereunder, including all rights of copyright therein. It is the intention of Engineer and FBCTRA that the services provided are a "work for hire" as the term is used in the federal Copyright Act. Moreover, Engineer hereby agrees to assign, and by these presents, does assign to FBCTRA, all of Engineer's worldwide right, title, and interest in and to such work product and all rights of copyright therein.

Engineer agrees that all trademarks, trade names, service marks, logos, or copyrighted materials of FBCTRA that Engineer is permitted to use in connection with the services will not be used without FBCTRA's consent and shall remain the sole and exclusive properties of FBCTRA, and this Agreement does not confer upon Engineer any right or interest therein or in the use thereof.

7. Personnel, Equipment, and Material

- a. The Engineer 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 the Engineer shall furnish and maintain, at its own expense, adequate and sufficient personnel and equipment, in the opinion of the FBCTRA, to perform the Scope of Services when and as required and without delays. It is understood that the FBCTRA will approve assignment and release of all key Engineer personnel and that the Engineer shall submit written notification of all key Engineer personnel changes for the FBCTRA's approval prior to the implementation of such changes. For the purpose of this Agreement, key Engineer personnel are defined as: Project Manager. Services described in this Agreement shall be performed under the direction of a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer.
- b. All employees of the Engineer shall have such knowledge and experience as will enable them to perform the duties assigned to them. Any employee of the Engineer who, in the opinion of the FBCTRA, is incompetent, or, by his conduct, becomes detrimental

to the Project, shall, upon request of the FBCTRA, immediately be removed from association with the Project.

- c. Except as otherwise specified, the Engineer shall furnish all equipment, transportation, supplies, and materials required for its operation under this Agreement.

8. Items to be furnished to Engineer by the FBCTRA

As applicable, the following items will be supplied to the Engineer:

- a. Copies of preliminary studies by others.
- b. Assistance in coordination with all utility companies.
- c. Assistance in coordination with all public and governmental entities.

9. Subletting

The Engineer shall not sublet, assign, or transfer any part of its rights or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written approval of the FBCTRA. Responsibility to the FBCTRA for sublet work shall remain with the Engineer.

10. Conference

At the request of the FBCTRA, the Engineer shall provide appropriate personnel for conferences at its offices, or attend conferences at the various offices of the FBCTRA, or at the site of the Project, and shall permit inspections of its offices by the FBCTRA, or others when requested by the FBCTRA.

11. Appearance as Witness

If requested by the FBCTRA, or on its behalf, the Engineer shall prepare such engineering exhibits and plans as may be requested for all hearings and trials related to the Project and, further, it shall prepare for and appear at conferences at the office of the FBCTRA and shall furnish competent expert engineering witnesses to provide such oral testimony and to introduce such demonstrative evidence as may be needed throughout all trials and hearings with reference to any litigation relating to the Project. Trial preparation and appearance by the Engineer in courts regarding litigation matters are Additional Services and compensation will be paid in accordance with Section 2(b).

12. Compliance with Laws

The Engineer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and to the extent that the Engineer has received reasonable notice, as provided by or through FBCTRA, 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, the Engineer

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

13. Insurance

The Engineer shall furnish certificates of insurance to FBCTRA evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements hereof. Certificates shall indicate name of the Engineer, name of insurance company, policy number, term of coverage and limits of coverage. The Engineer shall cause its insurance companies to provide FBCTRA with at least 30 days prior written notice of any cancellation or non renewal of the insurance coverage required under this Agreement. The Engineer shall obtain such insurance from such companies having a Bests rating of B+/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:

TYPE OF INSURANCE	MINIMUM LIMITS
I. Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence \$4,000,000 General Aggregate
II. Professional Liability	\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence \$2,000,000 General Aggregate

The FBCTRA shall be named as additional insureds to all Commercial General Liability coverages required above. All policies written on behalf of the Engineer shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the FBCTRA.

14. Indemnification

With respect to claims brought by third parties against either Engineer or the FBCTRA relating to the property or facilities with respect to which this Agreement pertains, Engineer and the FBCTRA agree as follows:

- a. **ENGINEER WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE FBCTRA, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST ANY CLAIMS, DEMANDS OR CAUSES OF ACTION; AND COSTS, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, EXPENSES AND JUDGMENTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS, BROUGHT BY ANY OF ENGINEER'S EMPLOYEES OR REPRESENTATIVES, OR BY ANY OTHER THIRD PARTY, BASED UPON, IN CONNECTION WITH, RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THE NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF ENGINEER; HOWEVER, ENGINEER'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF INDEMNIFICATION SHALL NOT EXTEND TO THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF THE FBCTRA OR STRICT LIABILITY IMPOSED UPON THE FBCTRA AS A MATTER OF LAW (INCLUDING STRICT LIABILITY IMPOSED UPON THE FBCTRA AS A RESULT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY OR FACILITIES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS AGREEMENT PERTAINS).**

- b. In the event that both the FBCTRA and Engineer are adjudicated negligent or otherwise at fault or strictly liable without fault with respect to damage or injuries sustained by the claimant, each shall be responsible for its own costs of litigation and pro rata share of damages as determined by the proceedings.

It is a condition precedent to the indemnitor's contractual obligation of indemnification under this Agreement that the party seeking indemnity shall provide written notice of a third party claim, demand, or cause of action within 30 days after such third party claim, demand, or cause of action is received by the party seeking indemnity. It is a further condition precedent to the indemnitor's contractual obligation of indemnification under this Agreement that the indemnitor shall thereafter have the right to participate in the investigation, defense, and resolution of such third party claim.

15. Dispute Resolution

Except as expressly provided in Section 4. The FBCTRA's Option to Terminate, if a dispute arises out of, or relates to, the breach thereof, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, then the FBCTRA and the Engineer agree to submit the dispute to mediation. In the event the FBCTRA or the Engineer desires to mediate any dispute, that party shall notify the other party in writing of the dispute desired to be mediated. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences within 10 days of the receipt of such notice, such dispute shall be submitted for mediation in accordance with the procedures and rules of the American Arbitration Association (or any successor organization) then in effect. The deadline for submitting the dispute to mediation can be changed if the parties mutually agree in writing to extend the time between receipt of notice and submission to mediation. The expenses of the mediator shall be shared 50 percent by the FBCTRA and 50 percent by the Engineer. This requirement to seek mediation shall be a condition required before filing an action at law or in equity.

16. Delivery of Notices, Etc.

- a. All written notices, demands, and other papers or documents to be delivered to the FBCTRA under this Agreement, shall be delivered to the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority, 1950 Lockwood Bypass, Richmond, Texas 77469, Attention: Mike Stone, or at such other place or places as it may from time to time designate by written notice delivered to the Engineer. For purposes of notice under this Agreement, a copy of any notice or communication hereunder shall also be forwarded to the following address: Fort Bend County Clerk, 301 Jackson Street, Richmond, Texas 77469, Attention: County Judge.
- b. All written notices, demands, and other papers or documents to be delivered to the Engineer under this Agreement shall be delivered to Blackline Engineering, LLC, 1616 S. Voss, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77057, Attention: Juliana F. Bihlet, PE, CFM, or such other place or places as the Engineer may designate by written notice delivered to the FBCTRA.

17. Reports of Accidents, Etc.

Within 24 hours after the occurrence of any accident or other event which results in, or might result in, injury to the person or property of any third person (other than an employee of the Engineer), whether or not it results from or involves any action or failure to act by the Engineer or any employee or agent of the Engineer and which arises in any manner from the performance of this Agreement, the Engineer shall send a written report of such accident or other event to the FBCTRA, setting forth a full and concise statement of the facts pertaining thereto. The Engineer shall also immediately send the FBCTRA a copy of any summons, subpoena, notice, other documents served upon the Engineer, its agents, employees, or representatives, or received by it or them, in connection with any matter before any court arising in any manner from the Engineer's performance of work under this Agreement.

18. The FBCTRA's Acts

Anything to be done under this Agreement by the FBCTRA may be done by such persons, corporations, or firms as the FBCTRA may designate.

19. Limitations

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all covenants and obligations of the FBCTRA under this Agreement shall be deemed to be valid covenants and obligations only to extent authorized by the Act creating the FBCTRA and permitted by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Texas. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and no officer, director, or employee of the FBCTRA shall have any personal obligation hereunder.

20. Captions Not a Part Hereof

The captions of subtitle of the several sections and divisions of this Agreement constitute no part of the content hereof, but are only labels to assist in locating and reading the provisions hereof.

21. Controlling Law, Venue

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all disputes arising hereunder and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere.

22. Successors and Assigns

The FBCTRA and the Engineer 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.

23. Appendices

The Appendices attached to this Agreement, which consists of:

Attachment A Scope of Services

Attachment B Compensation for Scope of Services

24. Statutory Terms Applicable To State Political Subdivisions

- a. As required by Chapter 2270, Government Code, Engineer hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, “boycott Israel” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.
- b. Prior to execution of this Agreement by FBCTRA, the Engineer will be required to submit a Texas Ethics Commission Form 1295. Please see this website for details related to this disclosure:
https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm
- c. Engineer certifies and agrees that it is not identified on a list prepared and maintained under Sections 806.051, 807.051 or 2252.153, Texas Government Code.
- d. In accordance with Section 176.0065, Texas Local Government Code, a list of local government officers of FBCTRA may be obtained by contacting the FBCTRA’s records administrator at (281) 500-6050.

[Signatures Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in multiple copies, each of equal dignity, as of the date set forth on the first page hereof.

FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

By: Mike Stone

Print Name: Mike Stone

Title: Chief Operating Officer

BLACKLINE ENGINEERING, LLC

By: Juliana Bihlet

Print Name: Juliana Bihlet, PE, CFM

Title: Principal

EFFECTIVE DATE

THIS AGREEMENT IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE IT IS APPROVED BY THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, AND IF NOT SO APPROVED SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

DATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT APPROVAL: _____

AGENDA ITEM NO.: _____

EXHIBIT A
Scope of Services

Blackline Engineering, LLC will provide the services specifically set forth below.

Blackline Engineering Services

- a. Meeting with Client to establish scope of services
- b. Observation of existing conditions
- c. Identification of any significant considerations for the Project
- d. Review of proposed site plan to determine any necessary adjustments necessary for the feasibility
- e. Construction plans will include the following:
 - Cover Sheet
 - Quantity Summary
 - Typical Section
 - Overall Sheet
 - Fence Layout Sheets
 - Privacy Wall elevation detail
 - Erosion Control Plan
 - Landscape Plan
 - Erosion Control Details
 - Fence Details
 - Landscape Details
- f. Address comments from reviewing agencies and parties/entities involved with review and approval of the project. If BLACKLINE is unable to obtain approval of the plans due to recording of easements, subordinates, payment of taxes, special non-standard features requested by the Client or other factors beyond BLACKLINE's control, then the plans shall be deemed completed.
- g. Delivery of completed and approved plans to the Client in digital format.

EXHIBIT B
Compensation for Scope of Services

LEVEL OF EFFORT
FBCTRA
ROW ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

	PRINCIPAL	PROJECT	GRADUATE	CAD	ADMIN/	TOTAL
	RATE \$	MANAGER	ENGINEER	TECH	CLERICAL	
	\$ 220.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	
PROJECT MANAGEMENT						
Field Trips	0	3	3	0	0	\$ 930.00
Cost Estimate Preparation	1	5	10	0	0	\$ 2,420.00
Bid Preparation and Administration	4	20	40	0	0	\$ 9,680.00
Project Administration	1	4	0	0	4	\$ 1,300.00
SUB-TOTAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT	6	32	53	0	4	\$ 14,330.00
OVERALL PLANSHEET & DETAILS						
Cover Sheet	0	0	0	8	0	\$ 720.00
General Notes	0	0	0	8	0	\$ 720.00
Typical Sections	1	1	10	24	0	\$ 3,860.00
Overalls	1	1	10	24	0	\$ 3,860.00
SWPPP	1	2	0	8	0	\$ 1,300.00
Details	0	0	1	8	0	\$ 850.00
SUB-TOTAL OVERALL PLANSHEET & DETAILS	3	4	21	80	0	\$ 11,310.00
SUB-CONSULTANT SERVICES						
Landscape Architect Recommendations						\$ 3,250.00
SUB-TOTAL SUB-CONSULTANT SERVICES						\$ 3,250.00
ESTIMATED REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES						
Mileage						\$ 100.00
Messenger Service						\$ 100.00
SUB-TOTAL EXPENSES						\$ 200.00
TOTAL ROW ENHANCEMENT PROJECT						\$ 29,090.00






Engineering Services Agreement Blackline - Signed

Final Audit Report

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