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COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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 Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. (hereinafter "Consultant"), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, County desires that Consultant provide environmental services for 2020 Mobility Bond Project – No. 20208 Trammel Fresno, (hereinafter "Services") pursuant to SOQ 14-025; 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 Consultant's proposal dated May 14, 2021, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein for all purposes.

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. The Maximum Compensation for the performance of Services within the Scope of Services described in Exhibit A is eighty-three thousand four hundred fifty dollars and no/100

(\$83,450.00). In no case shall the amount paid by County under this Agreement exceed the Maximum Compensation without written agreement 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 invoice 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 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 eighty-three thousand four hundred fifty dollars and no/100 (\$83,450.00), 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 eighty-three thousand four hundred fifty dollars and no/100 (\$83,450.00).

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, 2025. 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. 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, 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.

10.1.2 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.

10.1.3 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.

10.1.4 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.

10.1.5 Professional Liability insurance 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. 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

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

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 contractor 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 st Floor Richmond, Texas 77469
Consultant:	Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. 14701 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 400 Houston, Texas 77079

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 it shall perform the Services to be provided under this Agreement with the professional skill and care ordinarily possessed by well-informed members of its trade or profession practicing in the greater Houston metropolitan area. Further, Contractor shall perform the Services as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care possessed.

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 that if Consultant employs ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more, 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.

Section 26. Human Trafficking

BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FORT BEND COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

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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

BERG-OLIVER ASSOCIATES, INC

KP George, County Judge

Authorized Agent – Signature

Date

Authorized Agent – Printed Name

ATTEST:

Title

Laura Richard, County Clerk

Date

APPROVED:

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

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

EXHIBIT A



BERG ♦ OLIVER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Environmental Science & Land Use Consultants
14701 St. Mary's Lane, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77079
(281) 589-0898 fax: (281) 589-0007
Houston ♦ Dallas/ Fort Worth ♦ www.bergoliver.com

May 14, 2021
(Revised July 21, 2021)

Fort Bend County Engineering Dept.
Mr. Stacy Slawinski
301 Jackson Street Suite 400
Richmond, TX 77469

Via Email: Gabriel.odreman@rpsgroup.com; mark.richardson@rpsgroup.com;

Re: Proposal for Environmental Services for The Trammel Fresno Improvements from SH 6 to McKeever Bond, project #20208, in Fort Bend County, Texas
BOA042-12151H/N

Dear Mr. Slawinski:

The following proposal is provided to Fort Bend County Engineering Dept. (the "Client") for environmental services for The Trammel Fresno Improvements from SH 6 to McKeever Bond, project #20208, in Fort Bend, Texas. The proposed project will expand existing Right of Way to 70' for the addition of shoulders and sidewalks. Acquisition of additional Right of Way will be required. The scope of work presented herein will be accomplished by using access within existing Right of Way, therefore Right of Entry will not be required. Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. ("Berg ♦ Oliver" or "BOA") will provide special attention to complete the work in a timely and professional manner. We will begin the assessment upon your acceptance and execution of this proposal.

Berg ♦ Oliver is proposing to provide the following services: Phase A) Task I: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (**H-P1**), Task II: Wetland Delineation (**N-WD**), Task III: Archeological Records Review (**N-AR**), Task IV: Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment (**N-TE**), Task V: Project Management (**N-PM**), and Task VI: Right of Entry (**N-RE**). Phase B) Option 1: Nationwide Permit (**N-NWP**) or Option 2: Individual Permit (**N-IP**). Phase C) Mitigation Credit Purchase (**N-MIT**) Attachment A describes each service.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The scope of work involved in Phase A is anticipated to be completed within forty-five (45) calendar days of the receipt of an executed proposal and boundary survey/plat, or other suitable boundary map by Berg ♦ Oliver. The Permit (Phase B), if needed, is projected to be submitted to the USACE within

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sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of project plans sufficient to create permit submittal plans, completion of Phase A, and the authorization to proceed with Phase B. The permit review process by the USACE normally takes between three (3) to six (6) months for a Nationwide Permit and nine (9) to eighteen (18) months for an Individual Permit. The process begins upon the USACE determination that the application is complete. Upon review of the initial submittal, the USACE may request additional information beyond that listed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to consider the application complete for processing. Phases C are included in this proposal to provide the client an estimate of costs for mitigation and potential additional services.

The scope of work involved in this environmental service proposal is anticipated to commence upon receipt of an executed proposal and boundary survey/plat, or other suitable boundary map by Berg ♦ Oliver. Environmental laws, regulations, and policies are in a constant state of change and are subject to differing interpretations by various agencies. Permitting performed by governmental agencies is unpredictable. All time frames given to clients by Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. regarding the length of time necessary to obtain a permit, or other agency clearances, are estimates and NOT a guarantee. There is also NO assurance that a permit/concurrence will be granted by a government agency. In addition, there is no assurance that the governmental review process will NOT alter the scope of the project, require additional information/studies not originally anticipated, require special meetings, or require additional fees outside of those estimated herein. The client agrees to not hold Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. liable for delays or additional information requests by any governmental agency as it attempts to secure a permit or agency clearance while acting on behalf of the client. The project completion schedule is the goal of all parties; it does not, however, reflect unusual delays due to forces beyond the control of Berg ♦ Oliver and/or modifications to the scope of work based upon actual findings or additional requests by Fort Bend County Engineering Dept., its agents, or governmental agency.

BASIC COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The work described below includes standard tasks that are usually required to complete the scope of the project. If a specific task is not necessary, as determined by Berg ♦ Oliver in consultation with the client and/or regulatory agency, it may not be performed in order to reduce charges to the client.

Berg ♦ Oliver proposes to provide the environmental services described in Attachment A to Fort Bend County Engineering Dept. for the following lump sum amounts:

PHASE A:

TASK I: PHASE I SITE ASSESSMENT.....	\$3,500.00*
TASK II: WETLAND DELINEATION.....	\$3,500.00
TASK III: ARCHEOLOGICAL RECORDS REVIEW and THC CONCURRENCE.....	\$1,900.00
TASK IV: THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ASSESSMENT.....	\$1,650.00
TASK V: PROJECT MANAGEMENT	\$5,000.00

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TASK VI: RIGHT OF ENTRY.....\$5,000.00

PHASE B:

OPTION 1: NATIONWIDE PERMIT\$12,900.00

OPTION 2: INDIVIDUAL PERMIT.....\$50,000.00

GRAND TOTAL FOR PHASES A AND B : \$83,450.00 *

*As the proposed project is the expansion of an existing road alignment, a 50-year chain of title is not considered necessary or warranted. If deemed necessary, 50-year chain of title will be provided under separate change order.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR BUDGET PURPOSES ONLY

PHASE C:

MITIGATION BANK CREDIT PURCHASE.....\$100,000.00

If additional tasks require more than a 10% overage (as described above), Berg ♦ Oliver will provide the client with an appropriate change order.

This cost estimate is valid for a period of six (6) months beyond the date shown below. After six (6) months, cost estimates may change due to fluctuations in fuel, subcontractors, and other sources required to complete the project.

Berg ♦ Oliver will begin the work described herein upon the execution of this proposal by the client. Invoices for each lump sum amount will be invoiced upon completion of the task or upon 50%, 75%, and 100% completion if the project takes longer than thirty (30) days to complete. Invoices for all hourly work will be submitted monthly and will be based upon the attached Rate Schedule in Attachment B. Payment of all invoices is expected within thirty (30) days of the client's receipt of the invoice submitted by Berg ♦ Oliver.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ASSESSMENT

The assessment and all related work and services of Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. are confidential. Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. is hereby employed by Fort Bend County Engineering Dept. pursuant to this contract. Under such contract relationship, all correspondence, written or oral, which relates to the findings of this study are, to the extent permitted by law, strictly confidential between the parties hereto, unless Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. receives a written request from the client to offer the results of this study to a third party not a part of this agreement/proposal. Environmental assessments may occasionally uncover extremely sensitive findings. It is the responsibility of Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. to report these findings to the authorizing client and to no other party.

PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION


Berg ♦ Oliver shall be authorized to commence the Services upon execution of this Agreement. Client and Berg ♦ Oliver agree that this Agreement and attachments herein incorporated by reference (the "Agreement") constitute the entire agreement between them relating to this proposal. The signatory below also represents that the client has, or has secured, the authority to grant permission for Berg ♦ Oliver personnel to enter the subject property as necessary to conduct these assessments and that such permission is granted to Berg ♦ Oliver by the execution of this agreement/proposal. If the client is a Corporation or a Partnership, then the signature below will also represent the personal guarantee of the individual signing on behalf of the Client. This Agreement contains a limitation of liability clause and the Client has read and consents to all terms.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Fort Bend County Engineering Dept. and Berg ♦ Oliver Associates, Inc. have accepted and executed this proposal for environmental services on this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

**FORT BEND COUNTY,
ENGINEERING DEPT.**

By: _____
Authorized Signature

BERG ♦ OLIVER ASSOCIATES, INC.

By:  _____
Susan Alford, REM
President

Attachments:
A – Scope of Work
B – Personnel Rate Sheet
C – General Conditions for Services

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ATTACHMENT A
PHASE A:
TASK I
PHASE I SITE ASSESSMENT

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I) will be performed in accordance with ASTM standard practice E 1527-2013, Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessments.

This practice is intended to permit you to satisfy one of the requirements to qualify for the innocent landowner defense to CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act) liability: that is, the practices that constitute "all appropriate inquiry into the previous ownership and uses of the property consistent with good commercial or customary practice" as defined in 42 USC '9601§(35)(B).

SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of the Phase I is to identify, to the extent feasible under the processes prescribed in ASTM E 1527-2013, the potential for recognized environmental conditions; that is, the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substances or petroleum products on the property under conditions that indicate an existing release, a past release, or a material threat of a release of any hazardous substances or petroleum products into the ground, groundwater, or surface water of the property. The Phase I will have four components, described as follows:

1. **Records Review:** Obtain and review records that will help identify recognized environmental conditions in connection with the property. Some records will pertain to properties within an additional approximate search distance in order to help assess the likelihood of potential problems from migrating substances.
2. **Site Reconnaissance:** Visually and physically inspect the property and adjoining properties, to the extent not obstructed by bodies of water, adjacent buildings, or other obstacles, for evidence of hazardous substances or petroleum products.
3. **Interviews:** a) Interview owners and occupants, or their designated representatives, to obtain information regarding current and historical uses of the property that may be related to environmental conditions. b) Conduct inquiries of local agency (e.g. fire department, health department) officials or staff members that may have knowledge or records of environmental conditions or incidents related to the property or the surrounding area. Interviews may in the form of personal contact, telephone contact, or written correspondence.
4. **Evaluation and Report Preparation:** The information gathered from the previous tasks will be evaluated, and the findings will be presented in a report that describes, at minimum, site and vicinity descriptions, current and past uses of the property and adjoining properties, information from records reviews, information from site reconnaissance and interviews, conclusions and opinions of impacts, if any, of

recognized environmental conditions. The report will also describe the methodologies used, and will include appropriate documentation and exhibits of information used to conduct the assessment. Recommendations for further study, if any, will be provided in a separate document.

INVESTIGATIVE WORK

Phase I investigative work includes, but may not be limited to, four basic tasks which are each comprised of several components. The details of these tasks are set forth below, listing the standard components of each. The ASTM E 1527-2013 standard prescribes a review of *reasonably ascertainable* information; that is, information that is publicly available, obtainable from its source within reasonable time and cost restraints, and practically reviewable. The availability of information will vary based on the location of a given site. Berg ♦ Oliver will attempt to review as much of the following information as is reasonably ascertainable for this project.

Task 1: Records Review

Standard Environmental Record Sources

Review documented environmental site listings from Federal and State regulatory agency database sources, including the following:

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Minimum Search Distance</u>
1. Federal NPL Facilities/Sites Lists	1.0 Mile Radius
2. Federal NPL-Delisted Sites List	0.5 Mile Radius
3. Federal CERCLIS List	0.5 Mile Radius
4. Federal NFRAP List	0.5 Mile Radius
5. Federal RCRA Corraacts List	1.0 Mile Radius
6. Federal RCRA TSD List	0.5 Mile Radius
7. Federal RCRA Generator List	Adjoining
8. Federal Finds List	0.5 Mile Radius
9. Federal ERNS List	Site Specific
10. State Priority List	1 Mile Radius
11. State IOP List	0.5 Mile Radius
12. State SWLF/CLI List	0.5 Mile Radius
13. State CLI List	0.5 Mile Radius
14. State LPST List	0.5 Mile Radius
15. State Registered UST/AST List	Adjoining
16. State PST List	0.5 Mile Radius
17. State TCEQ VCP List	0.5 Mile Radius
18. State Brownfield List	0.5 Mile Radius
19. Dry Cleaner List	0.5 Mile Radius
20. IHW List	Adjoining
21. Local Hazmat Spills	Site Specific

Documented regulatory agency sites located within the ASTM prescribed minimum search distance will be identified and plotted on a composite site map.

Physical Setting Sources

USGS Topographic Map(s) will be reviewed to determine site topography and surface drainage patterns of the site and the surrounding area. Current and past structures, roads, well installations, and other improvements will be evaluated, as well as other pertinent physical features such as streams or water bodies. **Federal Emergency Management Agency** floodplain map(s) will be evaluated to determine if the subject property lies within a known floodplain. The appropriate **Soil Survey** from the **USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service** will be reviewed to determine the site's soil conditions and general surface geology of the area. General descriptions will be made of the subsurface hydrogeology based on information from **USGS Groundwater Maps** or other sources.

Historical Use Information

Historical Aerial Photographs will be obtained from aerial photography firms having inventory of the subject area. The photographs will be reviewed to evaluate previous land use characteristics for the property and adjacent parcels. The photographs will also be checked for possible oil and gas exploration activities, surficial anomalies associated with waste ponds or dumps, and previous commercial and/or industrial activities. Under ASTM Standard E1527-13, review of title and judicial records for AULs falls under “*user’s responsibilities*” and may include Preliminary Title Reports, Title Commitments, Condition of Title, and Title Abstracts. If such information is not provided, Berg ♦ Oliver may obtain a **Chain of Title** from the appropriate county clerk's records to identify site ownership for 50 years or more from the assessment date. To perform the title search, Berg ♦ Oliver must be provided with a legal description of the property, and the costs and level of effort to obtain the information must meet the criteria for “*reasonably ascertainable*” information. The records will be reviewed to evaluate the potential for industrial or environmentally significant land use activities onsite, based on the identities of previous owners, and environmental liens or other AULs. This task will be subcontracted to a title search company. As the proposed project is the expansion of an existing road alignment, a chain of title is not considered necessary or warranted unless the initial review of proposed property acquisition uncovers a potential significant COC. If deemed necessary, this subtask will be provided under separate change order..

Local **City Directories** and **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps**, if available, will be reviewed for listings of the types of past structures or business operations that may have existed on the property. In addition, **Texas Railroad Commission Records** will be reviewed to determine if oil and/or gas exploration or production has occurred on the site. This information will be obtained from a **Regional Oil and Gas Survey Map** prepared by Tobin Research, Inc.

Task 2: Interviews and Agency Inquiries

Owner/Occupant Inquiry

Inquiries will be made of person(s) who may have knowledge of current or historical conditions associated with the subject property. One or more of the following individuals may be contacted for an interview: 1) **Current Owner** 2) **Owner's Representative** 3) **Occupants or Tenants** 4) **Adjacent Property Owners/Occupants**. Interviews may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by written correspondence in the form of an **Owner/Occupant Questionnaire**.

Local Agencies and/or Officials

Inquiries will be made of local agencies or officials that may have records of environmental conditions or incidents related to the subject property or adjacent properties. Such agencies may include the **Local Fire Department, Hazardous Materials Response, City/County Health Department, Local Pollution Control Agency**, or others deemed appropriate for the property, its location, or specific conditions.

Task 3: Additional Records Sources

In the event that site-specific conditions or standard information sources indicate a potential environmental condition(s) associated with the property, other selective files or records may be reviewed for additional information regarding such conditions. This information will be obtained at the discretion of Berg ♦ Oliver based on the findings of the investigation. Other typical sources include specific files from the **Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**, and the **Environmental Protection Agency**.

Task 4: Site Reconnaissance

General Site Setting

Site reconnaissance will be conducted to physically and visually inspect the property for indications of environmental conditions. Observations will be made of the **Current Site Usage, Adjacent Site Usage, Topography and Landscape, Structures, Roads, Improvements** and, to the extent practicable, **Potable Water Supply, Sewage Disposal System**, and other **Utility Installations**.

Interior and Exterior Observations

The property and any buildings or structures will be inspected for visual or physical evidence of hazardous substances or petroleum products. Exterior observations include, but are not limited to, pits, ponds, lagoons, stained soil or pavement, pools of liquid, strong odors, stressed vegetation, solid waste, waste water and associated discharge(s), above or below ground storage tanks, drums or containers, unidentified substances, wells, or septic systems. If interior inspection is required, observations will include those listed above, if applicable, as well as heating/cooling sources and fuels, stains or corrosion, drains and sumps, storage or treatment areas, and construction materials. Any listed, or non-listed, indicator of hazardous substances or petroleum products will be identified in the findings of the report.

TASK II
WETLAND DELINEATION
SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of the delineation is to evaluate and document any portion of the site to be classified as a "Jurisdictional Water of the United States" as defined in 33 CFR 328 and subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdiction. The delineation will be conducted according to the 2010 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual: Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Region (v.2), and the 2015 Clean Water Act Final Wetland Rule. The recent guidance and supplemental criteria have altered the primary determining factors for identifying waters of the United States. However, compliance with these criteria requires a significant increase in the documentation and scientific evaluation.

Delineation work will consist of the following tasks:

Task 1: Review of NRCS Soil Surveys: Task 1 will include a review of previously published soil data published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to determine the types of surface soils expected to be confirmed by on-site soil analysis.

Task 2: Review of Aerial Photographs: Task 2 will include a review of historical aerial color and black/white photographic enlargements for selected years. Infrared color photographs will be analyzed for the presence of wetland signature color distortions. Information for all photographic interpretation will be compared to locate recurring sites where wetland signatures are present.

Task 3: Site Reconnaissance for Wetland Indicators: Task 3 will include inspecting the property under the field procedures outlined in the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual – Technical Report Y-87-1 by the USACE.

Transects are required for tracts greater than 5 acres in size, unless negotiated with the USACE to forego transects based on the homogeneous landscape and habitat type. If necessary, transects will be performed across the property, perpendicular to the nearest watercourse. Samples of vegetation, soils, and hydrology indicators will be taken at each change in topography or vegetation. Vegetation samples will be evaluated and recorded at each sample area. Upland vegetation will be verified, for it is as significant as wetland vegetation in the determination process. Inspection of the property for evidence or lack of wetland hydrology will be performed at each sample area. Soil samples will be evaluated at each test site for their hydric and non-hydric characteristics. Non-hydric soils verify upland status and are as significant as hydric soils in the determination process.

Task 4: Demarcation of Wetland Areas: Task 4 will include the flagging of the jurisdictional wetland areas and/or the ordinary high water mark for location by Global Positioning System (GPS) using the USACE Standard Operating Procedures is required for USACE verification/permitting and is recommended for project planning.

Task 5: Preparation of a Map Representing Wetland Areas: GPS wetland areas and the limits of the Jurisdictional Waters, information regarding the field location of the boundaries of all Section 10 and 404 waters/wetland limits within the property boundaries will be plotted on a scaled map. Each Jurisdictional area will be depicted with the following information: (1) size and shape; (2) surface area calculation (acres); and (3) combined total wetland and Jurisdictional Water area calculations for the entire subject tract.

Task 6: Report Preparation: Task 6 will include the preparation of a final report. Upon completion of the site reconnaissance, data translation, and map preparation, a report will be completed. The report will include a discussion of methodology used to delineate the tract, site findings, copies of all historical information reviewed, such as U.S. Geological Survey topographical maps, NRCS soil survey maps, aerial photographs, site photographs, USACE routine data sheets, and a wetland delineation map.

TASK III
ARCHEOLOGICAL RECORDS REVIEW
AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION CONCURRENCE
SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of the Historical, Cultural, and Archeological Records Review is to: 1) review related historical information, including the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) records; and 2) based on the review of THC's records and property characteristics, determine if the subject tract possesses sufficient criteria to necessitate a detailed study that would evaluate the potential for sites of significant historical, cultural, or archeological public value on the subject property. Findings will be submitted to the THC for concurrence that no additional survey is warranted. This is required as this project would be owned by a subdivision of the state and may also trigger Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act concurrence as part of the USACE permit review process.

TASK IV
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ASSESSMENT
SCOPE OF WORK

The objective of the Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment is to evaluate the potential for the existence of critical or irreplaceable habitats, which are considered protected under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and subsequent amendments and listings. The scope of Task IV will include:

1: Threatened and Endangered species listings currently maintained by U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) will be evaluated to determine if any of the listed species may be shown to potentially inhabit the area. This will be accomplished by utilizing the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool.

2: The biological aspects of the potential habitat will be physically reviewed and documented to determine if the habitat is desirable to provide an initial may affect/no affect determination. This is not a full Biological Assessment for Section 7 Species Permitting but is intended to

assist the client in minimizing potential impacts in the planning and design process.

3. Following the completion of all research and site reconnaissance, a letter of findings and recommendations will be completed and forwarded to the client.

TASK V
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
SCOPE OF WORK

Prior to commencing environmentally related studies, the project manager and the environmental task leader will meet with RPS and Fort Bend County staff to address the project objectives, purpose and need, constraints, the appropriate area of potential effects (APE), and other key issues. Project Management will include coordination of the design engineer regarding site investigation, review of findings and potential impacts to the project based on the findings of Tasks I-IV, and provide recommendations to the engineer regarding design alternatives to avoid/minimize additional study or permitting. As part of the on-site investigation and planning efforts, BOA will provide maintenance recommendations for the client to consider prior to implementing the Phase B permitting. Often, a series of minor maintenance activities that are non-regulated under Sections 401 and 404 may minimize the need for expensive mitigation.

TASK VI
RIGHT OF ENTRY
SCOPE OF WORK

Upon authorization, the BOA Team would begin historical research and data collection, while acquiring the right of entry (ROE) clearance on the adjacent properties so we may perform a thorough environmental assessment of potential impacts by the proposed improvements. Property Tax/ownership information obtained via the Fort Bend County Appraisal District will be used to identify landowners adjacent the existing Right of Way within the proposed project. A ROE letter will be mailed to each property owner in the project area. A written response will be requested either confirming or denying ROE. BOA will make two (2) additional attempts to contact each landowner verbally prior to conducting any fieldwork if written correspondence is not successful. A log of all contact with landowners will be maintained. Two copies of the ROE documentation will be maintained and provided to Fort Bend County. No physical site work will be conducted on property outside the existing Right of Way without allowable ROE. All tracts for which ROE is not obtained, available constraints via desktop review will be provided in the assessment and report.

PHASE B:
SECTION 404 CLEAN WATER ACT
PERMIT
PREPARATION AND COORDINATION
SCOPE OF WORK

Scope of work for the preparation of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit and submission to the USACE will follow the criteria set forth in 33 CFR 325 (Nationwide or Individual). A conceptual

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development plan including profiles must be provided by the client or the client's consulting engineer. Berg♦Oliver will utilize these plans to create the required permit submittal drawings in the USACE's preferred format. The USACE may request an alternatives analysis and best management practice information that must be provided to Berg♦Oliver from the client or consulting engineer. **This cost estimate is only preliminary and does not take in to account the amount of proposed impacts to wetlands and/or "Waters of the United States."** Berg♦Oliver cannot predict or guarantee what the agencies will require during the permitting process. It is our experience that the amount of work required is related to the amount of proposed wetlands to be impacted and/or the amount of avoidance and minimization to wetlands.

Berg♦Oliver will perform the following under this task:

Option 1: Nationwide Permit

1. Draft and submit the Section 404 Permit application and supporting documents, including a cultural resource review and protected species assessment, to the applicant/client for review prior to submittal to the USACE. (Berg♦Oliver must have written approval from the client authorizing Berg♦Oliver to submit the permit application to the USACE.)
2. Prepare the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Section 401 Tier I checklist and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for submittal with the Section 404 permit application.
3. Attend two (2) on-site meetings and verification with USACE, TCEQ, and resource protection agencies.
4. It is assumed the project would purchase mitigation bank credits. A Hydrogeomorphic Model and/or Stream Assessment will be performed to provide the appropriate 12 point mitigation plan and credit analysis.
5. Respond to resource agency comments
6. Coordinate with TCEQ and USACE for the final approval of Section 401 and 404 applications.

Option 2: Individual Permit

1. Draft and submit the Section 404 Permit application and supporting documents, including a cultural resource review and protected species assessment, to the applicant/client for review prior to submittal to the USACE. (Berg♦Oliver must have written approval from the client authorizing Berg♦Oliver to submit the permit application to the USACE.)
2. Consult with the client, engineer, and land planner regarding the site development plan and alternatives.
3. A separate Section 401 certification is required to be initiated with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by the applicant/agent. Berg♦Oliver will draft and submit the initial 401 request and Tier I checklist or Tier II questionnaire, whichever is appropriate.
4. Prepare an alternatives analysis for submittal to the TCEQ and USACE. The purpose of this information is to satisfy the regulatory guidelines set forth in Section 401 and Section 404b (1) of the Clean Water Act. Drafting of the alternative analysis is a lengthy process and will require information from the client and engineer. Section 401 alternatives analysis is a separate document and coordination effort with the TCEQ and is required prior to the USACE authorizing

the Section 404 permit. The Section 404b(1) alternatives analysis will be submitted to the USACE as part of the initial permit application.

5. Attend two (2) on-site meetings and verification with USACE, TCEQ, and resource protection agencies.
6. Attend two (2) additional meetings with the USACE in Galveston .
7. Assist the applicant in responding to resource agency and public comments provide to the applicant/agent from the USACE as part of the required thirty (30) day Public Notice period.
8. It is assumed the project would purchase mitigation bank credits. A Hydrogeomorphic Model and/or Stream Assessment will be performed to provide the appropriate 12 point mitigation plan and credit analysis. For purposes of this proposal a cost estimate for Mitigation Banking Credits has been included in Phase C for budgeting purposes. Consult with the applicant regarding the Wetland Mitigation Permittee Responsible Plan and design, if deemed necessary.
9. Assist the applicant/client in providing the USACE site specific requested information and/or Revised Site Development Plan, if necessary.

PHASE C:
MITIGATION CREDIT PURCHASE ESTIMATE
SCOPE OF WORK

Berg♦Oliver will coordinate with the appropriate Mitigation Bank entities for the purchase of credits as part of Phase B.

The estimate provided in Phase C is for the credit purchase itself for budgeting purposes only.

ATTACHMENT B



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2021 PERSONNEL RATE SCHEDULE

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hourly Billing Rate</u>
Principal	\$235.00
Project Director	\$215.00
Senior Associate	\$190.00
Sr. Public Involvement Specialist	\$190.00
Senior Project Manager	\$185.00
Project Manager/Registered Environmental Manager	\$180.00
Professional Geologist	\$180.00
Health/Safety Officer/Chemist	\$180.00
Sr. NEPA Specialist	\$170.00
Project Coordinator II	\$155.00
Sr. Wetland Biologist/Ecologist	\$150.00
Project Coordinator I	\$140.00
Jr. Public Involvement Specialist	\$130.00
Wetlands Biologist/Ecologist	\$130.00
Soil Scientist/Geologist	\$130.00
Senior GIS Analyst / UAV Pilot	\$130.00
GIS Analyst	\$110.00
Field Technician	\$95.00
In-House Technician/Administrator	\$105.00
CADD Sr. Analyst	\$130.00
CADD Analyst	\$110.00
Administrative/Word Processing	\$65.00
Specialist Subcontractors	Cost + 15%

Above rates include all normal expenses of BOA's business, including mailing charges, in-house photocopying, long distance telephone costs, in-house graphic systems, and local area travel, unless otherwise stated in the agreement. Expenses, such as travel beyond fifty (50) miles, outside photocopying, delivery charges, photographic reproduction, and other outside services, are considered reimbursable by the client at rate of cost +15%. Any extraordinary reimbursable expenses, in excess of \$250.00 must have authorization from the client.

NOTE: The rate schedule is for the current fiscal year, with an effective date of January 1. Hourly rates are adjusted annually as inflation dictates. If this contract spans more than one fiscal year (ending December 31), hourly rates may be adjusted. Regardless of any rate adjustment, the "not to exceed" figures in a contract will not change.

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ATTACHMENT C

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES

Article 1: Services by BOA

1.1 Standard of care. BOA will perform the scope of services expressly described in this Agreement, after it is signed by both parties. The services performed by BOA will be conducted in a manner consistent with the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by competent consultants performing the same or similar services in the same locale acting under similar circumstances and conditions.

1.2 Restoration. BOA will exercise reasonable care to minimize damage to the site. However, Client acknowledges that some damage may occur in the normal course of performing the services, even if due care is exercised, and agrees that BOA will not be liable for such damage and will be entitled to additional compensation if it is asked to perform restoration services not expressly included in the scope of services.

1.3 Reports and Investigations. If BOA's performance of the services includes assessment, identification, or testing services, the number of investigations and observations BOA makes, the number of samples it collects, or the number of tests it performs are necessarily limited by budgetary and time constraints, and observations and samples by their specific locational nature may not exactly represent similar samples or observations in the immediate vicinity. BOA **does not** guarantee that all violations, problems, or sources of possible environmental condition will be identified, that all contaminants or environmental condition will be detected/identified, or that requirements, standards, or conditions will not change over time. Any report issued by BOA will set forth its findings and conclusions based on the limited information available from the observations, investigations, sampling, and/or testing conducted under this Agreement. In preparing its report, BOA may review and interpret information provided by Client, third parties, and regulatory agencies and will be entitled to rely on the accuracy of such information, including laboratory results, without performing an independent verification. BOA may include in its report a Statement of Limitations describing the limitations of its investigations and findings and indicating that the report is for Client's use only and will not be relied upon by any third party, except as expressly agreed in writing by BOA, and then only at such third party's own risk.

1.4 Documents. All reports and documents prepared and deliverable to Client pursuant to this Agreement will become Client's property upon full payment to BOA. BOA may retain file copies of such deliverables. All other reports, notes, calculations, data, drawings, estimates, specifications, and other documents and computerized materials prepared by BOA are instruments of BOA's services and will remain BOA's property. All deliverables provided to Client are for Client's use only for the purposes disclosed to BOA, and Client will not transfer them to others or use them or permit them to be used for any extension of the services or any other project or purpose, without BOA's express written consent.

1.5 Services not included. Unless expressly included in the scope of services, BOA's services will not include the following: (a) the detection, removal, treatment, transportation, disposal, monitoring, or remediation of any contamination of soil or groundwater at the site by petroleum or petroleum products (collectively called "oil") or hazardous, toxic, radioactive, or infectious substances, including any substances regulated under RCRA or any other federal, state, or local environmental laws, regulations, statutes, rules, standards, or ordinances (collectively called "Hazardous Materials"); (b) mechanical compaction of backfill; (c) dewatering before installation or filling tanks with liquid or ballast following installation; (d) pump-out or disposal of product, water, or other contents from existing tanks; (e) installation of anchor systems, foundations, shoring, or other support devices; (f) concrete, blacktop, water, sewer, electricity, or other outside services; (g) the removal of any soil or water; (h) installation of protective fencing or other structure; or (i) construction or monitoring. BOA will be entitled to additional compensation if it is asked to perform or provide such services listed above. BOA will not be responsible for damage to or imperfections in any concrete slabs it installs unless they are protected by Client from traffic for seven days.

1.6 Estimates. Any estimates of probable construction or implementation costs, financial evaluations, feasibility studies, or economic analyses prepared by BOA will represent its best judgement based on its experience and available information. However, Client recognizes that BOA has no control over costs of labor, materials, equipment, or services furnished by others or over market conditions or contractors' methods of determining prices. Accordingly, BOA does not guarantee that proposals, bids, or actual costs will not vary from opinions, evaluations, or studies submitted by BOA.

1.7 Other Contractors. Except to the extent expressly agreed in writing, BOA will not have any duty or authority to direct, supervise, or oversee any contractors of Client or their work or to provide the means, methods, or sequence of their work or to stop their work. BOA's services and/or presence at a site will not relieve others of their responsibility to Client or to others. BOA will not be liable for the failure of Client's contractors or others to fulfill their responsibilities, and Client agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend BOA against any claims arising out of such failures.

1.8 Litigation support. BOA will not be obligated to provide expert witness or other litigation support related to

its services, unless expressly agreed in writing. In the event BOA is required to respond to a subpoena, government inquiry, or other legal process related to the services in connection with a proceeding to which it is not a party, Client will reimburse BOA for its costs and compensate BOA at its then standard rates for the time it incurs in gathering information and documents and attending depositions, hearings, and the like.

1.9 Warranty. If manufactured products are purchased by BOA and furnished to Client or incorporated into the work, BOA will assign to Client any warranties provided by the manufacturer, to the extent they are assignable, and Client's sole resource will be against the manufacturer. NO FURTHER WARRANTIES OR GUARANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARE MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. Full risk of loss of materials and equipment furnished by BOA will pass to Client upon their delivery to Client's premises, and Client will be responsible for protecting them against theft and damage. However, until BOA is paid in full, it will retain title for security purposes only and the right to repossess the materials and equipment.

Article 2: Responsibilities of Client

2.1 Client requirements. Client, to the best of its ability, without cost to BOA, will:

- (a) Designate to BOA a person to act as Client's representative;
- (b) Provide or arrange for access and make all provisions for BOA to enter any site where services are to be performed;
- (c) Furnish BOA with all reasonably available information pertinent to the services;
- (d) Furnish BOA with a legal description of the site and all available surveys, site plans, and relevant information about site conditions, topography, boundaries, easements, zoning, land use restrictions, and right-of-ways, if available and as needed;
- (e) Furnish BOA with all approvals, permits, and consents required for performance of the services except for those BOA has expressly agreed in writing to obtain;
- (f) Notify BOA promptly of all known or suspected Hazardous Materials at the site, of any contamination of the site by Oil or Hazardous Material, and of any OTHER CONDITIONS REQUIRING SPECIAL CARE, and provide BOA with any available documents describing the quantity, nature, location, and extent of such materials, contamination, or conditions;
- (g) Comply with all laws and provide any notices required to be given to any government authorities in connection with the services, except for such notices BOA has expressly agreed in writing to give;
- (h) Before commencement of any drilling or excavation at a site, furnish BOA with a complete description (to the best of their ability) of all underground objects and structures at the site, including, but not limited to, wells, tanks, and utilities; and indemnify, hold harmless, and defend BOA against claims arising out of damages to underground objects or structures not properly defined;
- (i) Provide BOA with information concerning prior owners of the site and any current or historical uses of or activities on the site by Client, prior owners, or others, as needed;
- (j) Furnish to BOA any known contingency plans related to the site; and
- (k) Furnish to BOA any previous environmental audits and/or assessments related to the site.

2.2 Hazards. Client represents and warrants that it does not have any knowledge of Hazardous Materials or Oil, or unusually hazardous conditions at the site or of contamination of the site by Oil or Hazardous Materials except as expressly disclosed to BOA in writing.

2.3 Confidentiality. Client acknowledges that the technical and pricing information contained in this Agreement is confidential and proprietary to BOA and agrees not to disclose it or otherwise make it available to others without BOA's express written consent.

2.4 Health and safety. Client acknowledges that it is now and will at all times remain in control of the project site, and Client acknowledges and agrees that it retains title to all conditions existing on the site and shall report to the appropriate public agencies, as required, any conditions at the site that may present a potential danger to the public health, safety, or the environment. Client waives any claim against BOA for injury or loss arising from such conditions. Except as expressly provided herein, BOA will not be responsible for the adequacy of the health or safety programs or precautions related to Client's activities or operations, Client's other contractors, the work of any other person or entity, or Client's site conditions. BOA will not be responsible for inspecting, observing, reporting, or correcting health or safety conditions or deficiencies of Client or others at Client's site. So as not to discourage BOA from voluntarily addressing health or safety issues while at Client's site, in the event BOA does address such issues by making observations, reports, suggestions, or otherwise, BOA will nevertheless have no liability or responsibility arising on account thereof. Client

agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend BOA to the fullest extent permitted by law against any and all claims arising out of such programs, activities, conditions, or deficiencies unless BOA is responsible for gross negligence with regard to its work.

Article 3: Changes; Delays; Excused Performance

3.1 Changes. Unless this Agreement expressly provides otherwise, BOA's proposed compensation represents its best estimate of the costs, effort, and time it expects to expend in performing the services based on its reasonable assumption of the conditions and circumstances under which the services will be performed including, but not limited to, those stated in Section 3.2. As the services are performed, conditions may change or circumstances outside BOA's reasonable control (including changes of law or regulatory policy) may develop that would require BOA to expend additional costs, effort, or time to complete the services, in which case BOA will notify Client, and an equitable adjustment will be made to BOA's compensation. In the event conditions or circumstances require the services to be suspended or terminated, BOA will be compensated for services previously performed and for costs reasonably incurred in connection with the suspension or termination.

3.2 Assumptions. Unless specified in writing, BOA's compensation is based on the assumption that: (a) there is no impact spoil or excavation of natural resources on or adjacent to the site that has not been disclosed to BOA by the client; (b) there is no contamination of soil or groundwater at the site by Oil or Hazardous Materials that has not been disclosed to BOA by Client; (c) BOA will not encounter any underground structures, utilities, boulders, rock, water, running sand, or other unanticipated conditions in the course of drilling or excavation; (d) tank installations will not require dewatering by BOA; and (e) if BOA's scope of services includes services related to petroleum facilities or storage tanks, groundwater will not cause tanks to float or require the use of Ballast. BOA will be compensated for any additional efforts expended or costs incurred in addressing such conditions.

3.3 Force majeure. BOA will not be responsible for any delay or failure of performance caused by fire or other casualty, labor dispute, government or military action, transportation delay, inclement weather, Act of God, act or omission of Client or its contractors, failure of Client or any government authority to timely review or to approve the services or to grant permits or approvals, or any other cause beyond BOA's reasonable control. In the event of such delay or failure, the time for performance will be extended by a period equal to the time lost plus a reasonable recovery period, and the compensation will be equitably adjusted to compensate for any additional costs BOA incurs due to any such delay.

3.4 Disputes. If any claim or dispute arises out of this Agreement or its performance, the parties agree to endeavor in good faith to resolve it equitably through negotiation or, if that fails, through nonbinding mediation under the rules of the American Arbitration Association, before having recourse to the courts. However, prior to or during negotiation or mediation, either party may initiate litigation that would otherwise become barred by a statute of limitation, and BOA may pursue any property liens or other rights it may have to obtain security for the payment of its invoice.

Article 4: Compensation

4.1 Rates. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, BOA will be compensated for its services at its standard rates and will be reimbursed for costs and expenses (plus reasonable profit and overhead) incurred in its performance of the services.

4.2 Invoices. BOA may invoice Client on a monthly or other progress billing basis. Invoices are due and payable upon receipt by Client. On amounts not paid within 30 days of invoice date, Client will pay interest from invoice date until payment is received at the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate allowed by law. If Client disagrees with any portion of an invoice, it will notify BOA in writing of the amount in dispute and the reason for its disagreement within 21 days of receipt of the invoice, and will pay the portion not in dispute.

4.3 Suspension, etc. BOA may suspend or terminate the services at any time if payment is not received when due and will be entitled to compensation for the services previously performed and for costs reasonably incurred in connection with the suspension or termination.

4.4 Collection. Client will reimburse BOA for BOA's costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' and witnesses' fees) incurred for collection under this Agreement.

4.5 Taxes, etc. Except to the extent expressly agreed in writing, BOA's fees do not include any taxes, excises, fees, duties, or other government charges related to the goods or services provided under this Agreement, and Client will pay such amounts or reimburse BOA for any amounts it pays. If Client claims that any goods or services are subject to a tax exemption or direct payment permit, it will provide BOA with a valid exemption or permit certificate and indemnify, defend, and hold BOA harmless from any taxes, costs, and penalties arising out of the use or acceptance of same.

Article 5: Insurance and Allocation of Risk

5.1 Insurance. LJA will maintain insurance coverage for Professional Liability, Commercial Liability, Auto, and Workers' Compensation in amounts in accordance with legal and business requirements. Certificates evidencing such coverage will be provided to Client upon request. For Projects involving construction, Client agrees to require its construction contractor, if any, to include LJA as an additional insured on its policies relating to the Project. LJA's coverages referenced above shall, in such case, be excess over any contractor's primary coverage.

5.3 BOA indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, BOA shall indemnify and hold harmless Client from and against loss, liability, and damages sustained by Client, its agents, employees, and representatives by reason of injury or death to persons or damage to tangible property to the extent caused directly by BOA's failure to adhere to the standard of care described herein

5.4 Limitation of liability. No employee or agent of BOA shall have individual liability to Client. BOA's aggregate liability for any and all claims arising out of this Agreement or out of any goods or services furnished under this Agreement, whether based in contract, negligence, strict liability, agency, warranty, tort, trespass, or any other theory of liability, will be limited to \$10,000 or the total compensation received by BOA from Client under this Agreement, whichever is the lesser. In no event will BOA be liable for special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including commercial loss, loss of use, or lost profits, however caused, even if BOA has been advised of the possibility of such damages. **Any claim will be deemed waived unless made by Client in writing and received by BOA within one year after completion of the services with respect to which the claim is made.**

5.5 Consequential Damages. IN NO EVENT WILL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST REVENUES, PROFITS, DELAYS, OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS ARISING FROM ANY CAUSE INCLUDING BREACH OF WARRANTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR ANY OTHER CAUSE WHATSOEVER, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY. REGARDLESS OF LEGAL THEORY, BOA SHALL BE LIABLE ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY DAMAGES SPECIFIED HEREIN ARE FOUND BY A FINAL COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE BEEN THE SEVERAL LIABILITY OF BOA. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ANY STATUTORY REMEDIES THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT ARE WAIVED.

5.6 Employee injury. Client agrees not to impede or to bring an action against BOA based on any claim or personal injury or death occurring in the course or scope of the injured or deceased person's employment with BOA and related to the services performed under this Agreement.

5.7 Defense. Any defense of BOA required to be provided by Client under this Agreement will be with counsel selected by BOA and reasonably acceptable to Client.

Article 6: Hazardous Materials Provisions

6.1 Hazardous Materials. Except to the extent expressly agreed in writing, BOA's services do not include directly or indirectly performing or arranging for the detection, monitoring, handling, storage, removal, transportation, disposal, or treatment of petroleum or petroleum products (collectively called "Oil") or of any hazardous, toxic, radioactive, or infectious substances, including any substances regulated under RCRA or any other federal or state environmental laws (collectively called "Hazardous Materials"). The discovery or reasonable suspicion of Hazardous Materials or hazardous conditions at a site where BOA is to perform services or of contamination of the site by Oil or Hazardous Materials not previously disclosed to BOA in writing will entitle BOA to suspend its services immediately, subject to mutual agreement of terms and conditions applicable to any further services, or to terminate its services and to be paid for services previously performed. In no event will BOA be required or construed to take title, ownership, or responsibility for such Oil or Hazardous Materials.

6.2 Manifests. In the event that the scope of services includes the remediation of any Oil or Hazardous Materials, before BOA removes from a site any Oil or Hazardous Materials, Client will sign any required waste manifests in conformance with all DOT and other government regulations, listing Client as the generator of the waste. If someone other than Client is the generator of the waste, Client will arrange for such other person to sign such manifests. BOA will not directly or indirectly assume title to or own or be deemed to possess any materials handled or removed from any site, including Oil or Hazardous Materials. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to make BOA a "generator" as defined in RCRA or any similar laws governing the treatment, storage, or disposal of waste. Except to the extent BOA's responsibilities expressly include identification of the waste, Client will provide waste material profiles, which accurately characterize the waste. If the services include transportation of Hazardous Materials or Oil, BOA may evaluate and recommend possible disposal sites for Client's use. However, under RCRA and CERCLA, the client, as generator, has

ultimate responsibility for selection of the disposal site. Client acknowledges and agrees that it will evaluate and select the proper disposal site and be solely responsible therefore.

6.3 Hazardous Materials indemnification. Client acknowledges that BOA does not have any responsibility for preexisting Oil and Hazardous Materials at the site, any resultant contamination there from, or, except as expressly agreed in writing, for previous detection, monitoring, handling, storage, transportation, disposal, or treatment, that BOA's compensation is not commensurate with the unusually high risks associated with such materials, and that insurance is not reasonably available to protect against such risks. Therefore, for separate consideration of \$10 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and in addition to the indemnification provided in Section 5.2, Client agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend BOA against all damages arising out of or related to Oil or Hazardous Materials located at or removed from the site, including damages such as the cost of response or remediation arising out of application of common law or statutes such as CERCLA or other "Superfund" laws imposing strict liability.

Article 7: Miscellaneous Provisions

7.1 Confidential information. Although BOA generally will not disclose without Client's consent information provided by Client or developed by BOA in the course of its services and designated by Client as confidential (but not including information which is publicly available, is already in BOA's possession, or obtained from third parties), BOA will not be liable for disclosing such information if it in good faith believes such disclosure is required by law or is necessary to protect the safety, health, property, or welfare of human beings. BOA will advise Client (in advance, except in emergency) of any such disclosure.

7.2 Notices. Notices between the parties will be in writing and will be hand delivered or sent by certified mail or acknowledged telefax properly addressed to the appropriate party.

7.3 Assignment, etc. Neither the Client nor BOA will assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement, except that BOA may assign this Agreement to its affiliates and may use subcontractors in the performance of its services. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed to give any rights or benefits to anyone other than the Client and BOA, without the express written consent of both parties. The relationship between Client and BOA is that of independent contracting parties, and nothing in this agreement or the parties' conduct will be construed to create a relationship of agency, partnership, or joint venture.

7.4 Governing Law, Venue, and Headings. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to any conflict or choice of law rules or principles under which the law of any other jurisdiction would apply. Each party hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in Brazoria County and agrees that such courts shall be exclusive forum and venue for resolving any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of the agreement between the parties.

7.5 Survival. All obligations arising prior to this Agreement and all provisions of this Agreement allocating responsibility or liability between the parties will survive the completion of the services and the termination of this Agreement.

7.6 Entire agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and, together with any work release document issued under this Agreement and signed by both parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any amendments to this Agreement will be in writing and signed by both parties. In no event will the printed terms on any purchase order, work order, or other document provided by Client modify or amend this Agreement, even if it is signed by BOA, unless BOA signs a written statement expressly indicating that such terms supersede the terms of this Agreement. In the event of an inconsistency between these General Conditions and any other writings, which comprise this Agreement, the other writings will take precedence.

