

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF FORT BEND       §

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES** (the “Fourth Amendment”), 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 Gradient Group, LLC (hereinafter “Contractor”), a company authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, the parties executed and accepted that certain Agreement for Professional Engineering Services on August 24, 2021 (hereinafter “Agreement”) pursuant to SOQ 14-025, as amended by documents executed on May 24, 2022 (hereinafter “Amendment”), May 9, 2023 (hereinafter “Second Amendment”), and August 13, 2024 (hereinafter “Third Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to further amend the Agreement for additional services to be provided and increase the total Maximum Compensation under the Agreement for the completion of such additional services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. County shall pay Contractor an additional amount not to exceed twenty-nine thousand seven hundred thirty-eight dollars and 80/100 (\$29,738.80) to perform the additional Services, as described in Contractor’s proposal dated July 24, 2024, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein for all purposes.
2. The Maximum Compensation payable to Contractor for all Services rendered is hereby increased to an amount not to exceed one million two hundred six thousand twenty-two dollars and 40/100 (\$1,206,022.40), authorized as follows:
  - \$279,791.60 under the Agreement;
  - \$ 53,260.20 under the Amendment;
  - \$726,395.60 under the Second Amendment;
  - \$116,836.20 under the Third Amendment; and
  - \$ 29,738.80 under this Fourth Amendment.

3. In no case shall the amount paid by County for all Services under the Agreement and this Fourth Amendment exceed the Maximum Compensation without an agreement executed by the parties.
4. BY ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE 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.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged.

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 final party.

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

**GRADIENT GROUP, LLC**

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KP George, County Judge

  
Authorized Agent – Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Stephanie Anderson, PE  
Authorized Agent – Printed Name

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

20 September 2024  
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.

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Robert Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor

Exhibit A: Contractor's Proposal, dated July 24, 2024

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# EXHIBIT A



GRADIENT GROUP, LLC

3151 Briarpark

Suite 225

Houston, Texas 77042

July 24, 2024

Mr. Kevin Mineo, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager  
Binkley & Barfield, Inc.  
1710 Seamist Drive  
Sent Via Email: [kmineo@binkleybarfield.com](mailto:kmineo@binkleybarfield.com)

Reference: Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Reading Road  
FBC Project Number 20109  
GG Job No: 20300-0004  
Addendum #4 – Revised DIA

Dear Mr. Mineo:

Gradient Group respectfully submits this Addendum in reference to the approved scope of work dated August 24, 2021, for the preparation of the revised scope to include professional engineering services for a section of the proposed Reading Rd. The improvement of Reading Rd begins approximately 400 linear feet east of Bethel Dr and is approximately 6,500 linear feet, ending at FM 762 with a new roadway connection including a proposed traffic signal. The project improvement includes a 32-foot wide (2-12-foot lanes with 4-foot shoulder) concrete 2-lane road with roadside ditch section within a 100-foot ROW from the beginning of the project to Berdette Rd. The boulevard section will be maintained from Berdette to FM 762 with the 100-foot ROW including underground storm sewer, no updates are expected for this section of the project. The amendment scope includes updating the Drainage Impact Analysis (DIA) for the improvements described above only for the 2-lane road section.

The scope as outline below will update the DIA and supporting documents. The scope will include updating the hydraulic and hydrology models, geometric layout of the proposed detention pond and ditch sizing in the PER. We did not include any updates to the storm sewer design between Berdette Rd and FM 762.

#### **1.D – Drainage**

Gradient will prepare an updated submittal package that will include updated narrative, exhibits, tables and appendices and H&H models based on the latest design updates for submission to Fort Bend County Drainage District. The analysis will update the proposed hydrology, update SWMM models to reduce the detention pond footprint and adequately size the outfall.

Mr. Kevin Mineo, P.E.

July 24, 2024

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**Fee Summary**

The proposed detailed lump sum fee is shown in the attached Level-of-Effort. Reference total contract fee summary below.

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Original Contract	\$ 279,791.60
Amendment #1	\$ 53,260.20
Amendment #2	\$ 726,395.60
Amendment #3	\$ 116,836.20
Amendment #4	\$ 29,738.80
	<b>\$ 1,206,022.40</b>

Engineering services will be billed monthly based on the percentage of work completed. Optional Services will be billed as defined by authorization for such optional services.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this Addendum #4. If you need additional information in support of this proposal, please contact me at 832-779-5700 or on my mobile at 979-574-5173.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**GRADIENT GROUP, LLC**



Stephanie Anderson, PE  
Project Manager



## Reading Road - Amendment #4

20300-0004

Project Manager: Stephanie Anderson, PE

7/24/2024

### BASIC SERVICES

PHASE 1	Preliminary Engineering Report	\$	29,738.80
	1D - Drainage	\$	29,738.80

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$	29,738.80
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		QA/QC Manager	Sr. Project Manager	Roadway Engineer	Drainage Engineer	Engineer -In- Training	Senior CADD Designer	CADD Designer	TOTAL HOURS	COST
SHEET NO.	DESCRIPTION	\$374.00	\$323.00	\$272.00	\$272.00	\$160.00	\$159.80	\$108.80		
BASIC SERVICES - PHASE 1 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT										
1D - Drainage										
	Perform Drainage Impact Analysis	1.0	2.0	4.0	16.0	56.0			79.0	\$ 15,420.00
	Drainage Report	2.0	2.0		8.0	24.0	16.0	40.0	92.0	\$ 14,318.80
1D - Drainage Total									\$	29,738.80
BASIC SERVICES - PHASE 1 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT COST										
									\$	29,738.80